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What Is Amazon Lex?

Amazon Lex is an AWS service for building conversational interfaces for applications using voice and text. With Amazon Lex, the same conversational engine that powers Amazon Alexa is now available to any developer, enabling you to build sophisticated, natural language chatbots into your new and existing applications. Amazon Lex provides the deep functionality and flexibility of natural language understanding (NLU) and automatic speech recognition (ASR) so you can build highly engaging user experiences with lifelike, conversational interactions, and create new categories of products.

Amazon Lex enables any developer to build conversational chatbots quickly. With Amazon Lex, no deep learning expertise is necessary—to create a bot, you just specify the basic conversation flow in the Amazon Lex console. Amazon Lex manages the dialogue and dynamically adjusts the responses in the conversation. Using the console, you can build, test, and publish your text or voice chatbot. You can then add the conversational interfaces to bots on mobile devices, web applications, and chat platforms (for example, Facebook Messenger).

Amazon Lex provides pre-built integration with AWS Lambda, and you can easily integrate with many other services on the AWS platform, including Amazon Cognito, AWS Mobile Hub, Amazon CloudWatch, and Amazon DynamoDB. Integration with Lambda provides bots access to pre-built serverless enterprise connectors to link to data in SaaS applications, such as Salesforce, HubSpot, or Marketo.

Some of the benefits of using Amazon Lex include:

- **Simplicity** – Amazon Lex guides you through using the console to create your own chatbot in minutes. You supply just a few example phrases, and Amazon Lex builds a complete natural language model through which the bot can interact using voice and text to ask questions, get answers, and complete sophisticated tasks.

- **Democratized deep learning technologies** – Powered by the same technology as Alexa, Amazon Lex provides ASR and NLU technologies to create a Speech Language Understanding (SLU) system. Through SLU, Amazon Lex takes natural language speech and text input, understands the intent behind the input, and fulfills the user intent by invoking the appropriate business function.

Speech recognition and natural language understanding are some of the most challenging problems to solve in computer science, requiring sophisticated deep learning algorithms to be trained on massive amounts of data and infrastructure. Amazon Lex puts deep learning technologies within reach of all developers, powered by the same technology as Alexa. Amazon Lex chatbots convert incoming speech to text and understand the user intent to generate an intelligent response, so you can focus on building your bots with differentiated value-add for your customers, to define entirely new categories of products made possible through conversational interfaces.

- **Seamless deployment and scaling** – With Amazon Lex, you can build, test, and deploy your chatbots directly from the Amazon Lex console. Amazon Lex enables you to easily publish your voice or text chatbots for use on mobile devices, web apps, and chat services (for example, Facebook Messenger). Amazon Lex scales automatically so you don’t need to worry about provisioning hardware and managing infrastructure to power your bot experience.

- **Built-in integration with the AWS platform** – Amazon Lex has native interoperability with other AWS services, such as Amazon Cognito, AWS Lambda, Amazon CloudWatch, and AWS Mobile Hub. You
can take advantage of the power of the AWS platform for security, monitoring, user authentication, business logic, storage, and mobile app development.

- **Cost-effectiveness** – With Amazon Lex, there are no upfront costs or minimum fees. You are charged only for the text or speech requests that are made. The pay-as-you-go pricing and the low cost per request make the service a cost-effective way to build conversational interfaces. With the Amazon Lex free tier, you can easily try Amazon Lex without any initial investment.

**Are You a First-time User of Amazon Lex?**

If you are a first-time user of Amazon Lex, we recommend that you read the following sections in order:

1. **Getting Started with Amazon Lex (p. 50)** – In this section, you set up your account and test Amazon Lex.
2. **API Reference (p. 231)** – This section provides additional examples that you can use to explore Amazon Lex.
Amazon Lex: How It Works

Amazon Lex enables you to build applications using a speech or text interface powered by the same technology that powers Amazon Alexa. Following are the typical steps you perform when working with Amazon Lex:

1. Create a bot and configure it with one or more intents that you want to support. Configure the bot so it understands the user’s goal (intent), engages in conversation with the user to elicit information, and fulfills the user’s intent.
2. Test the bot. You can use the test window client provided by the Amazon Lex console.
3. Publish a version and create an alias.
4. Deploy the bot. You can deploy the bot on platforms such as mobile applications or messaging platforms such as Facebook Messenger.

Before you get started, familiarize yourself with the following Amazon Lex core concepts and terminology:

- **Bot** – A bot performs automated tasks such as ordering a pizza, booking a hotel, ordering flowers, and so on. An Amazon Lex bot is powered by Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) and Natural Language Understanding (NLU) capabilities, the same technology that powers Amazon Alexa.

Amazon Lex bots can understand user input provided with text or speech and converse in natural language. You can create Lambda functions and add them as code hooks in your intent configuration to perform user data validation and fulfillment tasks.

- **Intent** – An intent represents an action that the user wants to perform. You create a bot to support one or more related intents. For example, you might create a bot that orders pizza and drinks. For each intent, you provide the following required information:

  - **Intent name** – A descriptive name for the intent. For example, `OrderPizza`.
  - **Sample utterances** – How a user might convey the intent. For example, a user might say "Can I order a pizza please" or "I want to order a pizza".
  - **How to fulfill the intent** – How you want to fulfill the intent after the user provides the necessary information (for example, place order with a local pizza shop). We recommend that you create a Lambda function to fulfill the intent.

You can optionally configure the intent so Amazon Lex simply returns the information back to the client application to do the necessary fulfillment.

In addition to custom intents such as ordering a pizza, Amazon Lex also provides built-in intents to quickly set up your bot. For more information, see Built-in Intents and Slot Types (p. 35).
• **Slot** – An intent can require zero or more slots or parameters. You add slots as part of the intent configuration. At runtime, Amazon Lex prompts the user for specific slot values. The user must provide values for all *required* slots before Amazon Lex can fulfill the intent.

For example, the *OrderPizza* intent requires slots such as pizza size, crust type, and number of pizzas. In the intent configuration, you add these slots. For each slot, you provide slot type and a prompt for Amazon Lex to send to the client to elicit data from the user. A user can reply with a slot value that includes additional words, such as "large pizza please" or "let's stick with small." Amazon Lex can still understand the intended slot value.

• **Slot type** – Each slot has a type. You can create your custom slot types or use built-in slot types. For example, you might create and use the following slot types for the *OrderPizza* intent:

  - **Size** – With enumeration values *Small*, *Medium*, and *Large*.
  - **Crust** – With enumeration values *Thick* and *Thin*.

Amazon Lex also provides built-in slot types. For example, *AMAZON.NUMBER* is a built-in slot type that you can use for the number of pizzas ordered. For more information, see Built-in Intents and Slot Types (p. 35).

For a list of AWS Regions where Amazon Lex is available, see AWS Regions and Endpoints in the Amazon Web Services General Reference.

Currently, Amazon Lex supports only US English language. That is, Amazon Lex trains your bots to understand only US English.

The following topics provide additional information. We recommend that you review them in order and then explore the Getting Started with Amazon Lex (p. 50) exercises.

**Topics**

- Programming Model (p. 4)
- Service Permissions (p. 9)
- Managing Messages (p. 10)
- Managing Conversation Context (p. 20)
- Conversation Logs (p. 25)
- Managing Sessions With the Amazon Lex API (p. 32)
- Bot Deployment Options (p. 34)
- Built-in Intents and Slot Types (p. 35)
- Custom Slot Types (p. 43)
- Slot Obfuscation (p. 43)
- Sentiment Analysis (p. 44)
- Tagging Your Amazon Lex Resources (p. 45)

**Programming Model**

*A bot* is the primary resource type in Amazon Lex. The other resource types in Amazon Lex are *intent*, *slot type*, *alias*, and *bot channel association*.
You create a bot using the Amazon Lex console or the model building API. The console provides a graphical user interface that you use to build a production-ready bot for your application. If you prefer, you can use the model building API through the AWS CLI or your own custom program to create a bot.

After you create a bot, you deploy it on one of the supported platforms or integrate it into your own application. When a user interacts with the bot, the client application sends requests to the bot using the Amazon Lex runtime API. For example, when a user says "I want to order pizza," your client sends this input to Amazon Lex using one of the runtime API operations. Users can provide input as speech or text.

You can also create Lambda functions and use them in an intent. Use these Lambda function code hooks to perform runtime activities such as initialization, validation of user input, and intent fulfillment. The following sections provide additional information.

**Topics**

- Model Building API Operations (p. 5)
- Runtime API Operations (p. 6)
- Lambda Functions As Code Hooks (p. 6)

**Model Building API Operations**

To programmatically create bots, intents, and slot types, use the model building API operations. You can also use the model building API to manage, update, and delete resources for your bot. The model building API operations include:

- **PutBot** (p. 329), **PutBotAlias** (p. 338), **PutIntent** (p. 343), and **PutSlotType** (p. 353) to create and update bots, bot aliases, intents, and slot types, respectively.
- **CreateBotVersion** (p. 234), **CreateIntentVersion** (p. 239), and **CreateSlotTypeVersion** (p. 245) to create and publish versions of your bots, intents, and slot types, respectively.
- **GetBot** (p. 267) and **GetBots** (p. 285) to get a specific bot or a list of bots that you have created, respectively.
- **GetIntent** (p. 303) and **GetIntents** (p. 308) to get a specific intent or a list of intents that you have created, respectively.
- **GetSlotType** (p. 314) and **GetSlotTypes** (p. 318) to get a specific slot type or a list of slot types that you have created, respectively.
- **GetBuiltinIntent** (p. 291), **GetBuiltinIntents** (p. 293), and **GetBuiltinSlotTypes** (p. 295) to get an Amazon Lex built-in intent, a list of Amazon Lex built-in intents, or a list of built-in slot types that you can use in your bot, respectively.
- **GetBotChannelAssociation** (p. 278) and **GetBotChannelAssociations** (p. 282) to get an association between your bot and a messaging platform or a list of the associations between your bot and messaging platforms, respectively.
- **DeleteBot** (p. 249), **DeleteBotAlias** (p. 251), **DeleteBotChannelAssociation** (p. 253), **DeleteIntent** (p. 257), and **DeleteSlotType** (p. 261) to remove unneeded resources in your account.

You can use the model building API to create custom tools to manage your Amazon Lex resources. For example, there is a limit of 100 versions each for bots, intents, and slot types. You could use the model building API to build a tool that automatically deletes old versions when your bot nears the limit.

To make sure that only one operation updates a resource at a time, Amazon Lex uses checksums. When you use a **Put** API operation—**PutBot** (p. 329), **PutBotAlias** (p. 338) **PutIntent** (p. 343), or **PutSlotType** (p. 353)—to update a resource, you must pass the current checksum of the resource in the request. If two tools try to update a resource at the same time, they both provide the same current checksum. The first request to reach Amazon Lex matches the current checksum of the resource.
By the time that the second request arrives, the checksum is different. The second tool receives a `PreconditionFailedException` exception and the update terminates.

The `Get` operations—`GetBot` (p. 267), `GetIntent` (p. 303), and `GetSlotType` (p. 314)—are eventually consistent. If you use a `Get` operation immediately after you create or modify a resource with one of the `Put` operations, the changes might not be returned. After a `Get` operation returns the most recent update, it always returns that updated resource until the resource is modified again. You can determine if an updated resource has been returned by looking at the checksum.

### Runtime API Operations

Client applications use the following runtime API operations to communicate with Amazon Lex:

- **PostContent (p. 373)** – Takes speech or text input and returns intent information and a text or speech message to convey to the user. Currently, Amazon Lex supports the following audio formats:

  Input audio formats – LPCM and Opus

  Output audio formats – MPEG, OGG, and PCM

  The `PostContent` operation supports audio input at 8 kHz and 16 kHz. Applications where the end user speaks with Amazon Lex over the telephone, such as an automated call center, can pass 8 kHz audio directly.

- **PostText (p. 381)** – Takes text as input and returns intent information and a text message to convey to the user.

Your client application uses the runtime API to call a specific Amazon Lex bot to process utterances — user text or voice input. For example, suppose that a user says "I want pizza." The client sends this user input to a bot using one of the Amazon Lex runtime API operations. From the user input, Amazon Lex recognizes that the user request is for the `OrderPizza` intent defined in the bot. Amazon Lex engages the user in a conversation to gather the required information, or slot data, such as pizza size, toppings, and number of pizzas. After the user provides all of the necessary slot data, Amazon Lex either invokes the Lambda function code hook to fulfill the intent, or returns the intent data to the client, depending on how the intent is configured.

Use the `PostContent` (p. 373) operation when your bot uses speech input. For example, an automated call center application can send speech to an Amazon Lex bot instead of an agent to address customer inquiries. You can use the 8 kHz audio format to send audio directly from the telephone to Amazon Lex.

The test window in the Amazon Lex console uses the `PostContent` (p. 373) API to send text and speech requests to Amazon Lex. You use this test window in the Getting Started with Amazon Lex (p. 50) exercises.

### Lambda Functions As Code Hooks

You can configure your Amazon Lex bot to invoke a Lambda function as a code hook. The code hook can serve multiple purposes:

- **Customizes the user interaction**—For example, when Joe asks for available pizza toppings, you can use prior knowledge of Joe's choices to display a subset of toppings.
• Validates the user’s input—Suppose that Jen wants to pick up flowers after hours. You can validate the
time that Jen input and send an appropriate response.
• Fulfills the user’s intent—After Joe provides all of the information for his pizza order, Amazon Lex can
invoke a Lambda function to place the order with a local pizzeria.

When you configure an intent, you specify Lambda functions as code hooks in the following places:

• Dialog code hook for initialization and validation—This Lambda function is invoked on each user input,
assuming Amazon Lex understood the user intent.
• Fulfillment code hook—This Lambda function is invoked after the user provides all of the slot data
required to fulfill the intent.

You choose the intent and set the code hooks in the Amazon Lex console, as shown in the following
screen shot:
You can also set the code hooks using the `dialogCodeHook` and `fulfillmentActivity` fields in the `PutIntent` operation.

One Lambda function can perform initialization, validation, and fulfillment. The event data that the Lambda function receives has a field that identifies the caller as either a dialog or fulfillment code hook. You can use this information to execute the appropriate portion of your code.

You can use a Lambda function to build a bot that can navigate complex dialogs. You use the `dialogAction` field in the Lambda function response to direct Amazon Lex to take specific actions. For example, you can use the `ElicitSlot` dialog action to tell Amazon Lex to ask the user for a slot value that isn’t required. If you have a clarification prompt defined, you can use the `ElicitIntent` dialog action to elicit a new intent when the user is finished with the previous one.

For more information, see Using Lambda Functions (p. 120).

Service Permissions

Amazon Lex uses AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) service-linked roles. Amazon Lex assumes these roles to call AWS services on behalf of your bots and bot channels. The roles exist within your account, but are linked to Amazon Lex use cases and have predefined permissions. Only Amazon Lex can assume these roles, and you can’t modify their permissions. You can delete them after deleting their related resources using IAM. This protects your Amazon Lex resources because you can’t inadvertently remove necessary permissions.

Amazon Lex uses two IAM service-linked roles:

- **AWSServiceRoleForLexBots**—Amazon Lex uses this service-linked role to invoke Amazon Polly to synthesize speech responses for your bot and to call Amazon Comprehend for sentiment analysis.
- **AWSServiceRoleForLexChannels**—Amazon Lex uses this service-linked role to post text to your bot when managing channels.

You don’t need to manually create either of these roles. When you create your first bot using the console, Amazon Lex creates the `AWSServiceRoleForLexBots` role for you. When you first associate a bot with a messaging channel, Amazon Lex creates the `AWSServiceRoleForLexChannels` role for you.

Creating Resource-Based Policies for AWS Lambda

When invoking Lambda functions, Amazon Lex uses resource-based policies. A resource-based policy is attached to a resource; it lets you specify who has access to the resource and which actions they can perform on it. This enables you to narrowly scope permissions between Lambda functions and the intents that you have created. It also allows you to see those permissions in a single policy when you manage Lambda functions that have many event sources.

For more information, see Using Resource-Based Polices for AWS Lambda (Lambda Function Policies) in the AWS Lambda Developer Guide.

To create resource-based policies for intents that you associate with a Lambda function, you can use the Amazon Lex console. Or, you can use the AWS command line interface (AWS CLI). In the AWS CLI, use the Lambda AddPermission API with the `Principal` field set to `lex.amazonaws.com` and the `SourceArn` set to the ARN of the intent that is allowed to invoke the function.

Deleting Service-Linked Roles

You can use the IAM console, the IAM CLI, or the IAM API to delete the `AWSServiceRoleForLexBots` and `AWSServiceRoleForLexChannels` service-linked roles. For more information, see Deleting a Service-Linked Role in the IAM User Guide.
Managing Messages

Topics

- Types of Messages (p. 10)
- Contexts for Configuring Messages (p. 11)
- Supported Message Formats (p. 15)
- Message Groups (p. 15)
- Response Cards (p. 16)

When you create a bot, you can configure clarifying or informational messages that you want it to send to the client. Consider the following examples:

- You could configure your bot with the following clarification prompt:
  
  I don't understand. What would you like to do?

  Amazon Lex sends this message to the client if it doesn't understand the user's intent.

- Suppose that you create a bot to support an intent called OrderPizza. For a pizza order, you want users to provide information such as pizza size, toppings, and crust type. You could configure the following prompts:

  What size pizza do you want?
  What toppings do you want?
  Do you want thick or thin crust?

  After Amazon Lex determines the user's intent to order pizza, it sends these messages to the client to get information from the user.

This section explains designing user interactions in your bot configuration.

Types of Messages

A message can be a prompt or a statement.

- A prompt is typically a question and expects a user response.
- A statement is informational. It doesn’t expect a response.

A message can include references to slot and session attributes. At runtime, Amazon Lex substitutes these references with actual values.

To refer to slots values that have been set, use the following syntax:

```
{SlotName}
```

To refer to session attributes, use the following syntax:

```
[AttributeName]
```
Messages can include both slot values and session attributes.

For example, suppose that you configure the following message in your bot’s OrderPizza intent:

"Hey [FirstName], your {PizzaTopping} pizza will arrive in [DeliveryTime] minutes."

This message refers to both slot (PizzaTopping) and session attributes (FirstName and DeliveryTime). At runtime, Amazon Lex replaces these placeholders with values and returns the following message to the client:

"Hey John, your cheese pizza will arrive in 30 minutes."

To include brackets ([ ]) or braces ({ }) in a message, use the backslash (\) escape character. For example, the following message includes the curly braces and square brackets:

`\{Text\} \[Text\]`

The text returned to the client application looks like this:

`{Text} [Text]`

For information about session attributes, see the runtime API operations PostText (p. 381) and PostContent (p. 373). For an example, see Example Bot: BookTrip (p. 168).

Lambda functions can also generate messages and return them to Amazon Lex to send to the user. If you add Lambda functions when you configure your intent, you can create messages dynamically. By providing the messages while configuring your bot, you can eliminate the need to construct a prompt in your Lambda function.

**Contexts for Configuring Messages**

When you are creating your bot, you can create messages in different contexts, such as clarification prompts in bot, prompts for slot values, and messages from intents. Amazon Lex chooses an appropriate message in each context to return to your user. You can provide a group of messages for each context. If you do, Amazon Lex randomly chooses one message from the group. You can also specify the format of the message or group the messages together. For more information, see Supported Message Formats (p. 15).

If you have a Lambda function associated with an intent, you can override any of the messages that you configured at build time. A Lambda function is not required to use any of these messages, however.

**Bot Messages**

You can configure your bot with clarification prompts and hang-up messages. At runtime, Amazon Lex uses the clarification prompt if it doesn’t understand the user’s intent. You can configure the number of times that Amazon Lex requests clarification before hanging up with the hang-up message. You configure bot-level messages in the Error Handling section of the Amazon Lex console, as follows:
With the API, you configure messages by setting the `clarificationPrompt` and `abortStatement` fields in the `PutBot` (p. 329) operation.

If you use a Lambda function with an intent, the Lambda function might return a response directing Amazon Lex to ask a user's intent. If the Lambda function doesn't provide such a message, Amazon Lex uses the clarification prompt.

**Slot Prompts**

You must specify at least one prompt message for each of the required slots in an intent. At runtime, Amazon Lex uses one of these messages to prompt the user to provide a value for the slot. For example, for a `cityName` slot, the following is a valid prompt:

```
Which city would you like to fly to?
```

You can set one or more prompts for each slot using the console. You can also create groups of prompts using the `PutIntent` (p. 343) operation. For more information, see Message Groups (p. 15).

**Responses**

In the console, use the Responses section to build dynamic, engaging conversations for your bot. You can create one or more message groups for a response. At runtime, Amazon Lex builds a response by selecting one message from each message group. For more information about message groups, see Message Groups (p. 15).

For example, your first message group could contain different greetings: "Hello," "Hi," and "Greetings." The second message group could contain different forms of introduction: "I am the reservation bot" and "This is the reservation bot." A third message group could communicate the bot's capabilities: "I can help with car rentals and hotel reservations," "You can make car rentals and hotel reservations," and "I can help you rent a car and book a hotel."

Lex uses a message from each of the message groups to dynamically build the responses in a conversation. For example, one interaction could be:
Another one could be:

In either case, the user could respond with a new intent, such as the BookCar or BookHotel intent.

You can set up the bot to ask a follow-up question in the response. For example, for the preceding interaction, you could create a fourth message group with the following questions: "Can I help with a car or a hotel?", "Would you like to make a reservation now?", and "Is there anything that I can do for you?". For messages that include "No" as a response, you can create a follow-up prompt. For example:
To create a follow-up prompt, choose **Wait for user reply**. Then type the message or messages that you want to send when the user says "No." When you create a response to use as a follow-up prompt, you must also specify an appropriate statement when the answer to the statement is "No." For example:

To add responses to an intent with the API, use the **PutIntent** operation. To specify a response, set the **conclusionStatement** field in the **PutIntent** request. To set a follow-up prompt, set the
followUpPrompt field and include the statement to send when the user says "No." You can't set both the conclusionStatement field and the followUpPrompt field on the same intent.

Supported Message Formats

When you use the PostText (p. 381) operation, or when you use the PostContent (p. 373) operation with the Accept header set to text/plain;charset=utf8, Amazon Lex supports messages in the following formats:

- **PlainText**—The message contains plain UTF-8 text.
- **SSML**—The message contains text formatted for voice output.
- **CustomPayload**—The message contains a custom format that you have created for your client. You can define the payload to meet the needs of your application.
- **Composite**—The message is a collection of messages, one from each message group. For more information about message groups, see Message Groups (p. 15).

By default, Amazon Lex returns any one of the messages defined for a particular prompt. For example, if you define five messages to elicit a slot value, Amazon Lex chooses one of the messages randomly and returns it to the client.

If you want Amazon Lex to return a specific type of message to the client in a run-time request, set the x-amzn-lex:accept-content-types request parameter. The response is limited to the type or types requested. If there is more than one message of the specified type, Amazon Lex returns one at random. For more information about the x-amzn-lex:accept-content-types header, see Setting the Response Type (p. 22).

Message Groups

A *message group* is a set of suitable responses to a particular prompt. Use message groups when you want your bot to dynamically build the responses in a conversation. When Amazon Lex returns a response to the client application, it randomly chooses one message from each group. You can create a maximum of five message groups for each response. Each group can contain a maximum of five messages. For examples of creating message groups in the console, see Responses (p. 12).

To create a message group, you can use the console or you can use the PutBot (p. 329), PutIntent (p. 343), or PutSlotType (p. 353) operations to assign a group number to a message. If you don't create a message group, or if you create only one message group, Amazon Lex sends a single message in the Message field. Client applications get multiple messages in a response only when you have created more than one message group in the console, or when you create more than one message group when you create or update an intent with the PutIntent (p. 343) operation.

When Amazon Lex sends a message from a group, the response's Message field contains an escaped JSON object that contains the messages. The following example shows the contents of the Message field when it contains multiple messages.

**Note**

The example is formatted for readability. A response doesn't contain carriage returns (CR).

```json
{"messages": [
  {"type": "PlainText","group": 0,"value": "Plain text"},
  {"type": "SSML","group": 1,"value": "SSML text"},
  {"type": "CustomPayload","group": 2,"value": "Custom payload"}
]}
```

You can set the format of the messages. The format can be one of the following:
• PlainText—The message is in plain UTF-8 text.
• SSML—The message is Speech Synthesis Markup Language (SSML).
• CustomPayload—The message is in a custom format that you specified.

To control the format of messages that the PostContent and PostText operations return in the Message field, set the x-amz-lex:accept-content-types request attribute. For example, if you set the header to the following, you receive only plain text and SSML messages in the response:

```plaintext
x-amz-lex:accept-content-types: PlainText,SSML
```

If you request a specific message format and a message group doesn't contain that a message with that format, you get a NoUsableMessageException exception. When you use a message group to group messages by type, don't use the x-amz-lex:accept-content-types header.

For more information about the x-amz-lex:accept-content-types header, see Setting the Response Type (p. 22).

**Response Cards**

A response card contains a set of appropriate responses to a prompt. Use response cards to simplify interactions for your users and increase your bot's accuracy by reducing typographical errors in text interactions. You can send a response card for each prompt that Amazon Lex sends to your client application. You can use response cards with Facebook Messenger, Slack, Twilio, and your own client applications.

For example, in a taxi application, you can configure an option in the response card for "Home" and set the value to the user's home address. When the user selects this option, Amazon Lex receives the entire address as the input text.

You can define a response card for the following prompts:

• Conclusion statement
• Confirmation prompt
• Follow-up prompt
• Rejection statement
• Slot type utterances

You can define only one response card for each prompt.

You configure response cards when you create an intent. You can define a static response card at build time using the console or the PutIntent (p. 343) operation. Or you can define a dynamic response card
at runtime in a Lambda function. If you define both static and dynamic response cards, the dynamic response card takes precedence.

Amazon Lex sends response cards in the format that the client understands. It transforms response cards for Facebook Messenger, Slack, and Twilio. For other clients, Amazon Lex sends a JSON structure in the PostText (p. 381) response. For example, if the client is Facebook Messenger, Amazon Lex transforms the response card to a generic template. For more information about Facebook Messenger generic templates, see Generic Template on the Facebook website. For an example of the JSON structure, see Generating Response Cards Dynamically (p. 19).

You can use response cards only with the PostText (p. 381) operation. You can't use response cards with the PostContent (p. 373) operation.

**Defining Static Response Cards**

Define static response cards with the PutBot (p. 329) operation or the Amazon Lex console when you create an intent. A static response card is defined at the same time as the intent. Use a static response card when the responses are fixed. Suppose that you are creating a bot with an intent that has a slot for flavor. When defining the flavor slot, you specify prompts, as shown in the following console screenshot:

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Priority</th>
<th>Required</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Slot type</th>
<th>Prompt</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>teaSize</td>
<td>teaSize</td>
<td>e.g. AMA...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>teaFlavor</td>
<td>teaFlavor</td>
<td>e.g. What size?</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

When defining prompts, you can optionally associate a response card and define details with the PutBot (p. 329) operation, or, in the Amazon Lex console, as shown in the following example:
Now suppose that you've integrated your bot with Facebook Messenger. The user can click the buttons to choose a flavor, as shown in the following illustration:
To customize the content of a response card, you can refer to session attributes. At runtime, Amazon Lex substitutes these references with appropriate values from the session attributes. For more information, see Setting Session Attributes (p. 20). For an example, see Example: Using a Response Card (p. 190).

**Generating Response Cards Dynamically**

To generate response cards dynamically at runtime, use the initialization and validation Lambda function for the intent. Use a dynamic response card when the responses are determined at runtime in the Lambda function. In response to user input, the Lambda function generates a response card and returns it in the `dialogAction` section of the response. For more information, see Response Format (p. 124).

The following is a partial response from a Lambda function that shows the `responseCard` element. It generates a user experience similar to the one shown in the preceding section.

```json
responseCard: {
  "version": 1,
  "contentType": "application/vnd.amazonaws.card.generic",
  "genericAttachments": [
    {
      "title": "What Flavor?",
      "subtitle": "What flavor do you want?",
      "imageUrl": "Link to image",
      "attachmentLinkUrl": "Link to attachment",
      "buttons": [
        {
        ...}
```
Managing Conversation Context

Conversation context is the information that a user, your application, or a Lambda function provides to an Amazon Lex bot to fulfill an intent. Conversation context includes slot data that the user provides, request attributes set by the client application, and session attributes that the client application and Lambda functions create.

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- Setting Session Attributes (p. 20)
- Setting Request Attributes (p. 21)
- Setting the Session Timeout (p. 23)
- Sharing Information Between Intents (p. 23)
- Setting Complex Attributes (p. 24)

Setting Session Attributes

Session attributes contain application-specific information that is passed between a bot and a client application during a session. Amazon Lex passes session attributes to all Lambda functions configured for a bot. If a Lambda function adds or updates session attributes, Amazon Lex passes the new information back to the client application. For example:

- In Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52), the example bot uses the price session attribute to maintain the price of flowers. The Lambda function sets this attribute based on the type of flowers that was ordered. For more information, see Step 5 (Optional): Review the Details of the Information Flow (Console) (p. 67).
- In Example Bot: BookTrip (p. 168), the example bot uses the currentReservation session attribute to maintain a copy of the slot type data during the conversation to book a hotel or to book a rental car. For more information, see Details of the Information Flow (p. 176).

Use session attributes in your Lambda functions to initialize a bot and to customize prompts and response cards. For example:

- Initialization — In a pizza ordering bot, the client application passes the user's location as a session attribute in the first call to the PostContent (p. 373) or PostText (p. 381) operation. For example, "Location": "111 Maple Street". The Lambda function uses this information to find the closest pizzeria to place the order.
• Personalize prompts — Configure prompts and response cards to refer to session attributes. For example, "Hey [FirstName], what toppings would you like?" If you pass the user's first name as a session attribute ("FirstName": "Jo"), Amazon Lex substitutes the name for the placeholder. It then sends a personalized prompt to the user, "Hey Jo, which toppings would you like?"

Session attributes persist for the duration of the session. Amazon Lex stores them in an encrypted data store until the session ends. The client can create session attributes in a request by calling either the PostContent (p. 373) or the PostText (p. 381) operation with the sessionAttributes field set to a value. A Lambda function can create a session attribute in a response. After the client or a Lambda function creates a session attribute, the stored attribute value is used any time that the client application doesn't include sessionAttribute field in a request to Amazon Lex.

For example, suppose you have two session attributes, {"x": "1", "y": "2"}. If the client calls the PostContent or PostText operation without specifying the sessionAttributes field, Amazon Lex calls the Lambda function with the stored session attributes ("x": 1, "y": 2). If the Lambda function doesn't return session attributes, Amazon Lex returns the stored session attributes to the client application.

If either the client application or a Lambda function passes session attributes, Amazon Lex updates the stored session attributes. Passing an existing value, such as {"x": 2}, updates the stored value. If you pass a new set of session attributes, such as {"x": 3}, the existing values are removed and only the new value is kept. When an empty map, {}, is passed, stored values are erased.

To send session attributes to Amazon Lex, you create a string-to-string map of the attributes. The following shows how to map session attributes:

```json
{
    "attributeName": "attributeValue",
    "attributeName": "attributeValue"
}
```

For the PostText operation, you insert the map into the body of the request using the sessionAttributes field, as follows:

```json
"sessionAttributes": {
    "attributeName": "attributeValue",
    "attributeName": "attributeValue"
}
```

For the PostContent operation, you base64 encode the map, and then send it as the x-amz-lex-session-attributes header.

If you are sending binary or structured data in a session attribute, you must first transform the data to a simple string. For more information, see Setting Complex Attributes (p. 24).

## Setting Request Attributes

Request attributes contain request-specific information and apply only to the current request. A client application sends this information to Amazon Lex. Use request attributes to pass information that doesn't need to persist for the entire session. You can create your own request attributes or you can use predefined attributes. To send request attributes, use the x-amz-lex-request-attributes header in a the section called “PostContent” (p. 373) or the requestAttributes field in a the section called “PostText” (p. 381) request. Because request attributes don't persist across requests like session attributes do, they are not returned in PostContent or PostText responses.

**Note**

To send information that persists across requests, use session attributes.
The namespace `x-amz-lex:` is reserved for the predefined request attributes. Don't create request attributes with the prefix `x-amz-lex:`.

**Setting Predefined Request Attributes**

Amazon Lex provides predefined request attributes for managing the way that it processes information sent to your bot. The attributes do not persist for the entire session, so you must send the predefined attributes in each request. All predefined attributes are in the `x-amz-lex:` namespace.

In addition to the following predefined attributes, Amazon Lex provides predefined attributes for messaging platforms. For a list of those attributes, see Deploying an Amazon Lex Bot on a Messaging Platform (p. 129).

**Setting the Response Type**

If you have two client applications that have different capabilities, you may need to limit the format of messages in a response. For example, you might want to restrict messages sent to a Web client to plain text, but enable a mobile client to use both plain text and Speech Synthesis Markup Language (SSML).

To set the format of messages returned by the PostContent (p. 373) and PostText (p. 381) operations, use the `x-amz-lex:accept-content-types" request attribute.

You can set the attribute to any combination of the following message types:

- **PlainText**—The message contains plain UTF-8 text.
- **SSML**—The message contains text formatted for voice output.
- **CustomPayload**—The message contains a custom format that you have created for your client. You can define the payload to meet the needs of your application.

Amazon Lex returns only messages with the specified type in the Message field of the response. You can set more than one value by separating values with a comma. If you are using message groups, every message group must contain at least one message of the specified type. Otherwise, you get a `NoUsableMessageException` error. For more information, see Message Groups (p. 15).

**Note**

The `x-amz-lex:accept-content-types` request attribute has no effect on the contents of the HTML body. The contents of a PostText operation response is always plain UTF-8 text. The body of a PostContent operation response contains data in the format set in the Accept header in the request.

**Setting the Preferred Time Zone**

To set the time zone used to resolve dates so that it is relative to the user's time zone, use the `x-amz-lex:time-zone` request attribute. If you do not specify a time zone in the `x-amz-lex:time-zone` attribute, the default depends on the region that you are using for your bot.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Default time zone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>US East (N. Virginia)</td>
<td>America/New_York</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>US West (Oregon)</td>
<td>America/Los_Angeles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Europe (Ireland)</td>
<td>Europe/Dublin</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For example, if the user responds `tomorrow` in response to the prompt "Which day would you like your package delivered?" the actual `date` that the package is delivered depends on the user's time zone. For example, when it is 01:00 September 16 in New York, it is 22:00 September 15 in Los Angeles. If a person
in Los Angeles orders a package to be delivered “tomorrow” using the default time zone, the package would be delivered on the 17th, not the 16th. However, if you set the `x-amz-lex:time-zone` request attribute to `America/Los_Angeles`, the package would be delivered on the 16th.

You can set the attribute to any of the Internet Assigned Number Authority (IANA) time zone names. For the list of time zone names, see the List of tz database time zones on Wikipedia.

### Setting User-Defined Request Attributes

A user-defined request attribute is data that you send to your bot in each request. You send the information in the `amz-lex-request-attributes` header of a `PostContent` request or in the `requestAttributes` field of a `PostText` request.

To send request attributes to Amazon Lex, you create a string-to-string map of the attributes. The following shows how to map request attributes:

```json
{
  "attributeName": "attributeValue",
  "attributeName": "attributeValue"
}
```

For the `PostText` operation, you insert the map into the body of the request using the `requestAttributes` field, as follows:

```json
"requestAttributes": {
  "attributeName": "attributeValue",
  "attributeName": "attributeValue"
}
```

For the `PostContent` operation, you base64 encode the map, and then send it as the `x-amz-lex-request-attributes` header.

If you are sending binary or structured data in a request attribute, you must first transform the data to a simple string. For more information, see Setting Complex Attributes (p. 24).

### Setting the Session Timeout

Amazon Lex retains context information—slot data and session attributes—until a conversation session ends. To control how long a session lasts for a bot, set the session timeout. By default, session duration is 5 minutes, but you can specify any duration between 0 and 1,440 minutes (24 hours).

For example, suppose that you create a `ShoeOrdering` bot that supports intents such as `OrderShoes` and `GetOrderStatus`. When Amazon Lex detects that the user's intent is to order shoes, it asks for slot data. For example, it asks for shoe size, color, brand, etc. If the user provides some of the slot data but doesn’t complete the shoe purchase, Amazon Lex remembers all of the slot data and session attributes for the entire session. If the user returns to the session before it expires, he or she can provide the remaining slot data, and complete the purchase.

In the Amazon Lex console, you set the session timeout when you create a bot. With the AWS command line interface (AWS CLI) or API, you set the timeout when you create or update a bot with the `PutBot` (p. 329) operation by setting the `idleSessionTTLInSeconds` field.

### Sharing Information Between Intents

Amazon Lex supports sharing information between intents. To share between intents, use session attributes.
For example, a user of the ShoeOrdering bot starts by ordering shoes. The bot engages in a conversation with the user, gathering slot data, such as shoe size, color, and brand. When the user places an order, the Lambda function that fulfills the order sets the orderNumber session attribute, which contains the order number. To get the status of the order, the user uses the GetOrderStatus intent. The bot can ask the user for slot data, such as order number and order date. When the bot has the required information, it returns the status of the order.

If you think that your users might switch intents during the same session, you can design your bot to return the status of the latest order. Instead of asking the user for order information again, you use the orderNumber session attribute to share information across intents and fulfill the GetOrderStatus intent. The bot does this by returning the status of the last order that the user placed.

For an example of cross-intent information sharing, see Example Bot: BookTrip (p. 168).

### Setting Complex Attributes

Session and request attributes are string-to-string maps of attributes and values. In many cases, you can use the string map to transfer attribute values between your client application and a bot. In some cases, however, you might need to transfer binary data or a complex structure that can't be easily converted to a string map. For example, the following JSON object represents an array of the three most populous cities in the United States:

```json
{
  "cities": [
    {
      "city": {
        "name": "New York",
        "state": "New York",
        "pop": "8537673"
      }
    },
    {
      "city": {
        "name": "Los Angeles",
        "state": "California",
        "pop": "3976322"
      }
    },
    {
      "city": {
        "name": "Chicago",
        "state": "Illinois",
        "pop": "2704958"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

This array of data doesn't translate well to a string-to-string map. In such a case, you can transform an object to a simple string so that you can send it to your bot with the PostContent (p. 373) and PostText (p. 381) operations.

For example, if you are using JavaScript, you can use the JSON.stringify operation to convert an object to JSON, and the JSON.parse operation to convert JSON text to a JavaScript object:

```javascript
// To convert an object to a string.
var jsonString = JSON.stringify(object, null, 2);
// To convert a string to an object.
var obj = JSON.parse(JSON string);
```
To send session attributes with the PostContent operation, you must base64 encode the attributes before you add them to the request header, as shown in the following JavaScript code:

```javascript
var encodedAttributes = new Buffer(attributeString).toString("base64");
```

You can send binary data to the PostContent and PostText operations by first converting the data to a base64-encoded string, and then sending the string as the value in the session attributes:

```json
"sessionAttributes": {
  "binaryData": "base64 encoded data"
}
```

## Conversation Logs

You enable conversation logs to store bot interactions. You can use these logs to review the performance of your bot and to troubleshoot issues with conversations. You can log text for the PostText operation. You can log both text and audio for the PostContent operation. By enabling conversation logs you get a detailed view of conversations that users have with your bot.

For example, a session with your bot has a session ID. You can use this ID to get the transcript of the conversation including user utterances and the corresponding bot responses. You also get metadata such as intent name and slot values for an utterance.

**Note**

You can't use conversation logs with a bot subject to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

Conversation logs are configured for an alias. Each alias can have different settings for their text and audio logs. You can enable text logs, audio logs, or both for each alias. Text logs store text input, transcripts of audio input, and associated metadata in CloudWatch Logs. Audio logs store audio input in Amazon S3. You can enable encryption of text and audio logs using AWS KMS customer managed CMKs.

To configure logging, use the console or the PutBotAlias operation. You can't log conversations for the $LATEST alias of your bot or for the test bot available in the Amazon Lex console. After enabling conversation logs for an alias, PostContent or PostText operation for that alias logs the text or audio utterances in the configured CloudWatch Logs log group or S3 bucket.

### Topics

- Creating an IAM Role and Policies for Conversation Logs (p. 25)
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- Monitoring Conversation Log Status with CloudWatch Metrics (p. 31)

### Creating an IAM Role and Policies for Conversation Logs

To enable conversation logs, you must grant write permission for CloudWatch Logs and Amazon S3. If you enable object encryption for your S3 objects, you need to grant access permission to the AWS KMS keys used to encrypt the objects.
You can use the IAM console, the IAM API, or the AWS Command Line Interface to create the role and policies. These instructions use the AWS CLI to create the role and policies.

**Note**
The following code is formatted for Linux and MacOS. For Windows, replace the Linux line continuation character (\) with a caret (^).

**To create an IAM role for conversation logs**

1. Create a document in the current directory called `LexConversationLogsAssumeRolePolicyDocument.json`, add the following code to it, and save it.

   ```json
   {
     "Version": "2012-10-17",
     "Statement": [
       {
         "Effect": "Allow",
         "Principal": {
           "Service": "lex.amazonaws.com"
         },
         "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
       }
     ]
   }
   ```

2. In the AWS CLI, run the following command to create the IAM role for conversation logs.

   ```bash
   aws iam create-role \
   --role-name role-name \
   --assume-role-policy-document file://LexConversationLogsAssumeRolePolicyDocument.json
   ```

Next, create and attach a policy to the role that enables Amazon Lex to write to CloudWatch Logs.

**To create an IAM policy for logging conversation text to CloudWatch Logs**

1. Create a document in the current directory called `LexConversationLogsCloudWatchLogsPolicy.json`, add the following IAM policy to it, and save it.

   ```json
   {
     "Version": "2012-10-17",
     "Statement": [
       {
         "Effect": "Allow",
         "Action": [
           "logs:CreateLogStream",
           "logs:PutLogEvents"
         ],
       }
     ]
   }
   ```

2. In the AWS CLI, create the IAM policy that grants write permission to the CloudWatch Logs log group.

   ```bash
   aws iam create-policy \
   --policy-name cloudwatch-policy-name \
   ```
3. Attach the policy to the IAM role that you created for conversation logs.

```bash
aws iam attach-role-policy
--policy-arn arn:aws:iam::account-id:policy/cloudwatch-policy-name
--role-name role-name
```

If you are logging audio to an S3 bucket, create a policy that enables Amazon Lex to write to the bucket.

**To create an IAM policy for audio logging to an S3 bucket**

1. Create a document in the current directory called `LexConversationLogsS3Policy.json`, add the following policy to it, and save it.

   ```json
   {
     "Version": "2012-10-17",
     "Statement": [
       {
         "Effect": "Allow",
         "Action": [
           "s3:PutObject"
         ],
         "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::bucket-name/*"
       }
     ]
   }
   
   ```

2. In the AWS CLI, create the IAM policy that grants write permission to your S3 bucket.

   ```bash
   aws iam create-policy
   --policy-name s3-policy-name
   --policy-document file://LexConversationLogsS3Policy.json
   ```

3. Attach the policy to the role that you created for conversation logs.

   ```bash
   aws iam attach-role-policy
   --policy-arn arn:aws:iam::account-id:policy/s3-policy-name
   --role-name role-name
   ```

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**Configuring Conversation Logs**

You enable and disable conversation logs using the console or the `conversationLogs` field of the `PutBotAlias` operation. You can turn on or turn off audio logs, text logs, or both. Logging starts on new bot sessions. Changes to log settings aren’t reflected for active sessions.

To store text logs, use an Amazon CloudWatch Logs log group in your AWS account. You can use any valid log group. The log group must be in the same region as the Amazon Lex bot. For more information about creating a CloudWatch Logs log group, see *Working with Log Groups and Log Streams* in the *Amazon CloudWatch Logs User Guide*.

To store audio logs, use an Amazon S3 bucket in your AWS account. You can use any valid S3 bucket. The bucket must be in the same region as the Amazon Lex bot. For more information about creating an S3 bucket, see *Create a Bucket* in the *Amazon Simple Storage Service Getting Started Guide*.

You must provide an IAM role with policies that enable Amazon Lex to write to the configured log group or bucket. For more information, see *Creating an IAM Role and Policies for Conversation Logs (p. 25)*.
Enabling Conversation Logs

To turn on logs using the console

1. Open the Amazon Lex console https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex.
2. From the list, choose a bot.
3. Choose the Settings tab, and then from the left menu choose Conversation logs.
4. In the list of aliases, choose the settings icon for the alias for which you want to configure conversation logs.
5. Select whether to log text, audio, or both.
6. For text logging, enter the Amazon CloudWatch Logs log group name.
7. For audio logging, enter the S3 bucket information.
8. Optional. To encrypt audio logs, choose the AWS KMS key to use for encryption.
9. Choose an IAM role with the required permissions.
10. Choose Save to start logging conversations.

To turn on text logs using the API

1. Call the PutBotAlias (p. 338) operation with an entry in the logSettings member of the conversationLogs field
   • Set the destination member to CLOUDWATCH_LOGS
   • Set the logType member to TEXT
   • Set the resourceArn member to the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the CloudWatch Logs log group that is the destination for the logs
2. Set the iamRoleArn member of the conversationLogs field to the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of an IAM role that has the required permissions for enabling conversation logs on the specified resources.

To turn on audio logs using the API

1. Call the PutBotAlias (p. 338) operation with an entry in the logSettings member of the conversationLogs field
   • Set the destination member to S3
   • Set the logType member to AUDIO
   • Set the resourceArn member to the ARN of the Amazon S3 bucket where the audio logs are stored
   • Optional. To encrypt audio logs with a specific AWS KMS key, set the kmsKeyArn member of the ARN of the key that is used for encryption.
2. Set the iamRoleArn member of the conversationLogs field to the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of an IAM role that has the required permissions for enabling conversation logs on the specified resources.

Disabling Conversation Logs

To turn off logs using the console

1. Open the Amazon Lex console https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex.
2. From the list, choose a bot.
3. Choose the **Settings** tab, and then from the left menu choose **Conversation logs**.
4. In the list of aliases, choose the settings icon for the alias for which you want to configure conversation logs.
5. Clear the check from text, audio, or both to turn off logging.
6. Choose **Save** to stop logging conversations.

**To turn off logs using the API**

- Call the **PutBotAlias** operation without the `conversationLogs` field.

**To turn off text logs using the API**

- If you are logging audio
  - Call the **PutBotAlias (p. 338)** operation with a `logSettings` entry only for `AUDIO`.
  - The call to the **PutBotAlias** operation must not have a `logSettings` entry for `TEXT`.
- If you are not logging audio
  - Call the **PutBotAlias (p. 338)** operation without the `conversationLogs` field.

**To turn off audio logs using the API**

- If you are logging text
  - Call the **PutBotAlias (p. 338)** operation with a `logSettings` entry only for `TEXT`.
  - The call to the **PutBotAlias** operation must not have a `logSettings` entry for `AUDIO`.
- If you are not logging text
  - Call the **PutBotAlias (p. 338)** operation without the `conversationLogs` field.

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**Encrypting Conversation Logs**

You can use encryption to help protect the contents of your conversation logs. For text and audio logs, you can use AWS KMS customer managed CMKs to encrypt data in your CloudWatch Logs log group and S3 bucket.

**Note**

Amazon Lex supports only symmetric CMKs. Do not use an asymmetric CMK to encrypt your data.

You enable encryption using an AWS KMS key on the CloudWatch Logs log group that Amazon Lex uses for text logs. You can't provide an AWS KMS key in the log settings to enable AWS KMS encryption of your log group. For more information, see *Encrypt Log Data in CloudWatch Logs Using AWS KMS* in the *Amazon CloudWatch Logs User Guide*.

For audio logs you use default encryption on your S3 bucket or specify an AWS KMS key to encrypt your audio objects. Even if your S3 bucket uses default encryption you can still specify a different AWS KMS key to encrypt your audio objects. For more information, see *Amazon S3 Default Encryption for S3 Buckets* in the *Amazon Simple Storage Service Developer Guide*.

Amazon Lex requires AWS KMS permissions if you choose to encrypt your audio logs. You need to attach additional policies to the IAM role used for conversation logs. If you use default encryption on your S3 bucket, your policy must grant access to the AWS KMS key configured for that bucket. If you specify an AWS KMS key in your audio log settings, your must grant access to that key.

If you have not created a role for conversation logs, see *Creating an IAM Role and Policies for Conversation Logs (p. 25)*.
To create an IAM policy for using an AWS KMS key for encrypting audio logs

1. Create a document in the current directory called `LexConversationLogsKMSPolicy.json`, add the following policy to it, and save it.

```json
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": ["kms:GenerateDataKey"],
            "Resource": "kms-key-arn"
        }
    ]
}
```

2. In the AWS CLI, create the IAM policy that grants permission to use the AWS KMS key for encrypting audio logs.

```
aws iam create-policy
--policy-name kms-policy-name
--policy-document file://LexConversationLogsKMSPolicy.json
```

3. Attach the policy to the role that you created for conversation logs.

```
aws iam attach-role-policy
--policy-arn arn:aws:iam::account-id:policy/kms-policy-name
--role-name role-name
```

Viewing Text Logs in Amazon CloudWatch Logs

Amazon Lex stores text logs for your conversations in Amazon CloudWatch Logs. To view the logs, you can use the CloudWatch Logs console or API. For more information, see Search Log Data Using Filter Patterns and CloudWatch Logs Insights Query Syntax in the Amazon CloudWatch Logs User Guide.

To view logs using the Amazon Lex console

1. Open the Amazon Lex console https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex.
2. From the list, choose a bot.
3. Choose the Settings tab, then from the left menu choose Conversation logs.
4. Choose the link under Text logs to view the logs for the alias in the CloudWatch console.

You can also use the CloudWatch console or API to view your log entries. To find the log entries, navigate to the log group that you configured for the alias. You find the log stream prefix for your logs in the Amazon Lex console or by using the GetBotAlias (p. 272) operation.

Log entries for a user utterance is in multiple log streams. An utterance in the conversation has an entry in one of the log streams with the specified prefix. An entry in the log stream contains the following information.

```
{
    "messageVersion": "1.0",
    "botName": "bot name",
    "botAlias": "bot alias",
```
"botVersion": "bot version",
"inputTranscript": "text used to process the request",
"botResponse": "response from the bot",
"intent": "matched intent",
"slots": {
  "slot name": "slot value",
  "slot name": null,
  "slot name": "slot value"
  ...
},
"missedUtterance": true | false,
"inputDialogMode": "Text" | "Speech",
"requestId": "request ID",
"s3PathForAudio": "S3 path to audio file",
"userId": "user ID",
"sessionId": "session ID"
}

The `intent` and `slots` fields may not appear in an entry if a missed utterance doesn't get mapped to an intent. The `s3PathForAudio` field doesn't appear if audio logs are disabled or if the `inputDialogMode` field is `Text`.

**Note**
The input format may change without a corresponding change in the `messageVersion`. Your code should not throw an error if new fields are present.

You must have a role and policy set to enable Amazon Lex to write to CloudWatch Logs. For more information see Creating an IAM Role and Policies for Conversation Logs (p. 25).

## Accessing Audio Logs in Amazon S3

Amazon Lex stores audio logs for your conversations in an S3 bucket.

**To access audio logs using the console**

1. Open the Amazon Lex console [https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex](https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex).
2. From the list, choose a bot.
3. Choose the **Settings** tab, then from the left menu choose **Conversation logs**.
4. Choose the link under **Audio logs** to access the logs for the alias in the Amazon S3 console.

You can also use the Amazon S3 console or API to access audio logs. You can see the S3 object key prefix of the audio files in the Amazon Lex console, or in the `resourcePrefix` field in the `GetBotAlias` operation response.

## Monitoring Conversation Log Status with CloudWatch Metrics

Use Amazon CloudWatch to monitor delivery metrics of your conversation logs. You can set alarms on metrics so that you are aware of issues with logging if they should occur.

Amazon Lex provides four metrics in the `AWS/Lex` namespace for conversation logs:

- `ConversationLogsAudioDeliverySuccess`
- `ConversationLogsAudioDeliveryFailure`
- `ConversationLogsTextDeliverySuccess`
- `ConversationLogsTextDeliveryFailure`
Managing Sessions With the Amazon Lex API

When a user starts a conversation with your bot, Amazon Lex creates a session. The information exchanged between your application and Amazon Lex makes up the session state for the conversation. When you make a request, the session is identified by a combination of the bot name and a user identifier that you specify. For more information about the user identifier, see the userId field in the PostContent (p. 373) or PostText (p. 381) operation.

The response from a session operation includes a unique session identifier that identifies a specific session with a user. You can use this identifier during testing or to help troubleshoot your bot.

You can modify the session state sent between your application and your bot. For example, you can create and modify session attributes that contain custom information about the session, and you can change the flow of the conversation by setting the dialog context to interpret the next utterance.

There are two ways that you can update session state. The first is to use a Lambda function with the PostContent or PostText operation that is called after each turn of the conversation. For more information, see Using Lambda Functions (p. 120). The other is to use the Amazon Lex runtime API in your application to make changes to the session state.

The Amazon Lex runtime API provides operations that enable you to manage session information for a conversation with your bot. The operations are the PutSession (p. 388) operation, the GetSession (p. 370) operation, and the DeleteSession (p. 367) operation. You use these operations to get information about the state of your user's session with your bot, and to have fine-grained control over the state.

Use the GetSession operation when you want to get the current state of the session. The operation returns the current state of the session, including the state of the dialog with your user, any session attributes that have been set and slot values for the last three intents that the user interacted with.

The PutSession operation enables you to directly manipulate the current session state. You can set the type of dialog action that the bot will perform next. This gives you control over the flow of the conversation with the bot. Set the dialog action type field to Delegate to have Amazon Lex determine the next action for the bot.

You can use the PutSession operation to create a new session with a bot and set the intent that the bot should start with. You can also use the PutSession operation to change from one intent to another. When you create a session or change the intent you also can set session state, such as slot values and
session attributes. When the new intent is finished, you have the option of restarting the prior intent. You can use the GetSession operation to get the dialog state of the prior intent from Amazon Lex and use the information to set the dialog state of the intent.

The response from the PutSession operation contains the same information as the PostContent operation. You can use this information to prompt the user for the next piece of information, just as you would with the response from the PostContent operation.

Use the DeleteSession operation to remove an existing session and start over with a new session. For example, when you are testing your bot you can use the DeleteSession operation to remove test sessions from your bot.

The session operations work with your fulfillment Lambda functions. For example, if your Lambda function returns Failed as the fulfillment state you can use the PutSession operation to set the dialog action type to close and fulfillmentState to ReadyForFulfillment to retry the fulfillment step.

Here are some things that you can do with the session operations:

- Have the bot start a conversation instead of waiting for the user.
- Switch intents during a conversation.
- Return to a previous intent.
- Start or restart a conversation in the middle of the interaction.
- Validate slot values and have the bot re-prompt for values that are not valid.

Each of these are described further below.

Switching Intents

You can use the PutSession operation to switch from one intent to another. You can also use it to switch back to a previous intent. You can use the PutSession operation to set session attributes or slot values for the new intent.

- Call the PutSession operation. Set the intent name to the name of the new intent and set the dialog action to Delegate. You can also set any slot values or session attributes required for the new intent.
- Amazon Lex will start a conversation with the user using the new intent.

Resuming a Prior Intent

To resume a prior intent you use the GetSession operation to get the summary of the intent, and then use the PutSession operation to set the intent to its previous dialog state.

- Call the GetSession operation. The response from the operation includes a summary of the dialog state of the last three intents that the user interacted with.
- Using the information from the intent summary, call the PutSession operation. This will return the user to the previous intent in the same place in the conversation.

In some cases it may be necessary to resume your user's conversation with your bot. For example, say that you have created a customer service bot. Your application determines that the user needs to talk to a customer service representative. After talking to the user, the representative can direct the conversation back to the bot with the information that they collected.

To resume a session, use steps similar to these:

- Your application determines that the user needs to speak to a customer service representative.
• Use the GetSession operation to get the current dialog state of the intent.
• The customer service representative talks to the user and resolves the issue.
• Use the PutSession operation to set the dialog state of the intent. This may include setting slot values, setting session attributes, or changing the intent.
• The bot resumes the conversation with the user.

You can use the PutSession operation checkpointLabel parameter to label an intent so that you can find it later. For example, a bot that asks a customer for information might go into a Waiting intent while the customer gathers the information. The bot creates a checkpoint label for the current intent and then starts the Waiting intent. When the customer returns the bot can find the previous intent using the checkpoint label and switch back.

The intent must be present in the recentIntentSummaryView structure returned by the GetSession operation. If you specify a checkpoint label in the GetSession operation request, it will return a maximum of three intents with that checkpoint label.

• Use the GetSession operation to get the current state of the session.
• Use the PutSession operation to add a checkpoint label to the last intent. If necessary you can use this PutSession call to switch to a different intent.
• When it is time to switch back to the labeled intent, call the GetSession operation to return a recent intent list. You can use the checkpointLabelFilter parameter so that Amazon Lex returns only intents with the specified checkpoint label.

Starting a New Session

If you want to have the bot start the conversation with your user, you can use the PutSession operation.

• Create a welcome intent with no slots and a conclusion message that prompts the user to state an intent. For example, "What would you like to order? You can say 'Order a drink' or 'Order a pizza.'"
• Call the PutSession operation. Set the intent name to the name of your welcome intent and set the dialog action to Delegate.
• Amazon Lex will respond with the prompt from your welcome intent to start the conversation with your user.

Validating Slot Values

You can validate responses to your bot using your client application. If the response isn't valid, you can use the PutSession operation to get a new response from your user. For example, suppose that your flower ordering bot can only sell tulips, roses, and lilies. If the user orders carnations, your application can do the following:

• Examine the slot value returned from the PostText or PostContent response.
• If the slot value is not valid, call the PutSession operation. Your application should clear the slot value, set the slotToElicit field, and set the dialogAction.type value to elicitSlot. Optionally, you can set the message and messageFormat fields if you want to change the message that Amazon Lex uses to elicit the slot value.

Bot Deployment Options

Currently, Amazon Lex provides the following bot deployment options:
Built-in Intents and Slot Types

To make it easier to create bots, Amazon Lex allows you to use standard Alexa built-in intents and slot types.

Topics
- Built-in Intents (p. 35)
- Built-in Slot Types (p. 37)

Built-in Intents

For common actions, you can use the Alexa standard built-in intents library. To create an intent from a built-in intent, choose a built-intent in the console, and give it a new name. The new intent has the configuration of base intent, such as the sample utterances and slots.

For a list of built-in intents, see Standard Built-in Intents in the Alexa Skills Kit.

Note
Amazon Lex doesn’t support the following intents:

- AMAZON.YesIntent
- AMAZON.NoIntent
- The intents in the Built-in Intent Library in the Alexa Skills Kit

In the current implementation, you can’t do the following:

- Remove sample utterances or slots from the base intent
- Configure slots for built-in intents

AMAZON.FallbackIntent

When a user’s input to an intent isn’t what a bot expects, you can configure Amazon Lex to invoke a fallback intent. For example, if the user input “I’d like to order candy” doesn’t match an intent in your OrderFlowers bot, Amazon Lex invokes the fallback intent to handle the response.

You add a fallback intent by adding the built-in AMAZON.FallbackIntent intent type to your bot. You can specify the intent using the PutBot (p. 329) operation or by choosing the intent from the list of built-in intents in the console.

Invoking a fallback intent uses two steps. In the first step the fallback intent is matched based on the input from the user. When the fallback intent is matched, the way the bot behaves depends on
the number of retries configured for a prompt. For example, if the maximum number of attempts to
determine an intent is 2, the bot returns the bot's clarification prompt twice before invoking the fallback
intent.

Amazon Lex matches the fallback intent in these situations:
• The user's input to an intent doesn't match the input that the bot expects
• Audio input is noise, or text input isn't recognized as words.
• The user's input is ambiguous and Amazon Lex can't determine which intent to invoke.

The fallback intent is invoked when:
• The bot doesn't recognize the user input as an intent after the configured number of tries for
clarification when the conversation is started.
• An intent doesn't recognize the user input as a slot value after the configured number of tries.
• An intent doesn't recognize the user input as a response to a confirmation prompt after the configured
number of tries.

You can use the following with a fallback intent:
• A fulfillment Lambda function
• A conclusion statement
• A follow up prompt

You can't add the following to a fallback intent:
• Utterances
• Slots
• An initialization and validation Lambda function
• A confirmation prompt

If you have configured both an abort statement and a fallback intent for a bot, Amazon Lex uses the
fallback intent. If you need your bot to have an abort statement, you can use the fulfillment function for
the fallback intent to provide the same behavior as an abort statement. For more information, see the
abortStatement parameter of the PutBot (p. 329) operation.

Using Clarification Prompts

If you provide your bot with a clarification prompt, the prompt is used to solicit a valid intent from the
user. The clarification prompt will be repeated the number of times that you configured. After that the
fallback intent will be invoked.

If you don't set a clarification prompt when you create a bot and the user doesn't start the conversation
with a valid intent, Amazon Lex immediately calls your fallback intent.

When you use a fallback intent without a clarification prompt, Amazon Lex doesn't call the fallback
under these circumstances:
• When the user responds to a follow-up prompt but doesn't provide an intent. For example, in response
to a follow-up prompt that says "Would you like anything else today?", the user says "Yes." Amazon Lex
returns a 400 Bad Request exception because it doesn't have a clarification prompt to send to the user
to get an intent.
• When using an AWS Lambda function, you return an ElicitIntent dialog type. Because Amazon Lex doesn't have a clarification prompt to get an intent from the user, it returns a 400 Bad Request exception.

• When using the PutSession operation, you send an ElicitIntent dialog type. Because Amazon Lex doesn't have a clarification prompt to get an intent from the user, it returns a 400 Bad Request exception.

Using a Lambda Function With a Fallback Intent

When a fallback intent is invoked, the response depends on the setting of the fulfillmentActivity parameter to the PutIntent (p. 343) operation. The bot does one of the following:

• Returns the intent information to the client application.
• Calls the fulfillment Lambda function. It calls the function with the session variables that are set for the session.

For more information about setting the response when a fallback intent is invoked, see the fulfillmentActivity parameter of the PutIntent (p. 343) operation.

If you use the fulfillment Lambda function in your fallback intent, you can use this function to call another intent or to perform some form of communication with the user, such as collecting a callback number or opening a session with a customer service representative.

You can perform any action in a fallback intent Lambda function that you can perform in the fulfillment function for any other intent. For more information about creating a fulfillment function using AWS Lambda, see Using Lambda Functions (p. 120).

A fallback intent can be invoked multiple times in the same session. For example, suppose that your Lambda function uses the ElicitIntent dialog action to prompt the user for a different intent. If Amazon Lex can't infer the user's intent after the configured number of tries, it invokes the fallback intent again. It also invokes the fallback intent when the user doesn't respond with a valid slot value after the configured number of tries.

You can configure a Lambda function to keep track of the number of times that the fallback intent is called using a session variable. Your Lambda function can take a different action if it is called more times than the threshold that you set in your Lambda function. For more information about session variables, see Setting Session Attributes (p. 20).

Built-in Slot Types

Amazon Lex supports built-in slot types from the Alexa Skills Kit. You can create slots of these types in your intents. This eliminates the need to create enumeration values for commonly used slot data such as date, time, and location. Built-in slot types do not have versions.

For a list of available built-in slot types, see the Slot Type Reference in the Alexa Skills Kit documentation.

Note

• Amazon Lex doesn't support the AMAZON.LITERAL or the AMAZON.SearchQuery built-in slot types.
• Amazon Lex extends the AMAZON.NUMBER and AMAZON.TIME slot types. See below for more information.

In addition to the Alexa Skills Kit slot types, Amazon Lex supports the following built-in slot types. Slot types marked "Developer Preview" are in preview and might change.
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When used with Amazon Lex, the following slot types extend the Alexa Skill Kit slot type.

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<td>AMAZON.TIME (p. 41)</td>
<td>Converts words that indicate times into a time format</td>
<td>English (US)</td>
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### Alexa Skills Kit Slot Types

You can use any of the slot types from the Alexa Skills Kit in your Amazon Lex bots. To use one of the slot types, specify the slot type name in the console or in a call to the `PutIntent` operation. For a list of available built-in slot types, see Slot Type Reference in the Alexa Skills Kit.

**Note**

Amazon Lex doesn't support the AMAZON.LITERAL or the AMAZON.SearchQuery built-in slot types.

**AMAZON.AlphaNumeric**

Recognizes strings made up of letters and numbers, such as APQ123.
You can use the AMAZON.AlphaNumeric slot type for strings that contain:

- Alphabetical characters, such as ABC
- Numeric characters, such as 123
- A combination of alphanumeric characters, such as ABC123

You can add a regular expression to the AMAZON.AlphaNumeric slot type to validate values entered for the slot. For example, you can use a regular expression to validate:

- United Kingdom or Canadian postal codes
- Driver's license numbers
- Vehicle identification numbers

Use a standard regular expression. Amazon Lex supports the following characters in the regular expression:

- A-Z, a-z
- 0-9

Amazon Lex also supports Unicode characters in regular expressions. The form is \uUnicode. Use four digits to represent Unicode characters. For example, [\u0041-\u005A] is equivalent to [A-Z].

The following regular expression operators are not supported:

- Infinite repeaters: *, +, or {x,} with no upper bound.
- Wild card (.)

The maximum length of the regular expression is 100 characters. The maximum length of a string stored in an AMAZON.AlphaNumeric slot type that uses a regular expression is 30 characters.

The following are some example regular expressions.

- Alphanumeric strings, such as APQ123 or APQ1: [A-Z]{3}[0-9]{1,3} or a more constrained [A-\DP-\T]{3} [1-5]{1,3}
- US Postal Service Priority Mail International format, such as CP123456789US: CP[0-9]{9}US
- Bank routing numbers, such as 123456789: [0-9]{9}

To set the regular expression for a slot type, use the console or the PutSlotType (p. 353) operation. The regular expression is validated when you save the slot type. If the expression isn't valid, Amazon Lex returns an error message.

When you use a regular expression in a slot type, Amazon Lex checks input to slots of that type against the regular expression. If the input matches the expression, the value is accepted for the slot. If the input does not match, Amazon Lex prompts the user to repeat the input.

**AMAZON.EmailAddress**

This slot type is in preview release for Amazon Lex and is subject to change.

Recognizes words that represent an email address provided as username@domain. Addresses can include the following special characters in a user name: underscore (_), hyphen (-), period (.), and the plus sign (+).
AMAZON.NUMBER

This slot type is in preview release for Amazon Lex and is subject to change.

Converts numeric words into digits.

Amazon Lex extends the AMAZON.NUMBER slot type to convert words or numbers that express a number into digits, including decimal numbers. The following table shows how the AMAZON.NUMBER slot type captures numeric words.

<table>
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<th>Input</th>
<th>Response</th>
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<tr>
<td>one hundred twenty three point four five</td>
<td>123.45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>one hundred twenty three dot four five</td>
<td>123.45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>point four two</td>
<td>0.42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>point forty two</td>
<td>0.42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>232.998</td>
<td>232.998</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>50</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

AMAZON.Percentage

This slot type is in preview release for Amazon Lex and is subject to change.

Converts words and symbols that represent a percentage into a numeric value with a percent sign (%).

If the user enters a number without a percent sign or the word "percent," the slot value is set to the number. The following table shows how the AMAZON.Percentage slot type captures percentages.

<table>
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<tr>
<td>50 percent</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<tr>
<td>0.4percent</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23.5%</td>
<td>23.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>25</td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

AMAZON.PhoneNumber

This slot type is in preview release for Amazon Lex and is subject to change.

Converts the numbers or words that represent a phone number into a string format without punctuation as follows.
**Note**
Only U.S. phone numbers are supported.

<table>
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<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>International number with leading plus (+) sign</td>
<td>11-digit number with leading plus sign.</td>
<td>+1 509 555-1212</td>
<td>+15095551212</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>International number without leading plus (+) sign</td>
<td>11-digit number without leading plus sign</td>
<td>1 (509) 555-1212</td>
<td>15095551212</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National number</td>
<td>10-digit number without international code</td>
<td>(509) 555-1212</td>
<td>5095551212</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Local number</td>
<td>7-digit phone number without an international code or an area code</td>
<td>555-1212</td>
<td>5551212</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**AMAZON.SpeedUnit**

This slot type is in preview release for Amazon Lex and is subject to change.

Converts words that represent speed units into the corresponding abbreviation.

For example, "miles per hour" is converted to mph.

The following examples show how the AMAZON.SpeedUnit slot type captures speed units.

<table>
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<th>Speed unit</th>
<th>Abbreviation</th>
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<tr>
<td>miles per hour, mph, MPH, m/h</td>
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<tr>
<td>kilometers per hour, km per hour, kmph, KMPH, km/h</td>
<td>kmph</td>
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<tr>
<td>meters per second, mps, MPS, m/s</td>
<td>mps</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nautical miles per hour, knots, knot</td>
<td>knot</td>
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</table>

**AMAZON.TIME**

Converts words that represent times into time values.

Amazon Lex extends the AMAZON.TIME slot type to include resolutions for ambiguous times. When a user enters an ambiguous time, Amazon Lex uses the `slotDetails` attribute of a Lambda event to pass resolutions for the ambiguous times to your Lambda function. For example, if your bot prompts the user for a delivery time, the user can respond by saying "10 o'clock." This time is ambiguous. It means either
10:00 AM or 10:00 PM. In this case, the value in the slots map is null, and the slotDetails entity contains the two possible resolutions of the time. Amazon Lex inputs the following into the Lambda function:

```json
"slots": {
  "deliveryTime": null
},
"slotDetails": {
  "deliveryTime": {
    "resolutions": [
      {
        "value": "10:00"
      },
      {
        "value": "22:00"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

When the user responds with an unambiguous time, Amazon Lex sends the time to your Lambda function in the slots attribute of the Lambda event and the slotDetails attribute is empty. For example, if your user responds to the prompt for a delivery time with "10:00 PM," Amazon Lex inputs the following into the Lambda function:

```json
"slots": {
  "deliveryTime": "22:00"
}
```

For more information about the data sent from Amazon Lex to a Lambda function, see Input Event Format (p. 120).

**AMAZON.WeightUnit**

This slot type is in preview release for Amazon Lex and is subject to change.

Converts words that represent a weight unit into the corresponding abbreviation. For example, "kilogram" is converted to kg.

The following examples show how the AMAZON.WeightUnit slot type captures weight units:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Weight unit</th>
<th>Abbreviation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>kilograms, kilos, kgs, KGS</td>
<td>kg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>grams, gms, gm, GMS, g</td>
<td>g</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>milligrams, mg, mgs</td>
<td>mg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pounds, lbs, LBS</td>
<td>lbs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ounces, oz, OZ</td>
<td>oz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tonne, ton, t</td>
<td>t</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kiloton, kt</td>
<td>kt</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Custom Slot Types

For each intent, you can specify parameters that indicate the information that the intent needs to fulfill the user's request. These parameters, or slots, have a type. A slot type is a list of values that Amazon Lex uses to train the machine learning model to recognize values for a slot. For example, you can define a slot type called “Genres.” Each value in the slot type is the name of a genre, “comedy,” “adventure,” “documentary,” etc. You can define a synonym for a slot type value. For example, you can define the synonyms “funny” and “humorous” for the value “comedy.”

You can configure the slot type to restrict resolution to the slot values. The slot values will be used as an enumeration and the value entered by the user will be resolved to the slot value only if it is the same as one of the slot values or a synonym. A synonym is resolved to the corresponding slot value. For example, if the user enters “funny” it will resolve to the slot value “comedy.”

Alternately, you can configure the slot type to expand the values. Slot values will be used as training data and the slot is resolved to the value provided by the user if it is similar to the slot values and synonyms. This is the default behavior.

Amazon Lex maintains a list of possible resolutions for a slot. Each entry in the list provides a resolution value that Amazon Lex recognized as additional possibilities for the slot. A resolution value is the best effort to match the slot value. The list contains up to five values.

When the value entered by the user is a synonym, the first entry in the list of resolution values is the slot type value. For example, if the user enters “funny,” the slots field contains “funny” and the first entry in the slotDetails field is “comedy.” You can configure the valueSelectionStrategy when you create or update a slot type with the PutSlotType (p. 353) operation so that the slot value is filled with the first value in the resolution list.

If you are using a Lambda function, the input event to the function includes a resolution list called slotDetails. The following example shows the slot and slot details section of the input to a Lambda function:

```json
"slots": {
  "MovieGenre": "funny",
},
"slotDetails": {
  "Movie": {
    "resolutions": [
      "value": "comedy"
    ]
  }
}
```

For each slot type, you can define a maximum of 10,000 values and synonyms. Each bot can have a total number of 50,000 slot type values and synonyms. For example, you can have 5 slot types, each with 5,000 values and 5,000 synonyms, or you can have 10 slot types, each with 2,500 values and 2,500 synonyms. If you exceed these limits, you will get a LimitExceededException when you call the PutBot (p. 329) operation.

Slot Obfuscation

Amazon Lex enables you to obfuscate, or hide, the contents of slots so that the content is not visible. To protect sensitive data captured as slot values, you can enable slot obfuscation to mask those values for logging.
When you choose to obfuscate slot values, Amazon Lex replaces the value of the slot with the name of the slot in conversation logs. For a slot called `full_name`, the value of the slot would be obfuscated as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Before:</th>
<th>My name is John Stiles</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>After:</td>
<td>My name is <code>{full_name}</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If an utterance contains bracket characters (`{}`) Amazon Lex escapes the bracket characters with two backslashes (`\`). For example, the text `{John Stiles}` is obfuscated as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Before:</th>
<th>My name is <code>{John Stiles}</code></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>After:</td>
<td>My name is <code>\{{full_name}\}</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Slot values are obfuscated in conversation logs. The slot values are still available in the response from the `PostContent` and `PostText` operations, and the slot values are available to your validation and fulfillment Lambda functions. If you are using slot values in your prompts or responses, those slot values are not obfuscated in conversation logs.

In the first turn of a conversation, Amazon Lex obfuscates slot values if it recognizes a slot and slot value in the utterance. If no slot value is recognized, Amazon Lex does not obfuscate the utterance.

On the second and later turns, Amazon Lex knows the slot to elicit and if the slot value should be obfuscated. If Amazon Lex recognizes the slot value, the value is obfuscated. If Amazon Lex does not recognize a value, the entire utterance is obfuscated. Any slot values in missed utterances won’t be obfuscated.

Amazon Lex also doesn’t obfuscate slot values that you store in request or session attributes. If you are storing slot values that should be obfuscated as an attribute, you must encrypt or otherwise obfuscate the value.

Amazon Lex doesn’t obfuscate the slot value in audio. It does obfuscate the slot value in the audio transcription.

You don’t need to obfuscate all of the slots in a bot. You can choose which slots obfuscate using the console or by using the Amazon Lex API. In the console, choose **Slot obfuscation** in the settings for a slot. If you are using the API, set the `obfuscationSetting` field of the slot to `DEFAULT_OBFUSCATION` when you call the `PutIntent` operation.

### Sentiment Analysis

You can use sentiment analysis to determine the sentiments expressed in a user utterance. With the sentiment information you can manage conversation flow or perform post-call analysis. For example, if the user sentiment is negative you can create a flow to hand over a conversation to a human agent.

Amazon Lex integrates with Amazon Comprehend to detect user sentiment. The response from Amazon Comprehend indicates whether the overall sentiment of the text is positive, neutral, negative, or mixed. The response contains the most likely sentiment for the user utterance and the scores for each of the sentiment categories. The score represents the likelihood that the sentiment was correctly detected.

You enable sentiment analysis for a bot using the console or by using the Amazon Lex API. In the Amazon Lex console, choose the **Settings** tab for your bot, then set the **Sentiment Analysis** option to
Yes. If you are using the API, call the `PutBot` (p. 329) operation with the `detectSentiment` field set to `true`.

When sentiment analysis is enabled, the response from the `PostContent` (p. 373) and `PostText` (p. 381) operations return a field called `sentimentResponse` in the bot response with other metadata. The `sentimentResponse` field has two fields, `SentimentLabel` and `SentimentScore`, that contain the result of the sentiment analysis. If you are using a Lambda function, the `sentimentResponse` field is included in the event data sent to your function.

The following is an example of the `sentimentResponse` field returned as part of the `PostText` or `PostContent` response.

```
{
  "SentimentScore": {
    "Mixed": 0.030585512690826105,
    "Positive": 0.94992071056365967,
    "Neutral": 0.0141543131828308,
    "Negative": 0.00893945890665054
  },
  "SentimentLabel": "POSITIVE"
}
```

Amazon Lex calls Amazon Comprehend on your behalf to determine the sentiment in every utterance processed by the bot. By enabling sentiment analysis, you agree to the service terms and agreements for Amazon Comprehend. For more information about pricing for Amazon Comprehend, see [Amazon Comprehend Pricing](#).

For more information about how Amazon Comprehend sentiment analysis works, see [Determine the Sentiment](#) in the [Amazon Comprehend Developer Guide](#).

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### Tagging Your Amazon Lex Resources

To help you manage your Amazon Lex bots, bot aliases, and bot channels, you can assign metadata to each resource as *tags*. A tag is a label that you assign to an AWS resource. Each tag consists of a key and a value.

Tags enable you to categorize your AWS resources in different ways, for example, by purpose, owner, or application. Tags help you to:

- Identify and organize your AWS resources. Many AWS resources support tagging, so you can assign the same tag to resources in different services to indicate that the resources are related. For example, you can tag a bot and the Lambda functions that it uses with the same tag.
- Allocate costs. You activate tags on the AWS Billing and Cost Management dashboard. AWS uses the tags to categorize your costs and deliver a monthly cost allocation report to you. For Amazon Lex, you can allocate costs for each alias using tags specific to the alias, except for the `$LATEST` alias. You allocate costs for the `$LATEST` alias using tags for your Amazon Lex bot. For more information, see [Use Cost Allocation Tags](#) in the [AWS Billing and Cost Management User Guide](#).
- Control access to your resources. You can use tags to Amazon Lex to create policies to control access to Amazon Lex resources. These policies can be attached to an IAM role or user to enable tag-based access control. For more information, see [Authorization Based on Amazon Lex Tags](p. 203). To view an example identity-based policy for limiting access to a resource based on the tags on that resource, see [Example: Use a Tag to Access a Resource](p. 210).

You can work with tags using the AWS Management Console, the AWS Command Line Interface, or the Amazon Lex API.
Tagging Your Resources

If you are using the Amazon Lex console, you can tag resources when you create them, or you can add the tags later. You can also use the console to update or remove existing tags.

If you are using the AWS CLI or the Amazon Lex API, you use the following operations to manage tags for your resources:

- ListTagsForResource (p. 327) – view the tags associated with a resource.
- PutBot (p. 329) and PutBotAlias (p. 338) – apply tags when you create a bot or a bot alias.
- TagResource (p. 363) – add and modify tags on an existing resource.
- UntagResource (p. 365) – remove tags from a resource.

The following resources in Amazon Lex support tagging:

- Bots - use an Amazon Resource Name (ARN) like the following:
  
  `arn:$partition:lex:$region:$account:bot:$bot-name`

- Bot aliases - use an ARN like the following:
  

- Bot channels - use an ARN like the following:
  
  `arn:$partition:lex:$region:$account:bot-channel:$bot-name:$bot-alias:$channel-name`

Tag Restrictions

The following basic restrictions apply to tags on Amazon Lex resources:

- Maximum number of tags - 50
- Maximum key length – 128 characters
- Maximum value length – 256 characters
- Valid characters for key and value – a-z, A-Z, 0-9, space, and the following characters: _ . : / = + - and @
- Keys and values are case sensitive.
- Don’t use `aws:` as a prefix for keys; it’s reserved for AWS use.

Tagging Resources (Console)

You can use the console to manage tags on a bot, a bot alias, or a bot channel resource. You can add tags when you create a resource, or you can add, modify, or remove tags from existing resources.

To add a tag when you create a bot

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. Choose Create to create a new bot.
3. At the bottom of the Create your bot page, choose Tags.
4. Choose Add tag and add one or more tags to the bot. You can add up to 50 tags.
To add a tag when you create a bot alias
1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. Choose the bot that you want to add the bot alias to.
3. Choose Settings.
4. Add the alias name, choose the bot version, and then choose Add tags.
5. Choose Add tag and add one or more tags to the bot alias. You can add up to 50 tags.

To add a tag when you create a bot channel
1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. Choose the bot that you want to add the bot channel to.
3. Choose Channels and then choose the channel that you want to add.
4. Add the details for the bot channel, and then choose Tags.
5. Choose Add tag and add one or more tags to the bot channel. You can add up to 50 tags.

To add a tag when you import a bot
1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. Choose Actions and then choose Import.
3. Choose the zip file for importing the bot.
4. Choose Tags, then choose Add tag to add one or more tags to the bot. You can add up to 50 tags.

To add, remove, or modify a tag on an existing bot
1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. From the left menu, choose Bots and then choose the bot that you want to modify.
3. Choose Settings and then from the left menu choose General.
4. Choose Tags and then add, modify, or remove tags for the bot.

To add, remove, or modify a tag on a bot alias
1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. From the left menu, choose Bots and then choose the bot that you want to modify.
3. Choose Settings and then from the left menu choose Aliases.
4. Choose Manage tags for the alias that you want to modify, and then add, modify, or remove tags for the bot alias.

To add, remove, or modify a tag on an existing bot channel
1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. From the left menu, choose Bots and then choose the bot that you want to modify.
3. Choose **Channels**.
4. Choose **Tags** and then add, modify, or remove tags for the bot channel.

### Tagging Resources (AWS CLI)

You can use the AWS CLI to manage tags on a bot, a bot alias, or a bot channel resource. You can add tags when you create a bot or a bot alias, or you can add, modify, or remove tags from a bot, a bot alias, or a bot channel.

All of the examples are formatted for Linux and macOS. To use the command in Windows, replace the Linux continuation character (\) with a caret (^).

#### To add a tag when you create a bot

- The following abbreviated *put-bot* AWS CLI command shows the parameters that you must use to add a tag when you create a bot. To actually create a bot, you must supply other parameters. For more information, see Step 4: Getting Started (AWS CLI) (p. 91).

```bash
aws lex-models put-bot
   --tags '{
       "key": "key1", "value": "value1"},
       "key": "key2", "value": "value2"
}'
```

#### To add a tag when you create a bot alias

- The following abbreviated *put-bot-alias* AWS CLI command shows the parameters that you must use to add a tag when you create a bot alias. To actually create a bot alias, you must supply other parameters. For more information, see Exercise 5: Create an Alias (AWS CLI) (p. 114).

```bash
aws lex-models put-bot
   --tags '{
       "key": "key1", "value": "value1"},
       "key": "key2", "value": "value2"
}'
```

#### To list tags on a resource

- Use the *list-tags-for-resource* AWS CLI command to show the resources associated with a bot, bot alias, bot channel.

```bash
aws lex-models list-tags-for-resource
   --resource-arn bot, bot alias, or bot channel ARN
```

#### To add or modify tags on a resource

- Use the *tag-resource* AWS CLI command to add or modify a bot, bot alias, or bot channel.

```bash
aws lex-models tag-resource
   --resource-arn bot, bot alias, or bot channel ARN
   --tags '{
       "key": "key1", "value": "value1"},
       "key": "key2", "value": "value2"
}'
```

#### To remove tags from a resource

- Use the *untag-resource* AWS CLI command to remove tags from a bot, bot alias, or bot channel.
aws lex-models untag-resource \
  --resource-arn bot, bot alias, or bot channel ARN \
  --tag-keys '["key1", "key2"]'
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Amazon Lex provides API operations that you can integrate with your existing applications. For a list of supported operations, see the API Reference (p. 231). You can use any of the following options:

- AWS SDK — When using the SDKs your requests to Amazon Lex are automatically signed and authenticated using the credentials that you provide. This is the recommended choice for building your applications.
- AWS CLI — You can use the AWS CLI to access any Amazon Lex feature without having to write any code.
- AWS Console — The console is the easiest way to get started testing and using Amazon Lex.

If you are new to Amazon Lex, we recommend that you read Amazon Lex: How It Works (p. 3). first.

Topics
- Step 1: Set Up an AWS Account and Create an Administrator User (p. 50)
- Step 2: Set Up the AWS Command Line Interface (p. 51)
- Step 3: Getting Started (Console) (p. 52)
- Step 4: Getting Started (AWS CLI) (p. 91)

Step 1: Set Up an AWS Account and Create an Administrator User

Before you use Amazon Lex for the first time, complete the following tasks:

1. Sign Up for AWS (p. 50)
2. Create an IAM User (p. 51)

Sign Up for AWS

If you already have an AWS account, skip this task.

When you sign up for Amazon Web Services (AWS), your AWS account is automatically signed up for all services in AWS, including Amazon Lex. You are charged only for the services that you use.

With Amazon Lex, you pay only for the resources that you use. If you are a new AWS customer, you can get started with Amazon Lex for free. For more information, see AWS Free Usage Tier.

If you already have an AWS account, skip to the next task. If you don’t have an AWS account, use the following procedure to create one.

To create an AWS account

2. Follow the online instructions.
Part of the sign-up procedure involves receiving a phone call and entering a verification code on the phone keypad.

Write down your AWS account ID because you'll need it for the next task.

**Create an IAM User**

Services in AWS, such as Amazon Lex, require that you provide credentials when you access them so that the service can determine whether you have permissions to access the resources owned by that service. The console requires your password. You can create access keys for your AWS account to access the AWS CLI or API.

However, we don't recommend that you access AWS using the credentials for your AWS account. Instead, we recommend that you:

- Use AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) to create an IAM user
- Add the user to an IAM group with administrative permissions
- Grant administrative permissions to the IAM user that you created.

You can then access AWS using a special URL and the IAM user's credentials.

The Getting Started exercises in this guide assume that you have a user (adminuser) with administrator privileges. Follow the procedure to create adminuser in your account.

**To create an administrator user and sign in to the console**

1. Create an administrator user called adminuser in your AWS account. For instructions, see Creating Your First IAM User and Administrators Group in the IAM User Guide.
2. As a user, you can sign in to the AWS Management Console using a special URL. For more information, How Users Sign In to Your Account in the IAM User Guide.

For more information about IAM, see the following:

- AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)
- Getting Started
- IAM User Guide

**Next Step**

Step 2: Set Up the AWS Command Line Interface  (p. 51)

**Step 2: Set Up the AWS Command Line Interface**

If you prefer to use Amazon Lex with the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI), download and configure it.

**Important**

You don't need the AWS CLI to perform the steps in the Getting Started exercises. However, some of the later exercises in this guide use the AWS CLI. If you prefer to start by using the console, skip this step and go to Step 3: Getting Started (Console) (p. 52). Later, when you need the AWS CLI, return here to set it up.
To set up the AWS CLI

1. Download and configure the AWS CLI. For instructions, see the following topics in the AWS Command Line Interface User Guide:
   - Getting Set Up with the AWS Command Line Interface
   - Configuring the AWS Command Line Interface

2. Add a named profile for the administrator user to the end of the AWS CLI config file. You use this profile when executing AWS CLI commands. For more information about named profiles, see Named Profiles in the AWS Command Line Interface User Guide.

   ```
   [profile adminuser]
   aws_access_key_id = adminuser access key ID
   aws_secret_access_key = adminuser secret access key
   region = aws-region
   ```

   For a list of available AWS Regions, see Regions and Endpoints in the Amazon Web Services General Reference.

3. Verify the setup by typing the Help command at the command prompt:

   ```
   aws help
   ```

Step 3: Getting Started (Console) (p. 52)

Step 3: Getting Started (Console)

The easiest way to learn how to use Amazon Lex is by using the console. To get you started, we created the following exercises, all of which use the console:

- Exercise 1 — Create an Amazon Lex bot using a blueprint, a predefined bot that provides all of the necessary bot configuration. You do only a minimum of work to test the end-to-end setup.

  In addition, you use the Lambda function blueprint, provided by AWS Lambda, to create a Lambda function. The function is a code hook that uses predefined code that is compatible with your bot.

- Exercise 2 — Create a custom bot by manually creating and configuring a bot. You also create a Lambda function as a code hook. Sample code is provided.

- Exercise 3 — Publish a bot, and then create a new version of it. As part of this exercise you create an alias that points to the bot version.

Topics
- Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52)
- Exercise 2: Create a Custom Amazon Lex Bot (p. 79)
- Exercise 3: Publish a Version and Create an Alias (p. 90)

Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console)

In this exercise, you do the following:
• Create your first Amazon Lex bot, and test it in the Amazon Lex console.

For this exercise, you use the **OrderFlowers** blueprint. For information about blueprints, see Amazon Lex and AWS Lambda Blueprints (p. 128).

• Create an AWS Lambda function and test it in the Lambda console. While processing a request, your bot calls this Lambda function. For this exercise, you use a Lambda blueprint (**lex-order-flowers-python**) provided in the AWS Lambda console to create your Lambda function. The blueprint code illustrates how you can use the same Lambda function to perform initialization and validation, and to fulfill the OrderFlowers intent.

• Update the bot to add the Lambda function as the code hook to fulfill the intent. Test the end-to-end experience.

The following sections explain what the blueprints do.

**Amazon Lex Bot: Blueprint Overview**

You use the **OrderFlowers** blueprint to create an Amazon Lex bot. For more information about the structure of a bot, see Amazon Lex: How It Works (p. 3). The bot is preconfigured as follows:

- **Intent** – OrderFlowers
- **Slot types** – One custom slot type called FlowerTypes with enumeration values: roses, lilies, and tulips.
- **Slots** – The intent requires the following information (that is, slots) before the bot can fulfill the intent.
  - PickupTime (AMAZON.TIME built-in type)
  - FlowerType (FlowerTypes custom type)
  - PickupDate (AMAZON.DATE built-in type)
- **Utterance** – The following sample utterances indicate the user's intent:
  - "I would like to pick up flowers."
  - "I would like to order some flowers."
- **Prompts** – After the bot identifies the intent, it uses the following prompts to fill the slots:
  - Prompt for the FlowerType slot – "What type of flowers would you like to order?"
  - Prompt for the PickupDate slot – "What day do you want the {FlowerType} to be picked up?"
  - Prompt for the PickupTime slot – "At what time do you want the {FlowerType} to be picked up?"
  - Confirmation statement – "Okay, your {FlowerType} will be ready for pickup by {PickupTime} on {PickupDate}. Does this sound okay?"

**AWS Lambda Function: Blueprint Summary**

The Lambda function in this exercise performs both initialization and validation and fulfillment tasks. Therefore, after creating the Lambda function, you update the intent configuration by specifying the same Lambda function as a code hook to handle both the initialization and validation and fulfillment tasks.

- As an initialization and validation code hook, the Lambda function performs basic validation. For example, if the user provides a time for pickup that is outside of normal business hours, the Lambda function directs Amazon Lex to re-prompt the user for the time.
- As part of the fulfillment code hook, the Lambda function returns a summary message indicating that the flower order has been placed (that is, the intent is fulfilled).
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Step 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot (Console) (p. 54)

Step 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot (Console)

For this exercise, create a bot for ordering flowers, called OrderFlowersBot.

To create an Amazon Lex bot (console)

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. If this is your first bot, choose Get Started; otherwise, on the Bots page, choose Create.
3. On the Create your Lex bot page, provide the following information, and then choose Create.
   - Choose the OrderFlowers blueprint.
   - Leave the default bot name (OrderFlowers).
   - For COPPA, choose No.
4. Choose Create. The console makes the necessary requests to Amazon Lex to save the configuration. The console then displays the bot editor window.
5. Wait for confirmation that your bot was built.
6. Test the bot.

Note
You can test the bot by typing text into the test window, or, for compatible browsers, by choosing the microphone button in the test window and speaking.

Use the following example text to engage in conversation with the bot to order flowers:
From this input, the bot infers the OrderFlowers intent and prompts for slot data. When you provide all of the required slot data, the bot fulfills the intent (OrderFlowers) by returning all of the information to the client application (in this case, the console). The console shows the information in the test window.

Specifically:

- In the statement "What day do you want the roses to be picked up?," the term "roses" appears because the prompt for the pickupDate slot is configured using substitutions, {FlowerType}. Verify this in the console.
- The "Okay, your roses will be ready..." statement is the confirmation prompt that you configured.
- The last statement ("FlowerType: roses...") is just the slot data that is returned to the client, in this case, in the test window. In the next exercise, you use a Lambda function to fulfill the intent, in which case you get a message indicating that the order is fulfilled.

Next Step

Step 2 (Optional): Review the Details of Information Flow (Console) (p. 56)
Step 2 (Optional): Review the Details of Information Flow (Console)

This section explains the flow of information between a client and Amazon Lex for each user input in our example conversation.

To see the flow of information for spoken or typed content, choose the appropriate topic.

Topics
- Step 2a (Optional): Review the Details of the Spoken Information Flow (Console) (p. 56)
- Step 2b (Optional): Review the Details of the Typed Information Flow (Console) (p. 60)

Step 2a (Optional): Review the Details of the Spoken Information Flow (Console)

This section explains the flow of information between the client and Amazon Lex when the client uses speech to send requests. For more information, see PostContent (p. 373).

1. The user says: I would like to order some flowers.
   a. The client (console) sends the following PostContent (p. 373) request to Amazon Lex:

      POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/4o9wwdhx6nlheferh6a73fujd3118f5w/content HTTP/1.1
      x-amz-lex-session-attributes: "e30="
      Content-Type: "audio/x-l16; sample-rate=16000; channel-count=1"
      Accept: "audio/mpeg"

      Request body
      input stream

Both the request URI and the body provide information to Amazon Lex:

- Request URI – Provides the bot name (OrderFlowers), bot alias ($LATEST), and the user name (a random string that identifies the user). content indicates that this is a PostContent API request (not a PostText request).
- Request headers
  - x-amz-lex-session-attributes – The base64-encoded value represents "[]". When the client makes the first request, there are no session attributes.
  - Content-Type – Reflects the audio format.
- Request body – The user input audio stream ("I would like to order some flowers.").

Note
If the user chooses to send text ("I would like to order some flowers") to the PostContent API instead of speaking, the request body is the user input. The Content-Type header is set accordingly:

      POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/4o9wwdhx6nlheferh6a73fujd3118f5w/content HTTP/1.1
      x-amz-lex-session-attributes: "e30="
      Content-Type: "text/plain; charset=utf-8"
      Accept: accept

      Request body
      input stream
b. From the input stream, Amazon Lex detects the intent (OrderFlowers). It then chooses one of the intent's slots (in this case, the FlowerType) and one of its value elicitation prompts, and then sends a response with the following headers:

```
x-amz-lex-dialog-state:ElicitSlot
x-amz-lex-input-transcript:I would like to order some flowers.
x-amz-lex-intent-name:OrderFlowers
x-amz-lex-message:What type of flowers would you like to order?
x-amz-lex-slot-to-elicit:FlowerType
x-amz-lex-slots:eyJQaWNrdXBUaW1lIjpudWxsLCJGbG93ZXJUeXBlIjpudWxsLCJQaWNrdXBEYXRlIjpudWxsQ==
```

The header values provide the following information:

- **x-amz-lex-input-transcript** – Provides the transcript of the audio (user input) from the request
- **x-amz-lex-message** – Provides the transcript of the audio Amazon Lex returned in the response
- **x-amz-lex-slots** – The base64 encoded version of the slots and values:

```
{"PickupTime":null,"FlowerType":null,"PickupDate":null}
```
- **x-amz-lex-session-attributes** – The base64-encoded version of the session attributes ({}).

The client plays the audio in the response body.

2. The user says: roses

   a. The client (console) sends the following **PostContent (p. 373)** request to Amazon Lex:

```
POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/4o9wwdhx6nheferh6o73fujd3118f5w/content HTTP/1.1
x-amz-lex-session-attributes: "e30="
Content-Type: "audio/x-l16; sample-rate=16000; channel-count=1"
Accept: "audio/mpeg"
```

Request body

```
input stream ("roses")
```

The request body is the user input audio stream (roses). The sessionAttributes remains empty.

b. Amazon Lex interprets the input stream in the context of the current intent (it remembers that it had asked this user for information pertaining to the FlowerType slot). Amazon Lex first updates the slot value for the current intent. It then chooses another slot (PickupDate), along with one of its prompt messages (When do you want to pick up the roses?), and returns a response with the following headers:

```
x-amz-lex-dialog-state:ElicitSlot
x-amz-lex-input-transcript:roses
x-amz-lex-intent-name:OrderFlowers
x-amz-lex-message:When do you want to pick up the roses?
x-amz-lex-session-attributes:e30=
x-amz-lex-slot-to-elicit:PickupDate
```

The client plays the audio in the response body.
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The header values provide the following information:

- **x-amz-lex-slots** – The base64-encoded version of the slots and values:

  ```json
  {"PickupTime":null,"FlowerType":"roses","PickupDate":null}
  ```

- **x-amz-lex-session-attributes** – The base64-encoded version of the session attributes ({}).

The client plays the audio in the response body.

3. The user says: tomorrow

   a. The client (console) sends the following PostContent (p. 373) request to Amazon Lex:

   ```
   POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/4o9wwdhx6nlheferh6a73fujd3118f5w/content HTTP/1.1
   x-amz-lex-session-attributes: "e30="
   Content-Type: "audio/x-l16; sample-rate=16000; channel-count=1"
   Accept: "audio/mpeg"
   
   Request body
   input stream ("tomorrow")
   ```

   The request body is the user input audio stream ("tomorrow"). The sessionAttributes remains empty.

   b. Amazon Lex interprets the input stream in the context of the current intent (it remembers that it had asked this user for information pertaining to the PickupDate slot). Amazon Lex updates the slot (PickupDate) value for the current intent. It then chooses another slot to elicit value for (PickupTime) and one of the value elicitation prompts (When do you want to pick up the roses on 2017-03-18?), and returns a response with the following headers:

   ```
   x-amz-lex-dialog-state:ElicitSlot
   x-amz-lex-input-transcript:tomorrow
   x-amz-lex-intent-name:OrderFlowers
   x-amz-lex-message:When do you want to pick up the roses on 2017-03-18?
   x-amz-lex-session-attributes:e30=
   x-amz-lex-slot-to-elicit:PickupTime
   x-amz-lex-slots:eyJQaWNrdxBuW1lIjpwdWxsLCJGbG93ZXJUeXBlIjoicm9zaSdzIiwiUGlja3VwRGF0ZSI6bnVsbH0=
   x-amzn-RequestId:3a205b70-0b69-11e7-b447-eb69face3e6f
   ```

   The header values provide the following information:

   - **x-amz-lex-slots** – The base64-encoded version of the slots and values:

     ```json
     {"PickupTime":null,"FlowerType":"roses","PickupDate":"2017-03-18"}
     ```

   - **x-amz-lex-session-attributes** – The base64-encoded version of the session attributes ({}).

   The client plays the audio in the response body.

4. The user says: 6 pm
a. The client (console) sends the following PostContent (p. 373) request to Amazon Lex:

```
POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/4o9wwdhx6nlheferh6a73fujd3118f5w/content HTTP/1.1
x-amz-lex-session-attributes: "e30="
Content-Type: "text/plain; charset=utf-8"
Accept: "audio/mpeg"

Request body
input stream ("6 pm")
```

The request body is the user input audio stream ("6 pm"). The sessionAttributes remains empty.

b. Amazon Lex interprets the input stream in the context of the current intent (it remembers that it had asked this user for information pertaining to the PickupTime slot). It first updates the slot value for the current intent.

Now Amazon Lex detects that it has information for all of the slots. However, the OrderFlowers intent is configured with a confirmation message. Therefore, Amazon Lex needs an explicit confirmation from the user before it can proceed to fulfill the intent. It sends a response with the following headers requesting confirmation before ordering the flowers:

```
x-amz-lex-dialog-state:ConfirmIntent
x-amz-lex-input-transcript:six p. m.
x-amz-lex-intent-name:OrderFlowers
x-amz-lex-message:Okay, your roses will be ready for pickup by 18:00 on 2017-03-18. Does this sound okay?
x-amz-lex-sessions-attributes:e30=
x-amz-lex-slots:eyJQaWNrdXBUaW1lIjoiMTg6MDAiLCJGbG93ZXJUeXBlIjoicm9zaSdzIiwiUGlja3VwRGF0ZSI6IjIwMTctMDQtMTgifQ==
x-amzn-RequestId:083ca360-0b6a-11e7-b447-eb69face3e6f
```

The header values provide the following information:

- x-amz-lex-slots – The base64-encoded version of the slots and values:

```
{"PickupTime":"18:00","FlowerType":"roses","PickupDate":"2017-03-18"}
```

- x-amz-lex-session-attributes – The base64-encoded version of the session attributes ({}),

The client plays the audio in the response body.

5. The user says: Yes

a. The client (console) sends the following PostContent (p. 373) request to Amazon Lex:

```
POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/4o9wwdhx6nlheferh6a73fujd3118f5w/content HTTP/1.1
x-amz-lex-session-attributes: "e30="
Content-Type: "audio/x-l16; sample-rate=16000; channel-count=1"
Accept: "audio/mpeg"

Request body
input stream ("Yes")
```
The request body is the user input audio stream ("Yes"). The sessionAttributes remains empty.

b. Amazon Lex interprets the input stream and understands that the user want to proceed with the order. The OrderFlowers intent is configured with ReturnIntent as the fulfillment activity. This directs Amazon Lex to return all of the intent data to the client. Amazon Lex returns a response with following:

```plaintext
x-amz-lex-dialog-state:ReadyForFulfillment
x-amz-lex-input-transcript:yes
x-amz-lex-intent-name:OrderFlowers
x-amz-lex-session-attributes:e30=
slots:eyJQaWNrdXBUaW1lIjoiMTg6MDAiLCJGbG93ZXJUeXBlIjoicm9zaSzidzIiwiaGlja3VvRGF0ZSI6IjIi
```

The x-amz-lex-dialog-state response header is set to ReadyForFulfillment. The client can then fulfill the intent.

6. Now, retest the bot. To establish a new (user) context, choose the Clear link in the console. Provide data for the OrderFlowers intent, and include some invalid data. For example:

- Jasmine as the flower type (it is not one of the supported flower types)
- Yesterday as the day when you want to pick up the flowers

Notice that the bot accepts these values because you don't have any code to initialize and validate the user data. In the next section, you add a Lambda function to do this. Note the following about the Lambda function:

- It validates slot data after every user input. It fulfills the intent at the end. That is, the bot processes the flower order and returns a message to the user instead of simply returning slot data to the client. For more information, see Using Lambda Functions (p. 120).
- It also sets the session attributes. For more information about session attributes, see PostText (p. 381).

After you complete the Getting Started section, you can do the additional exercises (Additional Examples: Creating Amazon Lex Bots (p. 150)). Example Bot: BookTrip (p. 168) uses session attributes to share cross-intent information to engage in a dynamic conversation with the user.

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Step 2b (Optional): Review the Details of the Typed Information Flow (Console)

This section explains flow of information between client and Amazon Lex in which the client uses the PostText API to send requests. For more information, see PostText (p. 381).

1. User types: I would like to order some flowers

   a. The client (console) sends the following PostText (p. 381) request to Amazon Lex:

```plaintext
POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/4o9wwdhx6nlheferh6073fujd3118f5w/text
"Content-Type":"application/json"
"Content-Encoding":"amz-1.0"
{
    "inputText": "I would like to order some flowers",
    "sessionAttributes": {}
}
```
Both the request URI and the body provide information to Amazon Lex:

- Request URI – Provides bot name (OrderFlowers), bot alias ($LATEST), and user name (a random string identifying the user). The trailing text indicates that it is a PostText API request (and not PostContent).
- Request body – Includes the user input (inputText) and empty sessionAttributes. When the client makes the first request, there are no session attributes. The Lambda function initiates them later.

b. From the inputText, Amazon Lex detects the intent (OrderFlowers). This intent does not have any code hooks (that is, the Lambda functions) for initialization and validation of user input or fulfillment.

Amazon Lex chooses one of the intent's slots (FlowerType) to elicit the value. It also selects one of the value-elicitation prompts for the slot (all part of the intent configuration), and then sends the following response back to the client. The console displays the message in the response to the user.

The client displays the message in the response.

2. User types: roses
   a. The client (console) sends the following PostText (p. 381) request to Amazon Lex:

   ```json
   /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/4o9wwdhx6nlheferh6a73fujd3118f5w/text
   "Content-Type": "application/json"
   "Content-Encoding": "amz-1.0"
   
   {"inputText": "roses",
    "sessionAttributes": {}}
   ```

   The inputText in the request body provides user input. The sessionAttributes remains empty.
   b. Amazon Lex first interprets the inputText in the context of the current intent—the service remembers that it had asked the specific user for information about the FlowerType slot. Amazon Lex first updates the slot value for the current intent and chooses another slot.
(PickupDate) along with one of its prompt messages—What day do you want the roses to be picked up?—for the slot.

Then, Amazon Lex returns the following response:

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Headers</th>
<th>Cookies</th>
<th>Params</th>
<th>Response</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JSON</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dialogState: &quot;ElicitSlot&quot;</td>
<td>intentName: &quot;OrderFlowers&quot;</td>
<td>message: &quot;What day do you want the roses to be picked up?&quot;</td>
<td>responseCard: null</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sessionAttributes: Object</td>
<td>slotToElicit: &quot;PickupDate&quot;</td>
<td>slot: Object</td>
<td>FlowerTypes: &quot;roses&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PickupDate: null</td>
<td>PickupTime: null</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

The client displays the message in the response.

3. User types: tomorrow

a. The client (console) sends the following PostText (p. 381) request to Amazon Lex:

```
POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/4o9wwdhx6nlheferh6a73fujd3118f5w/text
"Content-Type":"application/json"
"Content-Encoding":"amz-1.0"
{
    "inputText": "tomorrow",
    "sessionAttributes": {} |
}
```

The inputText in the request body provides user input. The sessionAttributes remains empty.

b. Amazon Lex first interprets the inputText in the context of the current intent—the service remembers that it had asked the specific user for information about the PickupDate slot. Amazon Lex updates the slot (PickupDate) value for the current intent. It chooses another slot to elicit value for (PickupTime). It returns one of the value-elicitation prompts—Deliver the roses at what time on 2017-01-05?—to the client.

Amazon Lex then returns the following response:

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Headers</th>
<th>Cookies</th>
<th>Params</th>
<th>Response</th>
</tr>
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<td>JSON</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dialogState: &quot;ElicitSlot&quot;</td>
<td>intentName: &quot;OrderFlowers&quot;</td>
<td>message: &quot;Deliver the roses at what time on 2017-01-05&quot;</td>
<td>responseCard: null</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sessionAttributes: Object</td>
<td>slotToElicit: &quot;PickupTime&quot;</td>
<td>slot: Object</td>
<td>FlowerTypes: &quot;roses&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PickupDate: &quot;2017-01-05&quot;</td>
<td>PickupTime: null</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

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The client displays the message in the response.

4. User types: 6 pm
   a. The client (console) sends the following PostText (p. 381) request to Amazon Lex:

   ```json
   POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/4o9wwdhx6nlheferh6o73fujd3118f5w/text
   "Content-Type": "application/json"
   "Content-Encoding": "amz-1.0"
   {
       "inputText": "6 pm",
       "sessionAttributes": {}  
   }
   
   The inputText in the request body provides user input. The sessionAttributes remains empty.

   b. Amazon Lex first interprets the inputText in the context of the current intent—the service remembers that it had asked the specific user for information about the PickupTime slot. Amazon Lex first updates the slot value for the current intent. Now Amazon Lex detects that it has information for all the slots.

   The OrderFlowers intent is configured with a confirmation message. Therefore, Amazon Lex needs an explicit confirmation from the user before it can proceed to fulfill the intent. Amazon Lex sends the following message to the client requesting confirmation before ordering the flowers:

   The client displays the message in the response.

5. User types: Yes
   a. The client (console) sends the following PostText (p. 381) request to Amazon Lex:

   ```json
   POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/4o9wwdhx6nlheferh6o73fujd3118f5w/text
   "Content-Type": "application/json"
   "Content-Encoding": "amz-1.0"
   {
       "inputText": "Yes",
       "sessionAttributes": {}  
   }
   
   The inputText in the request body provides user input. The sessionAttributes remains empty.
b. Amazon Lex interprets the inputText in the context of confirming the current intent. It understands that the user want to proceed with the order. The OrderFlowers intent is configured with ReturnIntent as the fulfillment activity (there is no Lambda function to fulfill the intent). Therefore, Amazon Lex returns the slot data to the client.

Amazon Lex set the dialogState to ReadyForFulfillment. The client can then fulfill the intent.

6. Now test the bot again. To do that, you must choose the Clear link in the console to establish a new (user) context. Now as you provide data for the order flowers intent, try to provide invalid data. For example:

- Jasmine as the flower type (it is not one of the supported flower types).
- Yesterday as the day when you want to pick up the flowers.

Notice that the bot accepts these values because you don't have any code to initialize/validate user data. In the next section, you add a Lambda function to do this. Note the following about the Lambda function:

- The Lambda function validates slot data after every user input. It fulfills the intent at the end. That is, the bot processes the flowers order and returns a message to the user instead of simply returning slot data to the client. For more information, see Using Lambda Functions (p. 120).
- The Lambda function also sets the session attributes. For more information about session attributes, see PostText (p. 381).

After you complete the Getting Started section, you can do the additional exercises (Additional Examples: Creating Amazon Lex Bots (p. 150)). Example Bot: BookTrip (p. 168) uses session attributes to share cross-intent information to engage in a dynamic conversation with the user.

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Step 3: Create a Lambda Function (Console) (p. 64)

**Step 3: Create a Lambda Function (Console)**

Create a Lambda function (using the lex-order-flowers-python blueprint) and perform test invocation using sample event data in the AWS Lambda console.

You return to the Amazon Lex console and add the Lambda function as the code hook to fulfill the OrderFlowers intent in the OrderFlowersBot that you created in the preceding section.
To create the Lambda function (console)

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the AWS Lambda console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lambda/.
2. Choose Create function.
3. On the Create function page, choose Use a blueprint. Type lex- in the filter text box and then press Enter to find the blueprint, choose the lex-order-flowers-python blueprint.

Lambda function blueprints are provided in both Node.js and Python. For this exercise, use the Python-based blueprint.
4. On the Basic information page, do the following.
   - Type a Lambda function name (OrderFlowersCodeHook).
   - For the execution role, choose Create a new role with basic Lambda permissions.
   - Leave the other default values.
5. Choose Create function.
6. Test the Lambda function.
   a. Choose Select a test event, Configure test events.
   b. Choose Amazon Lex Order Flowers from the Event template list. This sample event matches the Amazon Lex request/response model (see Using Lambda Functions (p. 120)). Give the test event a name (LexOrderFlowersTest).
   c. Choose Create.
   d. Choose Test to test the code hook.
   e. Verify that the Lambda function successfully executed. The response in this case matches the Amazon Lex response model.

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Step 4: Add the Lambda Function as Code Hook (Console) (p. 65)

Step 4: Add the Lambda Function as Code Hook (Console)

In this section, you update the configuration of the OrderFlowers intent to use the Lambda function as follows:

- First use the Lambda function as a code hook to perform fulfillment of the OrderFlowers intent. You test the bot and verify that you received a fulfillment message from the Lambda function. Amazon Lex invokes the Lambda function only after you provide data for all the required slots for ordering flowers.
- Configure the same Lambda function as a code hook to perform initialization and validation. You test and verify that the Lambda function performs validation (as you provide slot data).

To add a Lambda function as a code hook (console)

1. In the Amazon Lex console, select the OrderFlowers bot. The console shows the OrderFlowers intent. Make sure that the intent version is set to $LATEST because this is the only version that we can modify.
2. Add the Lambda function as the fulfillment code hook and test it.
   a. In the Editor, choose AWS Lambda function as Fulfillment, and select the Lambda function that you created in the preceding step (OrderFlowersCodeHook). Choose OK to give Amazon Lex permission to invoke the Lambda function.
You are configuring this Lambda function as a code hook to fulfill the intent. Amazon Lex invokes this function only after it has all the necessary slot data from the user to fulfill the intent.

b. Specify a Goodbye message.
c. Choose Build.
d. Test the bot using the previous conversation.

The last statement "Thanks, your order for roses....." is a response from the Lambda function that you configured as a code hook. In the preceding section, there was no Lambda function. Now you are using a Lambda function to actually fulfill the OrderFlowers intent.

3. Add the Lambda function as an initialization and validation code hook, and test.

The sample Lambda function code that you are using can both perform user input validation and fulfillment. The input event the Lambda function receives has a field (invocationSource) that the code uses to determine what portion of the code to execute. For more information, see Lambda Function Input Event and Response Format (p. 120).

a. Select the $LATEST version of the OrderFlowers intent. That's is the only version that you can update.
b. In the Editor, choose Initialization and validation in Options.
c. Again, select the same Lambda function.
d. Choose Build.
e. Test the bot.

You are now ready to converse with Amazon Lex as follows. To test the validation portion, choose time 6 PM, and your Lambda function returns a response ("Our business hours are from 10 AM to 5 PM."), and prompts you again. After you provide all the valid slot data, the Lambda function fulfills the order.
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**Step 5 (Optional): Review the Details of the Information Flow (Console) (p. 67)**

**Step 5 (Optional): Review the Details of the Information Flow (Console)**

This section explains the flow of information between the client and Amazon Lex for each user input, including the integration of the Lambda function.

**Note**
The section assumes that the client sends requests to Amazon Lex using the `PostText` runtime API and shows request and response details accordingly. For an example of the information flow between the client and Amazon Lex in which client uses the `PostContent` API, see **Step 2a (Optional): Review the Details of the Spoken Information Flow (Console) (p. 56).**
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For more information about the PostText runtime API and additional details on the requests and responses shown in the following steps, see PostText (p. 381).

1. User: I would like to order some flowers.
   a. The client (console) sends the following PostText (p. 381) request to Amazon Lex:

   ```
   POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/ignw84y6seypre4xly5rimopuri2xwnd/text
   "Content-Type":"application/json"
   "Content-Encoding":"amz-1.0"
   {
      "inputText": "I would like to order some flowers",
      "sessionAttributes": {}
   }
   ```

   Both the request URI and the body provide information to Amazon Lex:
   
   • Request URI – Provides bot name (OrderFlowers), bot alias ($LATEST), and user name (a random string identifying the user). The trailing text indicates that it is a PostText API request (and not PostContent).
   
   • Request body – Includes the user input (inputText) and empty sessionAttributes. When the client makes the first request, there are no session attributes. The Lambda function initiates them later.
   
   b. From the inputText, Amazon Lex detects the intent (OrderFlowers). This intent is configured with a Lambda function as a code hook for user data initialization and validation. Therefore, Amazon Lex invokes that Lambda function by passing the following information as event data:

   ```
   {
     "messageVersion": "1.0",
     "invocationSource": "DialogCodeHook",
     "userId": "ignw84y6seypre4xly5rimopuri2xwnd",
     "sessionAttributes": {},
     "bot": {
       "name": "OrderFlowers",
       "alias": null,
       "version": "$LATEST"
     },
     "outputDialogMode": "Text",
     "currentIntent": {
       "name": "OrderFlowers",
       "slots": {
         "PickupTime": null,
         "FlowerType": null,
         "PickupDate": null
       },
       "confirmationStatus": "None"
     }
   }
   ```

   For more information, see Input Event Format (p. 120).

   In addition to the information that the client sent, Amazon Lex also includes the following additional data:

   • messageVersion – Currently Amazon Lex supports only the 1.0 version.
   
   • invocationSource – Indicates the purpose of Lambda function invocation. In this case, it is to perform user data initialization and validation. At this time, Amazon Lex knows that the user has not provided all the slot data to fulfill the intent.
• currentIntent information with all of the slot values set to null.

c. At this time, all the slot values are null. There is nothing for the Lambda function to validate. The Lambda function returns the following response to Amazon Lex:

```
{
  "sessionAttributes": {},
  "dialogAction": {
    "type": "Delegate",
    "slots": {
      "PickupTime": null,
      "FlowerType": null,
      "PickupDate": null
    }
  }
}
```

For information about the response format, see Response Format (p. 124).

Note the following:

• dialogAction.type – By setting this value to Delegate, Lambda function delegates the responsibility of deciding the next course of action to Amazon Lex.

  **Note**
  If Lambda function detects anything in the user data validation, it instructs Amazon Lex what to do next, as shown in the next few steps.

d. According to the dialogAction.type, Amazon Lex decides the next course of action. Because none of the slots are filled, it decides to elicit the value for the FlowerType slot. It selects one of the value elicitation prompts (“What type of flowers would you like to order?”) for this slot and sends the following response back to the client:

The client displays the message in the response.

2. User: roses

   a. The client sends the following PostText (p. 381) request to Amazon Lex:

   ```
   POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/ignw84y6seypre4xly5rimopuri2xwnd/text
   "Content-Type":"application/json"
   "Content-Encoding":"amz-1.0"
   {
     "inputText": "roses",
   }
   ```
In the request body, the inputText provides user input. The sessionAttributes remains empty.

b. Amazon Lex first interprets the inputText in the context of the current intent. The service remembers that it had asked the specific user for information about the FlowerType slot. It updates the slot value in the current intent and invokes the Lambda function with the following event data:

```json
{
    "messageVersion": "1.0",
    "invocationSource": "DialogCodeHook",
    "userId": "ignw84y6aeypre4xly5rimopuri2xwnd",
    "sessionAttributes": {},
    "bot": {
        "name": "OrderFlowers",
        "alias": null,
        "version": "$LATEST"
    },
    "outputDialogMode": "Text",
    "currentIntent": {
        "name": "OrderFlowers",
        "slots": {
            "PickupTime": null,
            "FlowerType": "roses",
            "PickupDate": null
        },
        "confirmationStatus": "None"
    }
}
```

Note the following:

- **invocationSource** – continues to be DialogCodeHook (we are simply validating user data).
- **currentIntent.slots** – Amazon Lex has updated the FlowerType slot to roses.

c. According to the invocationSource value of DialogCodeHook, the Lambda function performs user data validation. It recognizes roses as a valid slot value (and sets Price as a session attribute) and returns the following response to Amazon Lex.

```json
{
    "sessionAttributes": {
        "Price": 25
    },
    "dialogAction": {
        "type": "Delegate",
        "slots": {
            "PickupTime": null,
            "FlowerType": "roses",
            "PickupDate": null
        }
    }
}
```

Note the following:

- **sessionAttributes** – Lambda function has added Price (of the roses) as a session attribute.
• `dialogAction.type` - is set to Delegate. The user data was valid so the Lambda function directs Amazon Lex to choose the next course of action.

d. According to the `dialogAction.type`, Amazon Lex chooses the next course of action. Amazon Lex knows it needs more slot data so it picks the next unfilled slot (PickupDate) with the highest priority according to the intent configuration. Amazon Lex selects one of the value-elicitation prompt messages—"What day do you want the roses to be picked up?"—for this slot according to the intent configuration, and then sends the following response back to the client:

```json
{
  "dialogState": "ElicitSlot",
  "intentName": "OrderFlowers",
  "message": "What day do you want the roses to be picked up?",
  "responseCard": null
}
```

The client simply displays the message in the response – "What day do you want the roses to be picked up?"

3. User: tomorrow

a. The client sends the following **PostText** (p. 381) request to Amazon Lex:

```json
POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/ignw84y6seypre4xly5rimopuri2xwnd/text
"Content-Type": "application/json"
"Content-Encoding": "amz-1.0"
{
  "inputText": "tomorrow",
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "Price": "25"
  }
}
```

In the request body, `inputText` provides user input and the client passes the session attributes back to the service.

b. Amazon Lex remembers the context—that it was eliciting data for the PickupDate slot. In this context, it knows the `inputText` value is for the PickupDate slot. Amazon Lex then invokes the Lambda function by sending the following event:

```json
{
  "messageVersion": "1.0",
  "invocationSource": "DialogCodeHook",
  "userId": "ignw84y6seypre4xly5rimopuri2xwnd",
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "Price": "25"
  },
  "bot": {
    "name": "OrderFlowersCustomWithRespCard",
```
Amazon Lex has updated the `currentIntent.slots` by setting the `PickupDate` value. Also note that the service passes the `sessionAttributes` as it is to the Lambda function.

c. As per `invocationSource` value of `DialogCodeHook`, the Lambda function performs user data validation. It recognizes `PickupDate` slot value is valid and returns the following response to Amazon Lex:

```
{
    "sessionAttributes": {
        "Price": 25
    },
    "dialogAction": {
        "type": "Delegate",
        "slots": {
            "PickupTime": null,
            "FlowerType": "roses",
            "PickupDate": "2017-01-05"
        }
    }
}
```

Note the following:

- `sessionAttributes` – No change.
- `dialogAction.type` – is set to Delegate. The user data was valid, and the Lambda function directs Amazon Lex to choose the next course of action.

d. According to the `dialogAction.type`, Amazon Lex chooses the next course of action. Amazon Lex knows it needs more slot data so it picks the next unfilled slot (`PickupTime`) with the highest priority according to the intent configuration. Amazon Lex selects one of the prompt messages ("Deliver the roses at what time on 2017-01-05?") for this slot according to the intent configuration and sends the following response back to the client:
The client displays the message in the response – "Deliver the roses at what time on 2017-01-05?"

4. User: 4 pm

   a. The client sends the following PostText (p. 381) request to Amazon Lex:

   ```json
   POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/ignw84y6seypre4xly5rimopuri2xwnd/text
   "Content-Type": "application/json"
   "Content-Encoding": "amz-1.0"
   {
      "inputText": "4 pm",
      "sessionAttributes": {
         "Price": "25"
      }
   }
   ``

   In the request body, inputText provides user input. The client passes the sessionAttributes in the request.

   b. Amazon Lex understands context. It understands that it was eliciting data for the PickupTime slot. In this context, it knows that the inputText value is for the PickupTime slot. Amazon Lex then invokes the Lambda function by sending the following event:

   ```json
   {
      "messageVersion": "1.0",
      "invocationSource": "DialogCodeHook",
      "userId": "ignw84y6seypre4xly5rimopuri2xwnd",
      "sessionAttributes": {
         "Price": "25"
      },
      "bot": {
         "name": "OrderFlowersCustomWithRespCard",
         "alias": null,
         "version": "$LATEST"
      },
      "outputDialogMode": "Text",
      "currentIntent": {
         "name": "OrderFlowers",
         "slots": {
            "PickupTime": "16:00",
            "FlowerType": "roses",
            "PickupDate": "2017-01-05"
         }
      },
      "confirmationStatus": "None"
   }
   ```
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Amazon Lex has updated the currentIntent.slots by setting the PickupTime value.

According to the invocationSource value of DialogCodeHook, the Lambda function performs user data validation. It recognizes PickupDate slot value is valid and returns the following response to Amazon Lex.

```json
{
  "sessionAttributes": {  
    "Price": 25
  },
  "dialogAction": {  
    "type": "Delegate",
    "slots": {  
      "PickupTime": "16:00",
      "FlowerType": "roses",
      "PickupDate": "2017-01-05"
    }
  }
}
```

Note the following:

- **sessionAttributes** – No change in session attribute.
- **dialogAction.type** – is set to Delegate. The user data was valid so the Lambda function directs Amazon Lex to choose the next course of action.

At this time Amazon Lex knows it has all the slot data. This intent is configured with a confirmation prompt. Therefore, Amazon Lex sends the following response to the user asking for confirmation before fulfilling the intent:

The client simply displays the message in the response and waits for the user response.

5. User: Yes

a. The client sends the following PostText (p. 381) request to Amazon Lex:

```plaintext
POST /bot/OrderFlowers/alias/$LATEST/user/ignw84y6sypes4xly5rimopuri2xwnd/text
"Content-Type":"application/json"
"Content-Encoding":"amz-1.0"
{  
  "inputText": "yes",
```
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b. Amazon Lex interprets the inputText in the context of confirming the current intent. Amazon Lex understands that the user wants to proceed with the order. This time Amazon Lex invokes the Lambda function to fulfill the intent by sending the following event, which sets the invocationSource to FulfillmentCodeHook in the event it sends to the Lambda function. Amazon Lex also sets the confirmationStatus to Confirmed.

```
{
  "messageVersion": "1.0",
  "invocationSource": "FulfillmentCodeHook",
  "userId": "ignw84y6seypre4xly5rimopuri2xwnd",
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "Price": "25"
  },
  "bot": {
    "name": "OrderFlowersCustomWithRespCard",
    "alias": null,
    "version": "$LATEST"
  },
  "outputDialogMode": "Text",
  "currentIntent": {
    "name": "OrderFlowers",
    "slots": {
      "PickupTime": "16:00",
      "FlowerType": "roses",
      "PickupDate": "2017-01-05"
    },
    "confirmationStatus": "Confirmed"
  }
}
```

Note the following:

- **invocationSource** – This time Amazon Lex set this value to FulfillmentCodeHook, directing the Lambda function to fulfill the intent.
- **confirmationStatus** – is set to Confirmed.

c. This time, the Lambda function fulfills the OrderFlowers intent, and returns the following response:

```
{
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "Price": "25"
  },
  "dialogAction": {
    "type": "Close",
    "fulfillmentState": "Fulfilled",
    "message": {
      "contentType": "PlainText",
      "content": "Thanks, your order for roses has been placed and will be ready for pickup by 16:00 on 2017-01-05"
    }
  }
}
```

Note the following:
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- Sets the `dialogAction.type` – The Lambda function sets this value to `Close`, directing Amazon Lex to not expect a user response.
- `dialogAction.fulfillmentState` – is set to `Fulfilled` and includes an appropriate message to convey to the user.

Amazon Lex then returns the following to the client:

```
dialogState: "Fulfilled"
intentName: "OrderFlowers"
message: "Thanks, your order for roses has been placed and will be ready for pickup by 16:00 on 2017-01-05"
responseCard: null
sessionAttributes: Object
  Price: "25"
slotToElide: null
slots: Object
  FlowerType: "roses"
  PickupDate: "2017-01-05"
  PickupTime: "16:00"
```

Note that:

- `dialogState` – Amazon Lex sets this value to `fulfilled`.
- `message` – is the same message that the Lambda function provided.

The client displays the message.

6. Now test the bot again. To establish a new (user) context, choose the **Clear** link in the test window. Now provide invalid slot data for the `OrderFlowers` intent. This time the Lambda function performs the data validation, resets invalid slot data value to null, and asks Amazon Lex to prompt the user for valid data. For example, try the following:

- Jasmine as the flower type (it is not one of the supported flower types).
- Yesterday as the day when you want to pick up the flowers.
- After placing your order, enter another flower type instead of replying "yes" to confirm the order.

In response, the Lambda function updates the `Price` in the session attribute, keeping a running total of flower orders.

The Lambda function also performs the fulfillment activity.

**Next Step**

**Step 6: Update the Intent Configuration to Add an Utterance (Console) (p. 76)**

**Step 6: Update the Intent Configuration to Add an Utterance (Console)**

The `OrderFlowers` bot is configured with only two utterances. This provides limited information for Amazon Lex to build a machine learning model that recognizes and responds to the user's intent. Try
typing "I want to order flowers" in the test window. Amazon Lex doesn't recognize the text, and responds with "I didn't understand you, what would you like to do?" You can improve the machine learning model by adding more utterances.

Each utterance that you add provides Amazon Lex with more information about how to respond to your users. You don't need to add an exact utterance, Amazon Lex generalizes from the samples that you provide to recognize both exact matches and similar input.

**To add an utterance (console)**

1. Add the utterance "I want flowers" to the intent by typing it in the Sample utterances section of the intent editor, and then clicking the plus icon next to the new utterance.

2. Build your bot to pick up the change. Choose Build, and then choose Build again.

3. Test your bot to confirm that it recognized the new utterance. In the test window, type "I want to order flowers." Amazon Lex recognizes the phrase and responds with "What type of flowers would you like to order?".
Next Step

Step 7 (Optional): Clean Up (Console) (p. 78)

**Step 7 (Optional): Clean Up (Console)**

Now, delete the resources that you created and clean up your account.

You can delete only resources that are not in use. In general, you should delete resources in the following order:

- Delete bots to free up intent resources.
- Delete intents to free up slot type resources.
- Delete slot types last.

**To clean up your account (console)**

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. From the list of bots, choose the check box next to **OrderFlowers**.
3. To delete the bot, choose **Delete**, and then choose **Continue** in the confirmation dialog box.
4. In the left pane, choose **Intents**.
5. In the list of intents, choose **OrderFlowersIntent**.
6. To delete the intent, choose **Delete**, and then choose **Continue** in the confirmation dialog box.
7. In the left pane, choose **Slot types**.
8. In the list of slot types, choose **Flowers**.
9. To delete the slot type, choose **Delete**, and then choose **Continue** in the confirmation dialog box.

You have removed all of the Amazon Lex resources that you created and cleaned up your account. If desired, you can use the Lambda console to delete the Lambda function used in this exercise.
Exercise 2: Create a Custom Amazon Lex Bot

In this exercise, you use the Amazon Lex console to create a custom bot that orders pizza (OrderPizzaBot). You configure the bot by adding a custom intent (OrderPizza), defining custom slot types, and defining the slots required to fulfill a pizza order (pizza crust, size, and so on). For more information about slot types and slots, see Amazon Lex: How It Works (p. 3).

Topics
- Step 1: Create a Lambda Function (p. 79)
- Step 2: Create a Bot (p. 81)
- Step 3: Build and Test the Bot (p. 86)
- Step 4 (Optional): Clean up (p. 89)

Step 1: Create a Lambda Function

First, create a Lambda function which fulfills a pizza order. You specify this function in your Amazon Lex bot, which you create in the next section.

To create a Lambda function

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the AWS Lambda console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lambda/.
2. Choose Create function.
3. On the Create function page, choose Author from scratch. Because you are using custom code provided to you in this exercise to create a Lambda function, you choose author the function from scratch.

   Do the following:
   a. Type the name (PizzaOrderProcessor).
   b. For the Runtime, choose the latest version of Node.js.
   c. For the Role, choose Create new role from template(s).
   d. Enter a new role name (PizzaOrderProcessorRole).
   e. Choose Create function.
4. On the function page, do the following:

   In the Function code section, choose Edit code inline, and then copy the following Node.js function code and paste it in the window.

   ```javascript
   'use strict';
   // Close dialog with the customer, reporting fulfillmentState of Failed or Fulfilled
   // ("Thanks, your pizza will arrive in 20 minutes")
   function close(sessionAttributes, fulfillmentState, message) {
     return {
       sessionAttributes,
       dialogAction: {
         type: 'Close',
         fulfillmentState,
         message,
       },
     };
   }
   ```
// --------------- Events -----------------------

function dispatch(intentRequest, callback) {
  console.log(`request received for userId=${intentRequest.userId}, intentName=${intentRequest.currentIntent.name}`);
  const sessionAttributes = intentRequest.sessionAttributes;
  const slots = intentRequest.currentIntent.slots;
  const crust = slots.crust;
  const size = slots.size;
  const pizzaKind = slots.pizzaKind;
  callback(close(sessionAttributes, 'Fulfilled',
  {'contentType': 'PlainText', 'content': `Okay, I have ordered your ${size} ${pizzaKind} pizza on ${crust} crust`}))
}

// --------------- Main handler -----------------------

// Route the incoming request based on intent.
// The JSON body of the request is provided in the event slot.
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
  try {
    dispatch(event,
            (response) => {
              callback(null, response);
            });
  } catch (err) {
    callback(err);
  }
};

5. Choose Save.

Test the Lambda Function Using Sample Event Data

In the console, test the Lambda function by using sample event data to manually invoke it.

To test the Lambda function:

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the AWS Lambda console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lambda/.
2. On the Lambda function page, choose the Lambda function (PizzaOrderProcessor).
3. On the function page, in the list of test events, choose Configure test events.
4. On the Configure test event page, do the following:
   a. Choose Create new test event.
   b. In the Event name field, enter a name for the event (PizzaOrderProcessorTest).
   c. Copy the following Amazon Lex event into the window.

```json
{
  "messageVersion": "1.0",
  "invocationSource": "FulfillmentCodeHook",
  "userId": "user-1",
  "sessionAttributes": {},
  "bot": {
    "name": "PizzaOrderingApp",
    "alias": "$LATEST",
    "version": "$LATEST"
  }
}
```
5. **Choose Create.**

AWS Lambda creates the test and you go back to the function page. Choose **Test** and Lambda executes your Lambda function.

In the result box, choose **Details**. The console displays the following output in the **Execution result** pane.

```json
{
    "sessionAttributes": {},
    "dialogAction": {
        "type": "Close",
        "fulfillmentState": "Fulfilled",
        "message": {
            "contentType": "PlainText",
            "content": "Okay, I have ordered your large meat pizza on thin crust."
        }
    }
}
```

**Next Step**

**Step 2: Create a Bot (p. 81)**

**Step 2: Create a Bot**

In this step, you create a bot to handle pizza orders.

**Topics**

- Create the Bot (p. 81)
- Create an Intent (p. 82)
- Create Slot Types (p. 82)
- Configure the Intent (p. 84)
- Configure the Bot (p. 85)

**Create the Bot**

Create the PizzaOrderingBot bot with the minimum information needed. You add an intent, an action that the user wants to perform, for the bot later.

**To create the bot**

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at [https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/](https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/).
2. Create a bot.
Exercise 2: Create a Custom Bot

a. If you are creating your first bot, choose Get Started. Otherwise, choose Bots, and then choose Create.

b. On the Create your Lex bot page, choose Custom bot and provide the following information:
   
   • App name: PizzaOrderingBot
   • Output voice: Salli
   • Session timeout: 5 minutes.
   • Child-Directed: Choose the appropriate response.

c. Choose Create.

The console sends Amazon Lex a request to create a new bot. Amazon Lex sets the bot version to $LATEST. After creating the bot, Amazon Lex shows the bot Editor tab:

- The bot version, Latest, appears next to the bot name in the console. New Amazon Lex resources have $LATEST as the version. For more information, see Versioning and Aliases (p. 116).
- Because you haven't created any intents or slots types, none are listed.
- Build and Publish are bot-level activities. After you configure the entire bot, you'll learn more about these activities.

Next Step
Create an Intent (p. 82)

Create an Intent

Now, create the OrderPizza intent, an action that the user wants to perform, with the minimum information needed. You add slot types for the intent and then configure the intent later.

To create an intent

1. In the Amazon Lex console, choose the plus sign (+) next to Intents, and then choose Create new intent.
2. In the Create intent dialog box, type the name of the intent (OrderPizza), and then choose Add.

The console sends a request to Amazon Lex to create the OrderPizza intent. In this example you create slots for the intent after you create slot types.

Next Step
Create Slot Types (p. 82)

Create Slot Types

Create the slot types, or parameter values, that the OrderPizza intent uses.
To create slot types

1. In the left menu, choose the plus sign (+) next to Slot types.
2. In the Add slot type dialog box, add the following:
   - Slot type name – Crusts
   - Description – Available crusts
   - Choose Restrict to Slot values and Synonyms
   - Value – Type thick. Press tab and in the Synonym field type stuffed. Choose the plus sign (+). Type thin and then choose the plus sign (+) again.

   The dialog should look like this:

3. Choose Add slot to intent.
4. On the Intent page, choose Required. Change the name of the slot from slotOne to crust. Change the prompt to What kind of crust would you like?
5. Repeat Step 1 through Step 4 using the values in the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Values</th>
<th>Slot name</th>
<th>Prompt</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sizes</td>
<td>Available sizes</td>
<td>small, medium, large</td>
<td>size</td>
<td>What size pizza?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PizzaKind</td>
<td>Available pizzas</td>
<td>veg, cheese</td>
<td>pizzaKind</td>
<td>Do you want a veg or cheese pizza?</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Next Step

Configure the Intent (p. 84)
Configure the Intent

Configure the OrderPizza intent to fulfill a user’s request to order a pizza.

To configure an intent

- On the OrderPizza configuration page, configure the intent as follows:
  - **Sample utterances** – Type the following strings. The curly braces {} enclose slot names.
    - I want to order pizza please
    - I want to order a pizza
    - I want to order a {pizzaKind} pizza
    - I want to order a {size} {pizzaKind} pizza
    - I want a {size} {crust} crust {pizzaKind} pizza
    - Can I get a pizza please
    - Can I get a {pizzaKind} pizza
    - Can I get a {size} {pizzaKind} pizza
  - **Lambda initialization and validation** – Leave the default setting.
  - **Confirmation prompt** – Leave the default setting.
  - **Fulfillment** – Perform the following tasks:
    - Choose AWS Lambda function.
    - Choose PizzaOrderProcessor.
    - If the Add permission to Lambda function dialog box is shown, choose OK to give the OrderPizza intent permission to call the PizzaOrderProcessor Lambda function.
    - Leave None selected.

The intent should look like the following:
Next Step

Configure the Bot (p. 85)

Configure the Bot

Configure error handling for the PizzaOrderingBot bot.

1. Navigate to the PizzaOrderingBot bot. Choose Editor, and then choose Error Handling.
2. Use the Editor tab to configure bot error handling.
   - Information you provide in Clarification Prompts maps to the bot's clarificationPrompt configuration.

When Amazon Lex can't determine the user intent, the service returns a response with this message.
   - Information that you provide in the Hang-up phrase maps to the bot's abortStatement configuration.

If the service can't determine the user's intent after a set number of consecutive requests, Amazon Lex returns a response with this message.

Leave the defaults.

Next Step

Step 3: Build and Test the Bot (p. 86)

Step 3: Build and Test the Bot

Make sure the bot works, by building and testing it.

To build and test the bot

1. To build the PizzaOrderingBot bot, choose Build.

   Amazon Lex builds a machine learning model for the bot. When you test the bot, the console uses the runtime API to send the user input back to Amazon Lex. Amazon Lex then uses the machine learning model to interpret the user input.

   It can take some time to complete the build.

2. To test the bot, in the Test Bot window, start communicating with your Amazon Lex bot.

   • For example, you might say or type:
Use the sample utterances that you configured in the OrderPizza intent to test the bot. For example, the following is one of the sample utterances that you configured for the PizzaOrder intent:

I want a {size} {crust} crust {pizzaKind} pizza

To test it, type the following:

I want a large thin crust cheese pizza

When you type "I want to order a pizza," Amazon Lex detects the intent (OrderPizza). Then, Amazon Lex asks for slot information.

After you provide all of the slot information, Amazon Lex invokes the Lambda function that you configured for the intent.

The Lambda function returns a message ("Okay, I have ordered your ...") to Amazon Lex, which Amazon Lex returns to you.

Inspecting the Response

Underneath the chat window is a pane that enables you to inspect the response from Amazon Lex. The pane provides comprehensive information about the state of your bot that changes as you interact with your bot.

The contents of the pane show you the current state of the operation.
• **Dialog State** – The current state of the conversation with the user. It can be ElicitIntent, ElicitSlot, ConfirmIntent or Fulfilled.

• **Summary** – Shows a simplified view of the dialog that shows the slot values for the intent being fulfilled so that you can keep track of the information flow. It shows the intent name, the number of slots and the number of slots filled, and a list of all of the slots and their associated values.

```
Inspect Response
Dialog State: ElicitSlot

Summary  Detail
---  ----

Intent: OrderPizza

Slots   (2/3)
crust   null
pizzaKind cheese
size    large
```

• **Detail** – Shows the raw JSON response from the chatbot to give you a deeper view into the bot interaction and the current state of the dialog as you test and debug your chatbot. If you type in the chat window, the inspection pane shows the JSON response from the **PostText** (p. 381) operation. If you speak to the chat window, the inspection pane shows the response headers from the **PostContent** (p. 373) operation.
Next Step

Step 4 (Optional): Clean up (p. 89)

Step 4 (Optional): Clean up

Delete the resources that you created and clean up your account to avoid incurring more charges for the resources you created.

You can delete only resources that are not in use. For example, you cannot delete a slot type that is referenced by an intent. You cannot delete an intent that is referenced by a bot.

Delete resources in the following order:

- Delete bots to free up intent resources.
- Delete intents to free up slot type resources.
- Delete slot types last.

To clean up your account

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. From the list of bots, choose PizzaOrderingBot.
3. To delete the bot, choose Delete, and then choose Continue.
4. In the left pane, choose Intents.
5. In the list of intents, choose OrderPizza.
6. To delete the intent, choose Delete, and then choose Continue.
7. In the left menu, choose Slot types.
8. In the list of slot types, choose Crusts.
9. To delete the slot type, choose Delete, and then choose Continue.
10. Repeat Step 8 and Step 9 for the Sizes and PizzaKind slot types.

You have removed all of the resources that you created and cleaned up your account.

Next Steps

- Publish a Version and Create an Alias
- Create an Amazon Lex bot with the AWS Command Line Interface

Exercise 3: Publish a Version and Create an Alias

In Getting Started Exercises 1 and 2, you created a bot and tested it. In this exercise, you do the following:

- Publish a new version of the bot. Amazon Lex takes a snapshot copy of the $LATEST version to publish a new version.
- Create an alias that points to the new version.

For more information about versioning and aliases, see Versioning and Aliases (p. 116).

Do the following to publish a version of a bot you created for this exercise:

1. In the Amazon Lex console, choose one of the bots you created.
   Verify that the console shows the $LATEST as the bot version next to the bot name.
2. Choose Publish.
3. On the Publish botname wizard, specify the alias BETA, and then choose Publish.
4. Verify that the Amazon Lex console shows the new version next to the bot name.

Now that you have a working bot with published version and an alias, you can deploy the bot (in your mobile application or integrate the bot with Facebook Messenger). For an example, see Integrating an Amazon Lex Bot with Facebook Messenger (p. 131).
Step 4: Getting Started (AWS CLI)

In this step, you use the AWS CLI to create, test, and modify an Amazon Lex bot. To complete these exercises, you need to be familiar with using the CLI and have a text editor. For more information, see Step 2: Set Up the AWS Command Line Interface (p. 51)

- Exercise 1 — Create and test an Amazon Lex bot. The exercise provides all of the JSON objects that you need to create a custom slot type, an intent, and a bot. For more information, see Amazon Lex: How It Works (p. 3)
- Exercise 2 — Update the bot that you created in Exercise 1 to add an additional sample utterance. Amazon Lex uses sample utterances to build the machine learning model for your bot.
- Exercise 3 — Update the bot that you created in Exercise 1 to add a Lambda function to validate user input and to fulfill the intent.
- Exercise 4 — Publish a version of the slot type, intent, and bot resources that you created in Exercise 1. A version is a snapshot of a resource that can't be changed.
- Exercise 5 — Create an alias for the bot that you created in Exercise 1.
- Exercise 6 — Clean up your account by deleting the slot type, intent, and bot that you created in Exercise 1, and the alias that you created in Exercise 5.

Topics
- Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot (AWS CLI) (p. 91)
- Exercise 2: Add a New Utterance (AWS CLI) (p. 103)
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- Exercise 6: Clean Up (AWS CLI) (p. 115)

Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot (AWS CLI)

In general, when you create bots, you:

1. Create slot types to define the information that your bot will be working with.
2. Create intents that define the user actions that your bot supports. Use the custom slot types that you created earlier to define the slots, or parameters, that your intent requires.
3. Create a bot that uses the intents that you defined.

In this exercise you create and test a new Amazon Lex bot using the CLI. Use the JSON structures that we provide to create the bot. To run the commands in this exercise, you need to know the region where the commands will be run. For a list of regions, see Model Building Quotas (p. 227).

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Step 1: Create a Service-Linked Role (AWS CLI)

Amazon Lex assumes AWS Identity and Access Management service-linked roles to call AWS services on behalf of your bots. The roles, which are in your account, are linked to Amazon Lex use cases and have predefined permissions. For more information, see Service Permissions (p. 9).

If you've already created an Amazon Lex bot using the console, the service-linked role was created automatically. Skip to Step 2: Create a Custom Slot Type (AWS CLI) (p. 92).

To create a service-linked role (AWS CLI)

1. In the AWS CLI, type the following command:

   ```bash
   aws iam create-service-linked-role --aws-service-name lex.amazonaws.com
   ```

2. Check the policy using the following command:

   ```bash
   aws iam get-role --role-name AWSServiceRoleForLexBots
   ```

   The response is:

   ```json
   {
   "Role": {
      "AssumeRolePolicyDocument": {
         "Version": "2012-10-17",
         "Statement": [ {
            "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Principal": {
               "Service": "lex.amazonaws.com"
            }
         } ]
      },
      "RoleName": "AWSServiceRoleForLexBots",
      "Path": "/aws-service-role/lex.amazonaws.com/",
      "Arn": "arn:aws:iam::account-id:role/aws-service-role/lex.amazonaws.com/AWSServiceRoleForLexBots"
   }
   }
   ```

Next Step

Step 2: Create a Custom Slot Type (AWS CLI) (p. 92)

Step 2: Create a Custom Slot Type (AWS CLI)

Create a custom slot type with enumeration values for the flowers that can be ordered. You use this type in the next step when you create the OrderFlowers intent. A slot type defines the possible values for a slot, or parameter, of the intent.

To run the commands in this exercise, you need to know the region where the commands will be run. For a list of regions, see Model Building Quotas (p. 227).

To create a custom slot type (AWS CLI)

1. Create a text file named `FlowerTypes.json`. Copy the JSON code from FlowerTypes.json (p. 93) into the text file.
2. Call the **PutSlotType** (p. 353) operation using the AWS CLI to create the slot type. The example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, replace the backslash (\) Unix continuation character at the end of each line with a caret (^).

```bash
aws lex-models put-slot-type \
  --region region \
  --name FlowerTypes \
  --cli-input-json file://FlowerTypes.json
```

The response from the server is:

```json
{
  "enumerationValues": [
    {
      "value": "tulips"
    },
    {
      "value": "lilies"
    },
    {
      "value": "roses"
    }
  ],
  "name": "FlowerTypes",
  "checksum": "checksum",
  "version": "$LATEST",
  "lastUpdatedDate": "timestamp",
  "createdDate": "timestamp",
  "description": "Types of flowers to pick up"
}
```

**Next Step**

**Step 3: Create an Intent (AWS CLI) (p. 94)**

**FlowerTypes.json**

The following code is the JSON data required to create the FlowerTypes custom slot type:

```json
{
  "enumerationValues": [
    {
      "value": "tulips"
    },
    {
      "value": "lilies"
    },
    {
      "value": "roses"
    }
  ],
  "name": "FlowerTypes",
  "description": "Types of flowers to pick up"
}
Step 3: Create an Intent (AWS CLI)

Create an intent for the OrderFlowersBot bot and provide three slots, or parameters. The slots allow
the bot to fulfill the intent:

- **FlowerType** is a custom slot type that specifies which types of flowers can be ordered.
- **AMAZON.DATE** and **AMAZON.TIME** are built-in slot types used for getting the date and time to deliver
  the flowers from the user.

To run the commands in this exercise, you need to know the region where the commands will be run. For
a list of regions, see  Model Building Quotas (p. 227).

To create the OrderFlowers intent (AWS CLI)

1. Create a text file named OrderFlowers.json. Copy the JSON code from
   OrderFlowers.json (p. 96) into the text file.
2. In the AWS CLI, call the **PutIntent** (p. 343) operation to create the intent. The example is formatted
   for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, replace the backslash (\) Unix continuation character at
   the end of each line with a caret (^).

   ```bash
   aws lex-models put-intent \
   --region region \ 
   --name OrderFlowers \ 
   --cli-input-json file://OrderFlowers.json
   ```

   The server responds with the following:

   ```json
   {
     "confirmationPrompt": {
       "maxAttempts": 2,
       "messages": [
         {
           "content": "Okay, your {FlowerType} will be ready for pickup by {PickupTime} on {PickupDate}. Does this sound okay?",
           "contentType": "PlainText"
         }
       ],
       "name": "OrderFlowers",
       "checksum": "checksum",
       "version": "$LATEST",
       "rejectionStatement": {
         "messages": [
           {
             "content": "Okay, I will not place your order.",
             "contentType": "PlainText"
           }
         ],
         "createdDate": "timestamp",
         "lastUpdatedDate": "timestamp",
         "sampleUtterances": [
           "I would like to pick up flowers",
           "I would like to order some flowers"
         ],
         "slots": [
           {
             "slotType": "AMAZON.TIME",
             "name": "PickupTime",
             "slotConstraint": "Required",
           }
         ]
     }
   }
   ```
"valueElicitationPrompt": {
  "maxAttempts": 2,
  "messages": [
    {
      "content": "Pick up the {FlowerType} at what time on {PickupDate}?",
      "contentType": "PlainText"
    }
  ],
  "priority": 3,
  "description": "The time to pick up the flowers"
},
{
  "slotType": "FlowerTypes",
  "name": "FlowerType",
  "slotConstraint": "Required",
  "valueElicitationPrompt": {
    "maxAttempts": 2,
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "What type of flowers would you like to order?",
        "contentType": "PlainText"
      }
    ],
    "priority": 1,
    "slotTypeVersion": "$LATEST",
    "sampleUtterances": [
      "I would like to order {FlowerType}"
    ],
    "description": "The type of flowers to pick up"
  },
  "priority": 1,
  "slotTypeVersion": "$LATEST",
  "sampleUtterances": [
    "I would like to order {FlowerType}"
  ],
  "description": "The type of flowers to pick up"
},
{
  "slotType": "AMAZON.DATE",
  "name": "PickupDate",
  "slotConstraint": "Required",
  "valueElicitationPrompt": {
    "maxAttempts": 2,
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "What day do you want the {FlowerType} to be picked up?",
        "contentType": "PlainText"
      }
    ],
    "priority": 2,
    "description": "The date to pick up the flowers"
  },
  "priority": 2,
  "description": "The date to pick up the flowers"
},
"fulfillmentActivity": {
  "type": "ReturnIntent"
},
"description": "Intent to order a bouquet of flowers for pick up"
}

Next Step

Step 4: Create a Bot (AWS CLI) (p. 97)
OrderFlowers.json

The following code is the JSON data required to create the OrderFlowers intent:

```
{
    "confirmationPrompt": {
        "maxAttempts": 2,
        "messages": [
            {
                "content": "Okay, your {FlowerType} will be ready for pickup by {PickupTime} on {PickupDate}. Does this sound okay?",
                "contentType": "PlainText"
            }
        ]
    },
    "name": "OrderFlowers",
    "rejectionStatement": {
        "messages": [
            {
                "content": "Okay, I will not place your order.",
                "contentType": "PlainText"
            }
        ]
    },
    "sampleUtterances": [
        "I would like to pick up flowers",
        "I would like to order some flowers"
    ],
    "slots": [
        {
            "slotType": "FlowerTypes",
            "name": "FlowerType",
            "slotConstraint": "Required",
            "valueElicitationPrompt": {
                "maxAttempts": 2,
                "messages": [
                    {
                        "content": "What type of flowers would you like to order?",
                        "contentType": "PlainText"
                    }
                ]
            },
            "priority": 1,
            "slotTypeVersion": "$LATEST",
            "sampleUtterances": [
                "I would like to order {FlowerType}"
            ],
            "description": "The type of flowers to pick up"
        },
        {
            "slotType": "AMAZON.DATE",
            "name": "PickupDate",
            "slotConstraint": "Required",
            "valueElicitationPrompt": {
                "maxAttempts": 2,
                "messages": [
                    {
                        "content": "What day do you want the {FlowerType} to be picked up?",
                        "contentType": "PlainText"
                    }
                ]
            },
            "priority": 2,
            "description": "The date to pick up the flowers"
        }
    ]
}
```
Step 4: Create a Bot (AWS CLI)

The OrderFlowersBot bot has one intent, the OrderFlowers intent that you created in the previous step. To run the commands in this exercise, you need to know the region where the commands will be run. For a list of regions, see Model Building Quotas (p. 227).

**Note**

The following AWS CLI example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, change "\$LATEST" to $LATEST.

To create the OrderFlowersBot bot (AWS CLI)

1. Create a text file named OrderFlowersBot.json. Copy the JSON code from OrderFlowersBot.json (p. 98) into the text file.
2. In the AWS CLI, call the PutBot (p. 329) operation to create the bot. The example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, replace the backslash (\) Unix continuation character at the end of each line with a caret (^).

```bash
aws lex-models put-bot
  --region region \
  --name OrderFlowersBot \
  --cli-input-json file://OrderFlowersBot.json
```

The response from the server follows. When you create or update bot, the status field is set to BUILDING. This indicates that the bot isn't ready to use. To determine when the bot is ready for use, use the GetBot (p. 267) operation in the next step.

```
{
  "status": "BUILDING",
  "intents": [
    {
      "intentVersion": "$LATEST",
      "intentName": "OrderFlowers"
    }
  ],
  "name": "OrderFlowersBot",
}
```
3. To determine if your new bot is ready for use, run the following command. Repeat this command until the status field returns READY. The example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, replace the backslash (\) Unix continuation character at the end of each line with a caret (^).

```
aws lex-models get-bot \
--region region \
--name OrderFlowersBot \
--version-or-alias "$LATEST"
```

Look for the status field in the response:

```
{
  "status": "READY",
  ...
}
```

Next Step

**Step 5: Test a Bot (AWS CLI) (p. 99)**

**OrderFlowersBot.json**

The following code provides the JSON data required to build the OrderFlowers Amazon Lex bot:

```json
{
  "intents": [
    {
      "intentVersion": "$LATEST",
```
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```json
  "intentName": "OrderFlowers"
},
  "name": "OrderFlowersBot",
  "locale": "en-US",
  "abortStatement": {
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "Sorry, I'm not able to assist at this time",
        "contentType": "PlainText"
      }
    ]
  },
  "clarificationPrompt": {
    "maxAttempts": 2,
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "I didn't understand you, what would you like to do?",
        "contentType": "PlainText"
      }
    ]
  },
  "voiceId": "Salli",
  "childDirected": false,
  "idleSessionTTLInSeconds": 600,
  "description": "Bot to order flowers on the behalf of a user"
"

Step 5: Test a Bot (AWS CLI)

To test the bot, you can use either a text-based or a speech-based test.

**Topics**

- Test the Bot Using Text Input (AWS CLI) (p. 99)
- Test the Bot Using Speech Input (AWS CLI) (p. 101)

**Test the Bot Using Text Input (AWS CLI)**

To verify that the bot works correctly with text input, use the `PostText` operation. To run the commands in this exercise, you need to know the region where the commands will be run. For a list of regions, see Runtime Service Quotas (p. 226).

**Note**

The following AWS CLI example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, change "\$LATEST" to $LATEST and replace the backslash (\) continuation character at the end of each line with a caret (^).

**To use text to test the bot (AWS CLI)**

1. In the AWS CLI, start a conversation with the `OrderFlowersBot` bot. The example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, replace the backslash (\) Unix continuation character at the end of each line with a caret (^).

```bash
aws lex-runtime post-text \
  --region region \ 
  --bot-name OrderFlowersBot \ 
  --bot-alias "$LATEST" \ 
  --user-id UserOne \ 
  --input-text "i would like to order flowers"
```
Amazon Lex recognizes the user's intent and starts a conversation by returning the following response:

```
{
    "slotToElicit": "FlowerType",
    "slots": {
        "PickupDate": null,
        "PickupTime": null,
        "FlowerType": null
    },
    "dialogState": "ElicitSlot",
    "message": "What type of flowers would you like to order?",
    "intentName": "OrderFlowers"
}
```

2. Run the following commands to finish the conversation with the bot.

```
aws lex-runtime post-text \
--region region \
--bot-name OrderFlowersBot \
--bot-alias "\$LATEST" \
--user-id UserOne \
--input-text "roses"
```

```
aws lex-runtime post-text \
--region region \
--bot-name OrderFlowersBot \
--bot-alias "\$LATEST" \
--user-id UserOne \
--input-text "tuesday"
```

```
aws lex-runtime post-text \
--region region \
--bot-name OrderFlowersBot --bot-alias "\$LATEST" \
--user-id UserOne \
--input-text "10:00 a.m."
```

```
aws lex-runtime post-text \
--region region \
--bot-name OrderFlowersBot --bot-alias "\$LATEST" \
--user-id UserOne \
--input-text "yes"
```

After you confirm the order, Amazon Lex sends a fulfillment response to complete the conversation:

```
{
    "slots": {
        "PickupDate": "2017-05-16",
        "PickupTime": "10:00",
        "FlowerType": "roses"
    },
    "dialogState": "ReadyForFulfillment",
    "intentName": "OrderFlowers"
}
```
Next Step

Test the Bot Using Speech Input (AWS CLI) (p. 101)

Test the Bot Using Speech Input (AWS CLI)

To test the bot using audio files, use the PostContent (p. 373) operation. You generate the audio files using Amazon Polly text-to-speech operations.

To run the commands in this exercise, you need to know the region the Amazon Lex and Amazon Polly commands will be run. For a list of regions for Amazon Lex, see Runtime Service Quotas (p. 226). For a list of regions for Amazon Polly see AWS Regions and Endpoints in the Amazon Web Services General Reference.

**Note**
The following AWS CLI example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, change "\$LATEST" to $LATEST and replace the backslash (\) continuation character at the end of each line with a caret (^).

**To use a speech input to test the bot (AWS CLI)**

1. In the AWS CLI, create an audio file using Amazon Polly. The example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, replace the backslash (\) Unix continuation character at the end of each line with a caret (^).

   ```bash
   aws polly synthesize-speech \
   --region region \
   --output-format pcm \
   --text "i would like to order flowers" \
   --voice-id "Salli" \
   IntentSpeech.mpg
   ```

2. To send the audio file to Amazon Lex, run the following command. Amazon Lex saves the audio from the response in the specified output file.

   ```bash
   aws lex-runtime post-content \
   --region region \
   --bot-name OrderFlowersBot \
   --bot-alias "\$LATEST" \
   --user-id UserOne \
   --content-type "audio/l16; rate=16000; channels=1" \
   --input-stream IntentSpeech.mpg \
   IntentOutputSpeech.mpg
   ```

Amazon Lex responds with a request for the first slot. It saves the audio response in the specified output file.

```json
{
    "contentType": "audio/mpeg",
    "slotToElicit": "FlowerType",
    "dialogState": "ElicitSlot",
    "intentName": "OrderFlowers",
    "inputTranscript": "i would like to order some flowers",
    "slots": {
            "PickupDate": null,
            "PickupTime": null,
            "FlowerType": null
    },
    "message": "What type of flowers would you like to order?"
}
```
3. To order roses, create the following audio file and send it to Amazon Lex:

   ```bash
   aws polly synthesize-speech
   --region region
   --output-format pcm
   --text "roses"
   --voice-id "Salli"
   FlowerTypeSpeech.mpg
   
   aws lex-runtime post-content
   --region region
   --bot-name OrderFlowersBot
   --bot-alias "\$LATEST"
   --user-id UserOne
   --content-type "audio/l16; rate=16000; channels=1"
   --input-stream FlowerTypeSpeech.mpg
   FlowerTypeOutputSpeech.mpg
   ```

4. To set the delivery date, create the following audio file and send it to Amazon Lex:

   ```bash
   aws polly synthesize-speech
   --region region
   --output-format pcm
   --text "tuesday"
   --voice-id "Salli"
   DateSpeech.mpg
   
   aws lex-runtime post-content
   --region region
   --bot-name OrderFlowersBot
   --bot-alias "\$LATEST"
   --user-id UserOne
   --content-type "audio/l16; rate=16000; channels=1"
   --input-stream DateSpeech.mpg
   DateOutputSpeech.mpg
   ```

5. To set the delivery time, create the following audio file and send it to Amazon Lex:

   ```bash
   aws polly synthesize-speech
   --region region
   --output-format pcm
   --text "10:00 a.m."
   --voice-id "Salli"
   TimeSpeech.mpg
   
   aws lex-runtime post-content
   --region region
   --bot-name OrderFlowersBot
   --bot-alias "\$LATEST"
   --user-id UserOne
   --content-type "audio/l16; rate=16000; channels=1"
   --input-stream TimeSpeech.mpg
   TimeOutputSpeech.mpg
   ```

6. To confirm the delivery, create the following audio file and send it to Amazon Lex:

   ```bash
   aws polly synthesize-speech
   --region region
   --output-format pcm
   ```
--text "yes" \
--voice-id "Salli" \
ConfirmSpeech.mpg

aws lex-runtime post-content \
--region region \
--bot-name OrderFlowersBot \
--bot-alias "$LATEST" \
--user-id UserOne \
--content-type "audio/l16; rate=16000; channels=1" \
--input-stream ConfirmSpeech.mpg \
ConfirmOutputSpeech.mpg

After you confirm the delivery, Amazon Lex sends a response that confirms fulfillment of the intent:

```json
{
  "contentType": "text/plain;charset=utf-8",
  "dialogState": "ReadyForFulfillment",
  "intentName": "OrderFlowers",
  "inputTranscript": "yes",
  "slots": {
    "PickupDate": "2017-05-16",
    "PickupTime": "10:00",
    "FlowerType": "roses"
  }
}
```

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Exercise 2: Add a New Utterance (AWS CLI) (p. 103)

Exercise 2: Add a New Utterance (AWS CLI)

To improve the machine learning model that Amazon Lex uses to recognize requests from your users, add another sample utterance to the bot.

Adding a new utterance is a four-step process.

1. Use the GetIntent (p. 303) operation to get an intent from Amazon Lex.
2. Update the intent.
3. Use the PutIntent (p. 343) operation to send the updated intent back to Amazon Lex.
4. Use the GetBot (p. 267) and PutBot (p. 329) operations to rebuild any bot that uses the intent.

To run the commands in this exercise, you need to know the region where the commands will be run. For a list of regions, see Model Building Quotas (p. 227).

The response from the GetIntent operation contains a field called checksum that identifies a specific revision of the intent. You must provide the checksum value when you use the PutIntent (p. 343) operation to update an intent. If you don't, you'll get the following error message:

```
An error occurred (PreconditionFailedException) when calling the PutIntent operation: Intent intent name already exists. If you are trying to update intent name you must specify the checksum.
```
**Note**
The following AWS CLI example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, change "\$LATEST" to #LATEST and replace the backslash (\) continuation character at the end of each line with a caret (^).

**To update the OrderFlowers intent (AWS CLI)**

1. In the AWS CLI, get the intent from Amazon Lex. Amazon Lex sends the output to a file called `OrderFlowers-V2.json`.

   ```
   aws lex-models get-intent \
   --region region \
   --name OrderFlowers \
   --intent-version "\$LATEST" > OrderFlowers-V2.json
   ```

2. Open `OrderFlowers-V2.json` in a text editor.

   1. Find and delete the `createdDate`, `lastUpdatedDate`, and `version` fields.
   2. Add the following to the `sampleUtterances` field:

   ```
   I want to order flowers
   ```

3. Save the file.

3. Send the updated intent to Amazon Lex with the following command:

   ```
   aws lex-models put-intent \
   --region region \
   --name OrderFlowers \
   --cli-input-json file://OrderFlowers-V2.json
   ```

Amazon Lex sends the following response:

```
{
   "confirmationPrompt": {
      "maxAttempts": 2,
      "messages": [
      {
        "content": "Okay, your {FlowerType} will be ready for pickup by {PickupTime} on {PickupDate}. Does this sound okay?",
        "contentType": "PlainText"
      }
      ],
   "name": "OrderFlowers",
   "checksum": "checksum",
   "version": "$LATEST",
   "rejectionStatement": {
      "messages": [
      {
        "content": "Okay, I will not place your order."
      },
      "contentType": "PlainText"
      ],
   "createdDate": "timestamp",
   "lastUpdatedDate": "timestamp",
   "sampleUtterances": [
      "I would like to pick up flowers",
   ]
}
```
Now that you have updated the intent, rebuild any bot that uses it.

**To rebuild the OrderFlowersBot bot (AWS CLI)**

1. In the AWS CLI, get the definition of the OrderFlowersBot bot and save it to a file with the following command:

   ```bash
   aws lex-models get-bot
   --region region
   --name OrderFlowersBot
   --version-or-alias "\$LATEST" > OrderFlowersBot-V2.json
   ```

2. In a text editor, open `OrderFlowersBot-V2.json`. Remove the `createdAt`, `lastUpdatedDate`, `status` and `version` fields.

3. In a text editor, add the following line to the bot definition:

   ```json
   "processBehavior": "BUILD",
   ```

4. In the AWS CLI, build a new revision of the bot by running the following command to:

   ```bash
   aws lex-models put-bot
   --region region
   --name OrderFlowersBot
   --cli-input-json file://OrderFlowersBot-V2.json
   ```

   The response from the server is:

   ```json
   {
   "status": "BUILDING",
   "intents": [
   {
   "intentVersion": "$LATEST",
   "intentName": "OrderFlowers"
   }
   ],
   "name": "OrderFlowersBot",
   "locale": "en-US",
   "checksum": "checksum",
   "abortStatement": {
   "messages": [
   {
   "content": "Sorry, I’m not able to assist at this time",
   "contentType": "PlainText"
   }
   ]
   },
   "version": "$LATEST",
   "lastUpdatedDate": "timestamp",
   "createdDate": "timestamp"
   "clarificationPrompt": {
   "maxAttempts": 2,
   "messages": [
   {
   "content": "I didn’t understand you, what would you like to do?",
   "contentType": "PlainText"
   }
   ]
   },
   "voiceId": "Salli",
   "childDirected": false,
   "idleSessionTTLInSeconds": 600,
   ```
Next Step

Exercise 3: Add a Lambda Function (AWS CLI) (p. 107)

Exercise 3: Add a Lambda Function (AWS CLI)

Add a Lambda function that validates user input and fulfills the user's intent to the bot.

Adding a Lambda expression is a five-step process.

1. Use the Lambda AddPermission function to enable the OrderFlowers intent to call the Lambda Invoke operation.
2. Use the GetIntent operation to get the intent from Amazon Lex.
3. Update the intent to add the Lambda function.
4. Use the PutIntent operation to send the updated intent back to Amazon Lex.
5. Use the GetBot and PutBot operations to rebuild any bot that uses the intent.

To run the commands in this exercise, you need to know the region where the commands will be run. For a list of regions, see Model Building Quotas (p. 227).

If you add a Lambda function to an intent before you add the InvokeFunction permission, you get the following error message:

```
An error occurred (BadRequestException) when calling the PutIntent operation: Lex is unable to access the Lambda function Lambda function ARN in the context of intent intent ARN. Please check the resource-based policy on the function.
```

The response from the GetIntent operation contains a field called checksum that identifies a specific revision of the intent. When you use the PutIntent operation to update an intent, you must provide the checksum value. If you don't, you get the following error message:

```
An error occurred (PreconditionFailedException) when calling the PutIntent operation: Intent intent name already exists. If you are trying to update intent name you must specify the checksum.
```

This exercise uses the Lambda function from Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52). For instructions to create the Lambda function, see Step 3: Create a Lambda Function (Console) (p. 64).

Note

The following AWS CLI example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, change "\$LATEST" to $LATEST.

To add a Lambda function to an intent

1. In the AWS CLI, add the InvokeFunction permission for the OrderFlowers intent:
aws lambda add-permission \
   --region region \
   --function-name OrderFlowersCodeHook \
   --statement-id LexGettingStarted-OrderFlowersBot \
   --action lambda:InvokeFunction \
   --principal lex.amazonaws.com \
   --source-arn "arn:aws:lex:region:account ID:intent:OrderFlowers:*"

Lambda sends the following response:

```
{
   "Statement": "{\"Sid\":\"LexGettingStarted-OrderFlowersBot\",
   "Effect":\"Allow\",
   "Principal":{\"Service\":\"lex.amazonaws.com\"},
   "Action":{\"lambda:InvokeFunction\"},
   "Condition":{\"ArnLike\":
   {\"AWS:SourceArn\":
   "arn:aws:lex:region:account ID:intent:OrderFlowers:*\"}}}
}
```

2. Get the intent from Amazon Lex. Amazon Lex sends the output to a file called `OrderFlowers-V3.json`.

    aws lex-models get-intent \
      --region region \
      --name OrderFlowers \
      --intent-version "$LATEST" > OrderFlowers-V3.json

3. In a text editor, open the `OrderFlowers-V3.json`.

    1. Find and delete the `createdDate`, `lastUpdatedDate`, and `version` fields.
    2. Update the `fulfillmentActivity` field:

```
{  
   "fulfillmentActivity": {  
      "type": "CodeHook",
      "codeHook": {  
         "messageVersion": "1.0"
      }
   }
}
```

    3. Save the file.

4. In the AWS CLI, send the updated intent to Amazon Lex:

    aws lex-models put-intent \
      --region region \
      --name OrderFlowers \
      --cli-input-json file://OrderFlowers-V3.json

Now that you have updated the intent, rebuild the bot.

To rebuild the `OrderFlowersBot` bot

1. In the AWS CLI, get the definition of the `OrderFlowersBot` bot and save it to a file:

    aws lex-models get-bot \

2. In a text editor, open `OrderFlowersBot-V3.json`. Remove the `createdDate`, `lastUpdatedDate`, `status`, and `version` fields.

3. In the text editor, add the following line to the definition of the bot:

   ```json
   "processBehavior": "BUILD",
   ```

4. In the AWS CLI, build a new revision of the bot:

   ```bash
   aws lex-models put-bot \
   --region region \ 
   --name OrderFlowersBot \ 
   --cli-input-json file://OrderFlowersBot-V3.json
   ```

The response from the server is:

```json
{
   "status": "READY",
   "intents": [
     {
       "intentVersion": "$LATEST",
       "intentName": "OrderFlowers"
     }
   ],
   "name": "OrderFlowersBot",
   "locale": "en-US",
   "checksum": "checksum",
   "abortStatement": {
     "messages": [
       {
         "content": "Sorry, I'm not able to assist at this time",
         "contentType": "PlainText"
       }
     ],
   },
   "version": "$LATEST",
   "lastUpdatedDate": timestamp,
   "createdDate": timestamp,
   "clarificationPrompt": {
     "maxAttempts": 2,
     "messages": [
       {
         "content": "I didn't understand you, what would you like to do?",
         "contentType": "PlainText"
       }
     ],
   },
   "voiceId": "Salli",
   "childDirected": false,
   "idleSessionTTLInSeconds": 600,
   "description": "Bot to order flowers on the behalf of a user"
}
```
Exercise 4: Publish a Version (AWS CLI)

Now, create a version of the bot that you created in Exercise 1. A version is a snapshot of the bot. After you create a version, you can’t change it. The only version of a bot that you can update is the $LATEST version. For more information about versions, see Versioning and Aliases (p. 116).

Before you can publish a version of a bot, you must publish the intents that it uses. Likewise, you must publish the slot types that those intents refer to. In general, to publish a version of a bot, you do the following:

1. Publish a version of a slot type with the CreateSlotTypeVersion (p. 245) operation.
2. Publish a version of an intent with the CreateIntentVersion (p. 239) operation.
3. Publish a version of a bot with the CreateBotVersion (p. 234) operation.

To run the commands in this exercise, you need to know the region where the commands will be run. For a list of regions, see Model Building Quotas (p. 227).

Topics
- Step 1: Publish the Slot Type (AWS CLI) (p. 110)
- Step 2: Publish the Intent (AWS CLI) (p. 111)
- Step 3: Publish the Bot (AWS CLI) (p. 113)

Step 1: Publish the Slot Type (AWS CLI)

Before you can publish a version of any intents that use a slot type, you must publish a version of that slot type. In this case, you publish the FlowerTypes slot type.

Note
The following AWS CLI example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, change "\$LATEST" to $LATEST and replace the backslash (\) continuation character at the end of each line with a caret (^).

To publish a slot type (AWS CLI)

1. In the AWS CLI, get the latest version of the slot type:

   ```bash
   aws lex-models get-slot-type \
   --region region \
   --name FlowerTypes \
   --slot-type-version "\$LATEST"
   ```

   The response from Amazon Lex follows. Record the checksum for the current revision of the $LATEST version.

   ```json
   {  
       "enumerationValues": [  
       {  
           "value": "tulips"  
       },  
       {  
           "value": "lilies"  
       },  
       {  
           "value": "roses"  
       }  
    ],
   ```
2. Publish a version of the slot type. Use the checksum that you recorded in the previous step.

```bash
aws lex-models create-slot-type-version \
  --region region \
  --name FlowerTypes \
  --checksum "checksum"
```

The response from Amazon Lex follows. Record the version number for the next step.

```json
{
  "version": "1",
  "enumerationValues": [
    {
      "value": "tulips"
    },
    {
      "value": "lilies"
    },
    {
      "value": "roses"
    }
  ],
  "name": "FlowerTypes",
  "createdDate": timestamp,
  "lastUpdatedDate": timestamp,
  "description": "Types of flowers to pick up"
}
```

Next Step

Step 2: Publish the Intent (AWS CLI) (p. 111)

Step 2: Publish the Intent (AWS CLI)

Before you can publish an intent, you have to publish all of the slot types referred to by the intent. The slot types must be numbered versions, not the $LATEST version.

First, update the OrderFlowers intent to use the version of the FlowerTypes slot type that you published in the previous step. Then publish a new version of the OrderFlowers intent.

**Note**

The following AWS CLI example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, change "\$LATEST" to $LATEST and replace the backslash (\) continuation character at the end of each line with a caret (^).

**To publish a version of an intent (AWS CLI)**

1. In the AWS CLI, get the $LATEST version of the OrderFlowers intent and save it to a file:

```bash
aws lex-models get-intent \
  --region region \
```
--name OrderFlowers \\n--intent-version "\$LATEST" > OrderFlowers_V4.json

2. In a text editor, open the **OrderFlowers_V4.json** file. Delete the `createdDate`, `lastUpdatedDate`, and `version` fields. Find the `FlowerTypes` slot type and change the version to the version number that you recorded in the previous step. The following fragment of the **OrderFlowers_V4.json** file shows the location of the change:

```
{
  "slotType": "FlowerTypes",
  "name": "FlowerType",
  "slotConstraint": "Required",
  "valueElicitationPrompt": {
    "maxAttempts": 2,
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "What type of flowers?",
        "contentType": "PlainText"
      }
    ]
  },
  "priority": 1,
  "slotTypeVersion": "version",
  "sampleUtterances": []
},
```

3. In the AWS CLI, save the revision of the intent:

```
aws lex-models put-intent \
--name OrderFlowers \
--cli-input-json file://OrderFlowers_V4.json
```

4. Get the checksum of the latest revision of the intent:

```
aws lex-models get-intent \
--region region \
--name OrderFlowers \
--intent-version "$LATEST" > OrderFlowers_V4a.json
```

The following fragment of the response shows the checksum of the intent. Record this for the next step.

```
"name": "OrderFlowers",
"checksum": "checksum",
"version": "$LATEST",
```

5. Publish a new version of the intent:

```
aws lex-models create-intent-version \
--region region \
--name OrderFlowers \
--checksum "checksum"
```

The following fragment of the response shows the new version of the intent. Record the version number for the next step.

```
"name": "OrderFlowers",
"checksum": "checksum",
"version": "version",
```

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Next Step

Step 3: Publish the Bot (AWS CLI) (p. 113)

Step 3: Publish the Bot (AWS CLI)

After you have published all of the slot types and intents that are used by your bot, you can publish the bot.

Update the OrderFlowersBot bot to use the OrderFlowers intent that you updated in the previous step. Then, publish a new version of the OrderFlowersBot bot.

Note
The following AWS CLI example is formatted for Unix, Linux, and macOS. For Windows, change "\$LATEST" to $LATEST and replace the backslash (\) continuation character at the end of each line with a caret (^).

To publish a version of a bot (AWS CLI)

1. In the AWS CLI, get the $LATEST version of the OrderFlowersBot bot and save it to a file:

   ```
   aws lex-models get-bot \
   --region region \ 
   --name OrderFlowersBot \ 
   --version-or-alias "\$LATEST" > OrderFlowersBot_V4.json
   ```

2. In a text editor, open the OrderFlowersBot_V4.json file. Delete the createdDate, lastUpdatedDate, status and version fields. Find the OrderFlowers intent and change the version to the version number that you recorded in the previous step. The following fragment of OrderFlowersBot_V4.json shows the location of the change.

   ```
   "intents": [ 
    { 
      "intentVersion": "version", 
      "intentName": "OrderFlowers"
    }
   ]
   ```

3. In the AWS CLI, save the new revision of the bot. Make note of the version number returned by the call to put-bot.

   ```
   aws lex-models put-bot \
   --name OrderFlowersBot \
   --cli-input-json file://OrderFlowersBot_V4.json
   ```

4. Get the checksum of the latest revision of the bot. Use the version number returned in step 3.

   ```
   aws lex-models get-bot \
   --region region \ 
   --version-or-alias version \ 
   --name OrderFlowersBot > OrderFlowersBot_V4a.json
   ```

   The following fragment of the response shows the checksum of the bot. Record this for the next step.

   ```
   "name": "OrderFlowersBot", 
   "locale": "en-US", 
   "checksum": "checksum",
   ```

5. Publish a new version of the bot:

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aws lex-models create-bot-version \
--region region \
--name OrderFlowersBot \
--checksum "checksum"

The following fragment of the response shows the new version of the bot.

```
"checksum": "checksum",
"abortStatement": {
  ...
},
"version": "1",
"lastUpdatedDate": timestamp,
```

**Next Step**

Exercise 5: Create an Alias (AWS CLI) (p. 114)

### Exercise 5: Create an Alias (AWS CLI)

An alias is a pointer to a specific version of a bot. With an alias you can easily update the version that your client applications are using. For more information, see Versioning and Aliases (p. 116). To run the commands in this exercise, you need to know the region where the commands will be run. For a list of regions, see Model Building Quotas (p. 227).

**To create an alias (AWS CLI)**

1. In the AWS CLI, get the version of the OrderFlowersBot bot that you created in Exercise 4: Publish a Version (AWS CLI) (p. 110).

   ```
   aws lex-models get-bot \
   --region region \
   --name OrderFlowersBot \n   --version-or-alias version > OrderFlowersBot_v5.json
   ```

2. In a text editor, open `OrderFlowersBot_v5.json`. Find and record the version number.

3. In the AWS CLI, create the bot alias:

   ```
   aws lex-models put-bot-alias \
   --region region \
   --name PROD \
   --bot-name OrderFlowersBot \
   --bot-version version
   ```

   The following is the response from the server:

   ```
   {
   "name": "PROD",
   "createdDate": timestamp,
   "checksum": "checksum",
   "lastUpdatedDate": timestamp,
   "botName": "OrderFlowersBot",
   "botVersion": "1"
   }
   ```
Next Step

Exercise 6: Clean Up (AWS CLI) (p. 115)

Exercise 6: Clean Up (AWS CLI)

Delete the resources that you created and clean up your account.

You can delete only resources that are not in use. In general, you should delete resources in the following order.

1. Delete aliases to free up bot resources.
2. Delete bots to free up intent resources.
3. Delete intents to free up slot type resources.
4. Delete slot types.

To run the commands in this exercise, you need to know the region where the commands will be run. For a list of regions, see Model Building Quotas (p. 227).

To clean up your account (AWS CLI)

1. In the AWS CLI command line, delete the alias:

   ```
   aws lex-models delete-bot-alias \
   --region region \
   --name PROD \
   --bot-name OrderFlowersBot
   ```

2. In the AWS CLI command line, delete the bot:

   ```
   aws lex-models delete-bot \
   --region region \
   --name OrderFlowersBot
   ```

3. In the AWS CLI command line, delete the intent:

   ```
   aws lex-models delete-intent \
   --region region \
   --name OrderFlowers
   ```

4. From the AWS CLI command line, delete the slot type:

   ```
   aws lex-models delete-slot-type \
   --region region \
   --name FlowerTypes
   ```

You have removed all of the resources that you created and cleaned up your account.
Versioning and Aliases

Amazon Lex supports publishing versions of bots, intents, and slot types so that you can control the implementation that your client applications use. A *version* is a numbered snapshot of your work that you can publish for use in different parts of your workflow, such as development, beta deployment, and production.

Amazon Lex bots also support aliases. An *alias* is a pointer to a specific version of a bot. With an alias, you can easily update the version that your client applications are using. For example, you can point an alias to version 1 of your bot. When you are ready to update the bot, you publish version 2 and change the alias to point to the new version. Because your applications use the alias instead of a specific version, all of your clients get the new functionality without needing to be updated.

**Topics**
- Versioning (p. 116)
- Aliases (p. 118)

**Versioning**

When you version an Amazon Lex resource you create a snapshot of the resource so that you can use the resource as it existed when the version was made. Once you've created a version it will stay the same while you continue to work on your application.

**The $LATEST Version**

When you create an Amazon Lex bot, intent, or slot type there is only one version, the $LATEST version.

$LATEST is the working copy of your resource. You can update only the $LATEST version and until you publish your first version, $LATEST is the only version of the resource that you have.

Only the $LATEST version of a resource can use the $LATEST version of another resource. For example, the $LATEST version of a bot can use the $LATEST version of an intent, and the $LATEST version of an intent can use the $LATEST version of a slot type.

**Publishing an Amazon Lex Resource Version**

When you publish a resource, Amazon Lex makes a copy of the $LATEST version and saves it as a numbered version. The published version can't be changed.
You create and publish versions using the Amazon Lex console or the CreateBotVersion (p. 234) operation. For an example, see Exercise 3: Publish a Version and Create an Alias (p. 90).

When you modify the $LATEST version of a resource, you can publish the new version to make the changes available to your client applications. Every time you publish a version, Amazon Lex copies the $LATEST version to create the new version and increments the version number by 1. Version numbers are never reused. For example, if you remove a resource numbered version 10 and then recreate it, the next version number Amazon Lex assigns is version 11.

Before you can publish a bot, you must point it to a numbered version of any intent that it uses. If you try to publish a new version of a bot that uses the $LATEST version of an intent, Amazon Lex returns an HTTP 400 Bad Request exception. Before you can publish a numbered version of the intent, you must point the intent to a numbered version of any slot type that it uses. Otherwise you will get an HTTP 400 Bad Request exception.

Amazon Lex publishes a new version only if the last published version is different from the $LATEST version. If you try to publish the $LATEST version without modifying it, Amazon Lex doesn't create or publish a new version.

**Updating an Amazon Lex Resource**

You can update only the $LATEST version of an Amazon Lex bot, intent, or slot type. Published versions can't be changed. You can publish a new version any time after you update a resource in the console or with the CreateBotVersion (p. 234), the CreateIntentVersion (p. 239) or the CreateSlotTypeVersion (p. 245) operations.

**Deleting an Amazon Lex Resource or Version**

Amazon Lex supports deleting a resource or version using the console or one of the API operations:

- DeleteBot (p. 249)
- DeleteBotVersion (p. 255)
- DeleteBotAlias (p. 251)
Aliases

An alias is a pointer to a specific version of an Amazon Lex bot. Use an alias to allow client applications to use a specific version of the bot without requiring the application to track which version that is.

The following example shows two versions of an Amazon Lex bot, version $LATEST$ and version 1. Each of these bot versions has an associated alias, DEV and PROD, respectively. Client applications use the PROD alias to access the bot.

When you create a second version of the bot, you can update the alias to point to the new version of the bot using the console or the PutBot (p. 329) operation. When you change the alias, all of your client applications use the new version. If there is a problem with the new version, you can roll back to the previous version by simply changing the alias to point to that version.
Note
Although you can test the $LATEST version of a bot in the console, we recommend that when you integrate a bot with your client application, you first publish a version and create an alias that points to that version. Use the alias in your client application for the reasons explained in this section. When you update an alias, Amazon Lex will wait until the session timeout of all current sessions expires before it starts using the new version. For more information about the session timeout, see the section called “Setting the Session Timeout” (p. 23)
Using Lambda Functions

You can create AWS Lambda functions to use as code hooks for your Amazon Lex bot. You can identify Lambda functions to perform initialization and validation, fulfillment, or both in your intent configuration.

We recommend that you use a Lambda function as a code hook for your bot. Without a Lambda function, your bot returns the intent information to the client application for fulfillment.

Topics
- Lambda Function Input Event and Response Format (p. 120)
- AmazonLex and AWS Lambda Blueprints (p. 128)

Lambda Function Input Event and Response Format

This section describes the structure of the event data that Amazon Lex provides to a Lambda function. Use this information to parse the input in your Lambda code. It also explains the format of the response that Amazon Lex expects your Lambda function to return.

Topics
- Input Event Format (p. 120)
- Response Format (p. 124)

Input Event Format

The following shows the general format of an Amazon Lex event that is passed to a Lambda function. Use this information when you are writing your Lambda function.

Note
The input format may change without a corresponding change in the `messageVersion`. Your code should not throw an error if new fields are present.

```json
{
  "currentIntent": {
    "name": "intent-name",
    "slots": {
      "slot name": "value",
      "slot name": "value"
    },
    "slotDetails": {
      "slot name": {
        "resolutions": [ 
          { "value": "resolved value" },
          { "value": "resolved value" }
        ],
        "originalValue": "original text"
      },
      "slot name": {
```
Note the following additional information about the event fields:

- **currentIntent** – Provides the intent name, slots, slotDetails and confirmationStatus fields.

  slots is a map of slot names, configured for the intent, to slot values that Amazon Lex has recognized in the user conversation. A slot value remains null until the user provides a value.

  The slot value in the input event may not match one of the values configured for the slot. For example, if the user responds to the prompt “What color car would you like?” with “pizza,” Amazon Lex will return “pizza” as the slot value. Your function should validate the values to make sure that they make sense in context.
slotDetails provides additional information about a slot value. The resolutions array contains a list of additional values recognized for the slot. Each slot can have a maximum of five values.

The originalValue field contains the value that was entered by the user for the slot. When the slot type is configured to return the top resolution value as the slot value, the originalValue may be different from the value in the slots field.

confirmationStatus provides the user response to a confirmation prompt, if there is one. For example, if Amazon Lex asks "Do you want to order a large cheese pizza?," depending on the user response, the value of this field can be Confirmed or Denied. Otherwise, this value of this field is None.

If the user confirms the intent, Amazon Lex sets this field to Confirmed. If the user denies the intent, Amazon Lex sets this value to Denied.

In the confirmation response, a user utterance might provide slot updates. For example, the user might say "yes, change size to medium." In this case, the subsequent Lambda event has the updated slot value, PizzaSize set to medium. Amazon Lex sets the confirmationStatus to None, because the user modified some slot data, requiring the Lambda function to perform user data validation.

- **bot** – Information about the bot that processed the request.
  - **name** – The name of the bot that processed the request.
  - **alias** – The alias of the bot version that processed the request.
  - **version** – The version of the bot that processed the request.

- **userId** – This value is provided by the client application. Amazon Lex passes it to the Lambda function.

- **inputTranscript** – The text used to process the request.
  
  If the input was text, the inputTranscript field contains the text that was input by the user.

  If the input was an audio stream, the inputTranscript field contains the text extracted from the audio stream. This is the text that is actually processed to recognize intents and slot values.

- **invocationSource** – To indicate why Amazon Lex is invoking the Lambda function, it sets this to one of the following values:
  - **DialogCodeHook** – Amazon Lex sets this value to direct the Lambda function to initialize the function and to validate the user's data input.
When the intent is configured to invoke a Lambda function as an initialization and validation code hook, Amazon Lex invokes the specified Lambda function on each user input (utterance) after Amazon Lex understands the intent.

**Note**
If the intent is not clear, Amazon Lex can't invoke the Lambda function.

- **FulfillmentCodeHook** – Amazon Lex sets this value to direct the Lambda function to fulfill an intent.

If the intent is configured to invoke a Lambda function as a fulfillment code hook, Amazon Lex sets the `invocationSource` to this value only after it has all the slot data to fulfill the intent.

In your intent configuration, you can have two separate Lambda functions to initialize and validate user data and to fulfill the intent. You can also use one Lambda function to do both. In that case, your Lambda function can use the `invocationSource` value to follow the correct code path.

- **outputDialogMode** – For each user input, the client sends the request to Amazon Lex using one of the runtime API operations, `PostContent` (p. 373) or `PostText` (p. 381). Amazon Lex uses the request parameters to determine whether the response to the client is text or voice, and sets this field accordingly.

The Lambda function can use this information to generate an appropriate message. For example, if the client expects a voice response, your Lambda function could return Speech Synthesis Markup Language (SSML) instead of text.

- **messageVersion** – The version of the message that identifies the format of the event data going into the Lambda function and the expected format of the response from a Lambda function.

  **Note**
  You configure this value when you define an intent. In the current implementation, only message version 1.0 is supported. Therefore, the console assumes the default value of 1.0 and doesn't show the message version.

- **sessionAttributes** – Application-specific session attributes that the client sends in the request. If you want Amazon Lex to include them in the response to the client, your Lambda function should send these back to Amazon Lex in the response. For more information, see Setting Session Attributes (p. 20)

- **requestAttributes** – Request-specific attributes that the client sends in the request. Use request attributes to pass information that doesn't need to persist for the entire session. If there are no request attributes, the value will be null. For more information, see Setting Request Attributes (p. 21)

- **recentIntentSummaryView** – Information about the state of an intent. You can see information about the last three intents used. You can use this information to set values in the intent or to return to a previous intent. For more information, see Managing Sessions With the Amazon Lex API (p. 32).
• **sentimentResponse** – The result of an Amazon Comprehend sentiment analysis of the last utterance. You can use this information to manage the conversation flow of your bot depending on the sentiment expressed by the user. For more information, see Sentiment Analysis (p. 44).

## Response Format

Amazon Lex expects a response from a Lambda function in the following format:

```json
{
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "key1": "value1",
    "key2": "value2",
    ...
  },
  "recentIntentSummaryView": [
    {
      "intentName": "Name",
      "checkpointLabel": "Label",
      "slots": {
        "slot name": "value",
        "slot name": "value"
      },
      "confirmationStatus": "None, Confirmed, or Denied (intent confirmation, if configured)",
      "dialogActionType": "ElicitIntent, ElicitSlot, ConfirmIntent, Delegate, or Close",
      "fulfillmentState": "Fulfilled or Failed",
      "slotToElicit": "Next slot to elicit"
    }
  ],
  "dialogAction": {
    "type": "ElicitIntent, ElicitSlot, ConfirmIntent, Delegate, or Close",
    "full structure based on the type field. See below for details.
  }
}
```

The response consists of three fields. The `sessionAttributes` and `recentIntentSummaryView` fields are optional, the `dialogAction` field is required. The contents of the `dialogAction` field depends on the value of the `type` field. For details, see `dialogAction` (p. 125).

### sessionAttributes

Optional. If you include the `sessionAttributes` field it can be empty. If your Lambda function doesn't return session attributes, the last known `sessionAttributes` passed via the API or Lambda function remain. For more information, see the PostContent (p. 373) and PostText (p. 381) operations.

```json
"sessionAttributes": {
  "key1": "value1",
  "key2": "value2"
}
```

### recentIntentSummaryView

Optional. If included, sets values for one or more recent intents. You can include information for up to three intents. For example, you can set values for previous intents based on information gathered by the current intent. The information in the summary must be valid for the intent. For example, the intent name must be an intent in the bot. If you include a slot value in the summary view, the slot must exist in the intent. If you don't include the `recentIntentSummaryView` in your response, all of the values for
the recent intents remain unchanged. For more information, see the PutSession (p. 388) operation or the IntentSummary (p. 436) data type.

```
"recentIntentSummaryView": [  
   
   "intentName": "Name",
   "checkpointLabel": "Label",
   "slots": {  
      "slot name": "value",
      "slot name": "value"
   },
   "confirmationStatus": "None, Confirmed, or Denied (intent confirmation, if configured)",
   "dialogActionType": "ElicitIntent, ElicitSlot, ConfirmIntent, Delegate, or Close",
   "fulfillmentState": "Fulfilled or Failed",
   "slotToElicit": "Next slot to elicit"
}
```

dialogAction

Required. The dialogAction field directs Amazon Lex to the next course of action, and describes what to expect from the user after Amazon Lex returns a response to the client.

The type field indicates the next course of action. It also determines the other fields that the Lambda function needs to provide as part of the dialogAction value.

- Close — Informs Amazon Lex not to expect a response from the user. For example, “Your pizza order has been placed” does not require a response.

The fulfillmentState field is required. Amazon Lex uses this value to set the dialogState field in the PostContent (p. 373) or PostText (p. 381) response to the client application. The message and responseCard fields are optional. If you don’t specify a message, Amazon Lex uses the goodbye message or the follow-up message configured for the intent.

```
"dialogAction": {  
   "type": "Close",
   "fulfillmentState": "Fulfilled or Failed",
   "message": {  
      "contentType": "PlainText or SSML or CustomPayload",
      "content": "Message to convey to the user. For example, Thanks, your pizza has been ordered."
   },
   "responseCard": {  
      "version": integer-value,
      "contentType": "application/vnd.amazonaws.card.generic",
      "genericAttachments": [  
         {  
            "title": "card-title",
            "subTitle": "card-sub-title",
            "imageUrl": "URL of the image to be shown",
            "attachmentLinkUrl": "URL of the attachment to be associated with the card",
            "buttons": [  
               {  
                  "text": "button-text",
                  "value": "Value sent to server on button click"
               }  
            ]
         ]
      }  
   }
```

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• **ConfirmIntent** — Informs Amazon Lex that the user is expected to give a yes or no answer to confirm or deny the current intent.

You must include the `intentName` and `slots` fields. The `slots` field must contain an entry for each of the filled slots for the specified intent. You don’t need to include an entry in the `slots` field for slots that aren’t filled. You must include the `message` field if the intent’s `confirmationPrompt` field is null. The contents of the `message` field returned by the Lambda function take precedence over the `confirmationPrompt` specified in the intent. The `responseCard` field is optional.

```json
"dialogAction": {
  "type": "ConfirmIntent",
  "message": {
    "contentType": "PlainText or SSML or CustomPayload",
    "content": "Message to convey to the user. For example, Are you sure you want a large pizza?"
  },
  "intentName": "intent-name",
  "slots": {
    "slot-name": "value",
    "slot-name": "value",
    "slot-name": "value"
  },
  "responseCard": {
    "version": integer-value,
    "contentType": "application/vnd.amazonaws.card.generic",
    "genericAttachments": [
      {
        "title": "card-title",
        "subtitle": "card-sub-title",
        "image-url": "URL of the image to be shown",
        "attachment-link-url": "URL of the attachment to be associated with the card",
        "buttons": [
          {
            "text": "button-text",
            "value": "Value sent to server on button click"
          }
        ]
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

• **Delegate** — Directs Amazon Lex to choose the next course of action based on the bot configuration. If the response does not include any session attributes Amazon Lex retains the existing attributes. If you want a slot value to be null, you don’t need to include the slot field in the request. You will get a `DependencyFailedException` exception if your fulfillment function returns the `Delegate` dialog action without removing any slots.

```json
"dialogAction": {
  "type": "Delegate",
  "slots": {
    "slot-name": "value",
    "slot-name": "value",
    "slot-name": "value"
  }
}
```
• **ElicitIntent** — Informs Amazon Lex that the user is expected to respond with an utterance that includes an intent. For example, "I want a large pizza," which indicates the OrderPizzaIntent. The utterance "large," on the other hand, is not sufficient for Amazon Lex to infer the user's intent.

The `message` and `responseCard` fields are optional. If you don't provide a message, Amazon Lex uses one of the bot's clarification prompts. If there is no clarification prompt defined, Amazon Lex returns a 400 Bad Request exception.

```
{  
  "dialogAction": {  
    "type": "ElicitIntent",  
    "message": {  
      "contentType": "PlainText or SSML or CustomPayload",  
      "content": "Message to convey to the user. For example, What can I help you with?"  
    },  
    "responseCard": {  
      "version": integer-value,  
      "contentType": "application/vnd.amazonaws.card.generic",  
      "genericAttachments": [  
        {  
          "title": "card-title",  
          "subTitle": "card-sub-title",  
          "imageUrl": "URL of the image to be shown",  
          "attachmentLinkUrl": "URL of the attachment to be associated with the card",  
          "buttons": [  
            {  
              "text": "button-text",  
              "value": "Value sent to server on button click"  
            }  
          ]  
        }  
      ]  
    }  
  }  
}
```

• **ElicitSlot** — Informs Amazon Lex that the user is expected to provide a slot value in the response.

The `intentName`, `slotToElicit`, and `slots` fields are required. The `message` and `responseCard` fields are optional. If you don't specify a message, Amazon Lex uses one of the slot elicitation prompts configured for the slot.

```
"dialogAction": {  
  "type": "ElicitSlot",  
  "message": {  
    "contentType": "PlainText or SSML or CustomPayload",  
    "content": "Message to convey to the user. For example, What size pizza would you like?"  
  },  
  "intentName": "intent-name",  
  "slots": {  
    "slot-name": "value",  
    "slot-name": "value",  
    "slot-name": "value"  
  },  
  "slotToElicit": "slot-name",  
  "responseCard": {  
```

```
}
```
Amazon Lex and AWS Lambda Blueprints

The Amazon Lex console provides example bots (called bot blueprints) that are preconfigured so you can quickly create and test a bot in the console. For each of these bot blueprints, Lambda function blueprints are also provided. These blueprints provide sample code that works with their corresponding bots. You can use these blueprints to quickly create a bot that is configured with a Lambda function as a code hook, and test the end-to-end setup without having to write code.

You can use the following Amazon Lex bot blueprints and the corresponding AWS Lambda function blueprints as code hooks for bots:

- Amazon Lex blueprint — OrderFlowers
  - AWS Lambda blueprint — lex-order-flowers-python
- Amazon Lex blueprint — ScheduleAppointment
  - AWS Lambda blueprint — lex-make-appointment-python
- Amazon Lex blueprint — BookTrip
  - AWS Lambda blueprint — lex-book-trip-python

To create a bot using a blueprint and configure it to use a Lambda function as a code hook, see Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52). For an example of using other blueprints, see Additional Examples: Creating Amazon Lex Bots (p. 150).
Deploying Amazon Lex Bots

This section provides examples of deploying Amazon Lex bots on various messaging platforms and in mobile applications.

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- Deploying an Amazon Lex Bot in Mobile Applications (p. 143)

Deploying an Amazon Lex Bot on a Messaging Platform

This section explains how to deploy Amazon Lex bots on the Facebook, Slack, and Twilio messaging platforms.

**Note**
When storing your Facebook, Slack, or Twilio configurations, Amazon Lex uses AWS Key Management Service customer master keys (CMK) to encrypt the information. The first time that you create a channel to one of these messaging platforms, Amazon Lex creates a default CMK (aws/lex). Alternatively, you can create your own CMK with AWS KMS. This gives you more flexibility, including the ability to create, rotate, and disable keys. You can also define access controls and audit the encryption keys used to protect your data. For more information, see the AWS Key Management Service Developer Guide.

When a messaging platform sends a request to Amazon Lex it includes platform-specific information as a request attribute to your Lambda function. Use these attributes to customize the way that your bot behaves. For more information, see Setting Request Attributes (p. 21).

All of the attributes take the namespace, `x-amz-lex:`, as the prefix. For example, the `user-id` attribute is called `x-amz-lex:user-id`. There are common attributes that are sent by all messaging platforms in addition to attributes that are specific to a particular platform. The following tables list the request attributes that messaging platforms send to your bot's Lambda function.

**Common Request Attributes**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>channel-id</td>
<td>The channel endpoint identifier from Amazon Lex.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>channel-name</td>
<td>The channel name from Amazon Lex.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>channel-type</td>
<td>One of the following values:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Facebook</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Kik</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Slack</td>
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<td>• Twilio-SMS</td>
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<tr>
<td>Attribute</td>
<td>Description</td>
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<td>-----------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>webhook-endpoint-url</td>
<td>The Amazon Lex endpoint for the channel.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Facebook Request Attributes**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Attribute</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>user-id</td>
<td>The Facebook identifier of the sender. See <a href="https://developers.facebook.com/docs/messenger-platform/webhook-reference/message-received">https://developers.facebook.com/docs/messenger-platform/webhook-reference/message-received</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>facebook-page-id</td>
<td>The Facebook page identifier of the recipient. See <a href="https://developers.facebook.com/docs/messenger-platform/webhook-reference/message-received">https://developers.facebook.com/docs/messenger-platform/webhook-reference/message-received</a>.</td>
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**Kik Request Attributes**

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>kik-chat-id</td>
<td>The identifier for the conversation that your bot is involved in. For more information, see <a href="https://dev.kik.com/#/docs/messaging#message-formats">https://dev.kik.com/#/docs/messaging#message-formats</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kik-chat-type</td>
<td>The type of conversation that the message originated from. For more information, see <a href="https://dev.kik.com/#/docs/messaging#message-formats">https://dev.kik.com/#/docs/messaging#message-formats</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kik-message-id</td>
<td>A UUID the identifies the message. For more information, see <a href="https://dev.kik.com/#/docs/messaging#message-formats">https://dev.kik.com/#/docs/messaging#message-formats</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kik-message-type</td>
<td>The type of message. For more information, see <a href="https://dev.kik.com/#/docs/messaging#message-types">https://dev.kik.com/#/docs/messaging#message-types</a>.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Twilio Request Attributes**

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<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>user-id</td>
<td>The sender's phone number (&quot;From&quot;). See <a href="https://www.twilio.com/docs/api/rest/message">https://www.twilio.com/docs/api/rest/message</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>twilio-target-phone-number</td>
<td>The phone number of the recipient (&quot;To&quot;). See <a href="https://www.twilio.com/docs/api/rest/message">https://www.twilio.com/docs/api/rest/message</a>.</td>
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**Slack Request Attributes**

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<tr>
<td>user-id</td>
<td>The Slack user identifier. See <a href="https://api.slack.com/types/user">https://api.slack.com/types/user</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>slack-team-id</td>
<td>The identifier of the team that sent the message. See <a href="https://api.slack.com/methods/team.info">https://api.slack.com/methods/team.info</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>slack-bot-token</td>
<td>The developer token that gives the bot access to the Slack APIs. See <a href="https://api.slack.com/docs/token-types">https://api.slack.com/docs/token-types</a>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Integrating an Amazon Lex Bot with Facebook Messenger

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- Step 3: Integrate Facebook Messenger with the Amazon Lex Bot (p. 131)
- Step 4: Test the Integration  (p. 133)

This exercise shows how to integrate Facebook Messenger with your Amazon Lex bot. You perform the following steps:

1. Create an Amazon Lex bot
2. Create a Facebook application
3. Integrate Facebook Messenger with your Amazon Lex bot
4. Validate the integration

Step 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot

If you don't already have an Amazon Lex bot, create and deploy one. In this topic, we assume that you are using the bot that you created in Getting Started Exercise 1. However, you can use any of the example bots provided in this guide. For Getting Started Exercise 1, see Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52).

1. Create an Amazon Lex bot. For instructions, see Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52).
2. Deploy the bot and create an alias. For instructions, see Exercise 3: Publish a Version and Create an Alias (p. 90).

Step 2: Create a Facebook Application

On the Facebook developer portal, create a Facebook application and a Facebook page. For instructions, see Quick Start in the Facebook Messenger platform documentation. Write down the following:

- The App Secret for the Facebook App
- The Page Access Token for the Facebook page

Step 3: Integrate Facebook Messenger with the Amazon Lex Bot

In this section, you integrate Facebook Messenger with your Amazon Lex bot.

After you complete this step, the console provides a callback URL. Write down this URL.

To integrate Facebook Messenger with your bot

1. a. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/
2. b. Choose your Amazon Lex bot.
c. Choose **Channels**.
d. Choose **Facebook** under **Chatbots**. The console displays the Facebook integration page.
e. On the Facebook integration page, do the following:
   - Type the following name: *BotFacebookAssociation*.
   - For **KMS key**, choose *aws/lex*.
   - For **Alias**, choose the bot alias.
   - For **Verify token**, type a token. This can be any string you choose (for example, *ExampleToken*). You use this token later in the Facebook developer portal when you set up the webhook.
   - For **Page access token**, type the token that you obtained from Facebook in Step 2.
   - For **App secret key**, type the key that you obtained from Facebook in Step 2.

f. Choose **Activate**.

   The console creates the bot channel association and returns a callback URL. Write down this URL.

2. On the Facebook developer portal, choose your app.
3. Choose the **Messenger** product, and choose **Setup webhooks** in the **Webhooks** section of the page.
   
   For instructions, see **Quick Start** in the Facebook Messenger platform documentation.
4. On the **webhook** page of the subscription wizard, do the following:
   
   - For **Callback URL**, type the callback URL provided in the Amazon Lex console earlier in the procedure.
   - For **Verify Token**, type the same token that you used in Amazon Lex.
   - Choose **Subscription Fields** (messages, messaging_postbacks, and messaging_optins).
   - Choose **Verify and Save**. This initiates a handshake between Facebook and Amazon Lex.
5. Enable Webhooks integration. Choose the page that you created, and then choose **subscribe**.

**Note**
If you update or recreate a webhook, unsubscribe and then resubscribe to the page.
Step 4: Test the Integration

You can now start a conversation from Facebook Messenger with your Amazon Lex bot.

1. Open your Facebook page, and choose Message.
2. In the Messenger window, use the same test utterances provided in Step 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot (Console) (p. 54).

Integrating an Amazon Lex Bot with Kik

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- Step 3: Integrate the Kik Bot with the Amazon Lex Bot (p. 134)
- Step 4: Test the Integration (p. 135)

This exercise provides instructions for integrating an Amazon Lex bot with the Kik messaging application. You perform the following steps:

1. Create an Amazon Lex bot.
2. Create a Kik bot using the Kik app and website.
3. Integrate the your Amazon Lex bot with the Kik bot using the Amazon Lex console.
4. Engage in a conversation with your Amazon Lex bot using Kik to test the association between your Amazon Lex bot and Kik.

Step 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot

If you don't already have an Amazon Lex bot, create and deploy one. In this topic, we assume that you are using the bot that you created in Getting Started Exercise 1. However, you can use any of the example bots provided in this guide. For Getting Started Exercise 1, see Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52)

1. Create an Amazon Lex bot. For instructions, see Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52).
2. Deploy the bot and create an alias. For instructions, see Exercise 3: Publish a Version and Create an Alias (p. 90).

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Step 2: Create a Kik Bot (p. 133)

Step 2: Create a Kik Bot

In this step you use the Kik user interface to create a Kik bot. You use information generated while creating the bot to connect it to your Amazon Lex bot.

1. If you haven't already, download and install the Kik app and sign up for a Kik account. If you have an account, log in.
2. Open the Kik website at https://dev.kik.com/. Leave the browser window open.
3. In the Kik app, choose the gear icon to open settings, and then choose Your Kik Code.
4. Scan the Kik code on the Kik website to open the Botsworth chatbot. Choose Yes to open the Bot Dashboard.
5. In the Kik app, choose Create a Bot. Follow the prompts to create your Kik bot.
6. Once the bot is created, choose Configuration in your browser. Make sure that your new bot is selected.
7. Note the bot name and the API key for the next section.

Next Step

Step 3: Integrate the Kik Bot with the Amazon Lex Bot

Step 3: Integrate the Kik Bot with the Amazon Lex Bot

Now that you have created an Amazon Lex bot and a Kik bot, you are ready to create an channel association between them in Amazon Lex. When the association is activated, Amazon Lex automatically sets up a callback URL with Kik.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. Choose the Amazon Lex bot that you created in Step 1.
3. Choose the Channels tab.
4. In the Channels section, choose Kik.
5. On the Kik page, provide the following:
   - Type a name. For example, BotKikIntegration.
   - Type a description.
   - Choose "aws/lex" from the KMS key drop-down.
   - For Alias, choose an alias from the drop-down.
   - For Kik bot user name, type the name that you gave the bot on Kik.
   - For Kik API key, type the API key that was assigned to the bot on Kik.
   - For User greeting, type the greeting that you would like your bot to send the first time that a user chats with it.
   - For Error message, enter an error message that is shown to the user when part of the conversation is not understood.
   - For Group chat behavior, choose one of the options:
     - Enable – Enables the entire chat group to interact with your bot in a single conversation.
     - Disable – Restricts the conversation to one user in the chat group.
Choose **Activate** to create the association and link it to the Kik bot.

**Next Step**

**Step 4: Test the Integration**

Now that you have created an association between your Amazon Lex bot and Kik, you can use the Kik app to test the association.

1. Start the Kik app and log in. Select the bot that you created.
2. You can test the bot with the following:
As you enter each phrase, your Amazon Lex bot will respond through Kik with the prompt that you created for each slot.

## Integrating an Amazon Lex Bot with Slack

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- Step 3: Create a Slack Application (p. 137)
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This exercise provides instructions for integrating an Amazon Lex bot with the Slack messaging application. You perform the following steps:
1. Create an Amazon Lex bot.
2. Create a Slack messaging application.
3. Integrate the Slack application with your bot Amazon Lex.
4. Test the integration by engaging in conversation with your Amazon Lex bot. You send messages with
   the Slack application and test in a browser window.

**Step 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot**

If you don't already have an Amazon Lex bot, create and deploy one. In this topic, we assume that
you are using the bot that you created in Getting Started Exercise 1. However, you can use any of the
example bots provided in this guide. For Getting Started Exercise 1, see Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex
Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52)

1. Create an Amazon Lex bot. For instructions, see Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a
   Blueprint (Console) (p. 52).
2. Deploy the bot and create an alias. For instructions, see Exercise 3: Publish a Version and Create an
   Alias (p. 90).

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Step 2: Sign Up for Slack and Create a Slack Team (p. 137)

**Step 2: Sign Up for Slack and Create a Slack Team**

Sign up for a Slack account and create a Slack team. For instructions, see Using Slack. In the next section,
you create a Slack application, which any Slack team can install.

**Next Step**

Step 3: Create a Slack Application (p. 137)

**Step 3: Create a Slack Application**

In this section, you do the following:

1. Create a Slack application on the Slack API Console
2. Configure the application to add interactive messaging to your bot:

At the end of this section, you get interactive credentials (Client Id, Client Secret, and Verification Token).
In the next section, you use this information to configure bot channel association in the Amazon Lex
console.

2. Create an application.

   After you have successfully created the application, Slack displays the **Basic Information** page for
   the application.
3. Configure the application features as follows:
   - In the left menu, choose **Interactive Components**.
   - Choose the toggle to turn interactive components on.
• In the Request URL box, specify any valid URL. For example, you can use https://slack.com.

  **Note**  
  For now, enter any valid URL to get the verification token that you need in the next step. You will update this URL after you add the bot channel association in the Amazon Lex console.

• Choose **Save Changes**.

4. In the left menu, in **Settings**, choose **Basic Information**. Record the following application credentials:

  • Client ID
  • Client Secret
  • Verification Token

Next Step

**Step 4: Integrate the Slack Application with the Amazon Lex Bot (p. 138)**

**Step 4: Integrate the Slack Application with the Amazon Lex Bot**

Now that you have Slack application credentials, you can integrate the application with your Amazon Lex bot. To associate the Slack application with your bot, add a bot channel association in Amazon Lex.

In the Amazon Lex console, activate a bot channel association to associate the bot with your Slack application. When the bot channel association is activated, Amazon Lex returns two URLs (Postback URL and OAuth URL). Record these URLs because you need them later.

**To integrate the Slack application with your Amazon Lex bot**

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. Choose the Amazon Lex bot that you created in Step 1.
3. Choose the **Channels** tab.
4. In the left menu, choose **Slack**.
5. On the **Slack** page, provide the following:

  • Type a name. For example, BotSlackIntegration.
  • Choose "aws/lex" from the **KMS key** drop-down.
  • For **Alias**, choose the bot alias.
  • Type the **Client Id**, **Client secret**, and **Verification Token**, which you recorded in the preceding step. These are the credentials of the Slack application.
6. Choose **Activate**.

The console creates the bot channel association and returns two URLs (Postback URL and OAuth URL). Record them. In the next section, you update your Slack application configuration to use these endpoints as follows:

- The Postback URL is the Amazon Lex bot's endpoint that listens to Slack events. You use this URL:
  - As the request URL in the **Event Subscriptions** feature of the Slack application.
  - To replace the placeholder value for the request URL in the **Interactive Messages** feature of the Slack application.
- The OAuth URL is your Amazon Lex bot's endpoint for an OAuth handshake with Slack.

**Next Step**

Step 5: Complete Slack Integration (p. 139)

**Step 5: Complete Slack Integration**

In this section, use the Slack API console to complete integration of the Slack application.

2. Update the OAuth & Permissions feature as follows:
   a. In the left menu, choose OAuth & Permissions.
   b. In the Redirect URLs section, add the OAuth URL that Amazon Lex provided in the preceding step. Choose Add a new Redirect URL, and then choose Save URLs.
   c. In the Bot Token Scopes section, choose two permissions in the Select Permission Scopes drop-down. Filter the list with the following text:
      - chat:write
      - team:read

   Choose Save Changes.

3. Update the Interactive Components feature by updating the Request URL value to the Postback URL that Amazon Lex provided in the preceding step. Enter the postback URL that you saved in step 4, and then choose Save Changes.

4. Subscribe to the Event Subscriptions feature as follows:
   - Enable events by choosing the On option.
   - Set the Request URL value to the Postback URL that Amazon Lex provided in the preceding step.
   - In the Subscribe to Bot Events section, subscribe to the message.im bot event to enable direct messaging between the end user and the Slack bot.
   - Save the changes.

Next Step

Step 6: Test the Integration (p. 140)

**Step 6: Test the Integration**

Now use a browser window to test the integration of Slack with your Amazon Lex bot.

1. Choose Manage Distribution under Settings. Choose Add to Slack to install the application. Authorize the bot to respond to messages.

2. You are redirected to your Slack team. In the left menu, in the Direct Messages section, choose your bot. If you don't see your bot, choose the plus icon (+) next to Direct Messages to search for it.

3. Engage in a chat with your Slack application, which is linked to the Amazon Lex bot. Your bot now responds to messages.

   If you created the bot using Getting Started Exercise 1, you can use the example conversations provided in that exercise. For more information, see Step 4: Add the Lambda Function as Code Hook (Console) (p. 65).

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- Step 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot (p. 141)
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- Step 3: Integrate the Twilio Messaging Service Endpoint with the Amazon Lex Bot (p. 141)
This exercise provides instructions for integrating an Amazon Lex bot with the Twilio simple messaging service (SMS). You perform the following steps:

1. Create an Amazon Lex bot
2. Integrate Twilio programmable SMS with your bot Amazon Lex
3. Engage in an interaction with the Amazon Lex bot by testing the setup using the SMS service on your mobile phone
4. Test the integration

**Step 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot**

If you don’t already have an Amazon Lex bot, create and deploy one. In this topic, we assume that you are using the bot that you created in Getting Started Exercise 1. However, you can use any of the example bots provided in this guide. For Getting Started Exercise 1, see Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52).

1. Create an Amazon Lex bot. For instructions, see Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52).
2. Deploy the bot and create an alias. For instructions, see Exercise 3: Publish a Version and Create an Alias (p. 90).

**Step 2: Create a Twilio SMS Account**

Sign up for a Twilio account and record the following account information:

- ACCOUNT SID
- AUTH TOKEN

For sign-up instructions, see https://www.twilio.com/console.

**Step 3: Integrate the Twilio Messaging Service Endpoint with the Amazon Lex Bot**

To integrate Twilio with your Amazon Lex bot

1. To associate the Amazon Lex bot with your Twilio programmable SMS endpoint, activate bot channel association in the Amazon Lex console. When the bot channel association has been activated, Amazon Lex returns a callback URL. Record this callback URL because you need it later.
   a. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
   b. Choose the Amazon Lex bot that you created in Step 1.
   c. Choose the Channels tab.
   d. In the Chatbots section, choose Twilio SMS.
   e. On the Twilio SMS page, provide the following information:
      - Type a name. For example, BotTwilioAssociation.
      - Choose "aws/lex" from KMS key.
      - For Alias, choose the bot alias.
- For **Authentication Token**, type the AUTH TOKEN for your Twilio account.
- For **Account SID**, type the ACCOUNT SID for your Twilio account.

![Bot configuration screenshot]

f. Choose **Activate**.

The console creates the bot channel association and returns a callback URL. Record this URL.

2. On the Twilio console, connect the Twilio SMS endpoint to the Amazon Lex bot.
   
   
   b. If you don't have a Twilio SMS endpoint, create it.
   
   c. Update the **Inbound Settings** configuration of the messaging service by setting the **REQUEST URL** value to the callback URL that Amazon Lex provided in the preceding step.

### Step 4: Test the Integration

Use your mobile phone to test the integration between Twilio SMS and your bot.

**To test integration**

1. Sign in to the Twilio console at https://www.twilio.com/console and do the following:
   
   a. Verify that you have a Twilio number associated with the messaging service under **Manage Numbers**.

   You send messages to this number and engage in SMS interaction with the Amazon Lex bot from your mobile phone.

   b. Verify that your mobile phone is whitelisted as **Verified Caller ID**.

   If it isn't, follow instructions on the Twilio console to whitelist the mobile phone that you plan to use for testing.

   Now you can use your mobile phone to send messages to the Twilio SMS endpoint, which is mapped to the Amazon Lex bot.
2. Using your mobile phone, send messages to the Twilio number.

The Amazon Lex bot responds. If you created the bot using Getting Started Exercise 1, you can use the example conversations provided in that exercise. For more information, see Step 4: Add the Lambda Function as Code Hook (Console) (p. 65).

Deploying an Amazon Lex Bot in Mobile Applications

Using AWS SDKs, you can integrate your Amazon Lex bot with your mobile applications. For more information, see Add Conversational Bots to Your Mobile App with Amazon Lex in the AWS Mobile Developer Guide.

You can also use the AWS Mobile Hub to create a quickstart mobile app that demonstrates using the Amazon Lex SDK in iOS and Android mobile applications. For more information, see AWS Mobile Hub Conversational Bots.
Importing and Exporting Amazon Lex Bots, Intents, and Slot Types

You can import or export a bot, intent, or slot type. For example, if you want to share a bot with a colleague in a different AWS account, you can export it, then send it to her. If you want to add multiple utterances to a bot, you can export it, add the utterances, then import it back into your account.

You can **export** bots, intents, and slot types in either Amazon Lex (to share or modify them) or an Alexa skill format. You can **import** only in Amazon Lex format.

When you export a resource, you have to export it in a format that is compatible with the service that you are exporting to, Amazon Lex or the Alexa Skills Kit. If you export a bot in Amazon Lex format, you can reimport it into your account, or an Amazon Lex user in another account can import it into his account. You can also export a bot in a format compatible with an Alexa skill. Then you can import the bot using the Alexa Skills Kit to make your bot available with Alexa. For more information, see Exporting to an Alexa Skill (p. 148).

When you export a bot, intent or slot type, its resources are written to a JSON file. To export a bot, intent, or slot type, you can use either the Amazon Lex console or the `GetExport` (p. 297) operation. Import a bot, intent or slot type using the `StartImport` (p. 359).

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- Exporting and Importing in Amazon Lex Format (p. 144)
- Exporting to an Alexa Skill (p. 148)

Exporting and Importing in Amazon Lex Format

To export bots, intents, and slot types, from Amazon Lex with the intention of reimporting into Amazon Lex, you use create a JSON file in Amazon Lex format. You can edit your resources in this file and import it back into Amazon Lex. For example, you can add utterances to an intent and then import the changed intent back into your account. You can also use the JSON format to share a resource. For example, you can export a bot from one AWS Region and then import it into another Region. Or you can send the JSON file to a colleague to share a bot.

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- Importing in Amazon Lex Format (p. 145)
- JSON Format for Importing and Exporting (p. 146)

Exporting in Amazon Lex Format

Export your Amazon Lex bots, intents, and slot types to a format that you can import to an AWS account. You can export the following resources:

- A bot, including all of the intents and custom slot types used by the bot
- An intent, including all of the custom slot types used by the intent
- A custom slot type, including all of values for the slot type
You can export only a numbered version of a resource. You can't export a resource's $LATEST version.

Exporting is an asynchronous process. When the export is complete, you get an Amazon S3 presigned URL. The URL provides the location of a .zip archive that contains the exported resource in JSON format.

You use either the console or the GetExport (p. 297) operation to export bots, intents, and custom slot types.

The process for exporting, a bot, an intent, or a slot type is the same. In the following procedures, substitute intent or slot type for bot.

### Exporting a Bot

#### To export a bot

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. Choose Bots, then choose the bot to export.
3. On the Actions menu, choose Export.
4. In the Export Bot dialog, choose the version of the bot to export. For Platform, choose Amazon Lex.
5. Choose Export.
6. Download and save the .zip archive.

Amazon Lex exports the bot to a JSON file that is contained in the .zip archive. To update the bot, modify the JSON text, then import it back into Amazon Lex.

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### Importing in Amazon Lex Format

After you have exported a resource to a JSON file in the Amazon Lex format, you can import the JSON file containing the resource into one or more AWS accounts. For example, you can export a bot, and then import it into another AWS Region. Or you can send the bot to a colleague so that she can import it into her account.

When you import a bot, intent, or slot type, you must decide whether you want to overwrite the $LATEST version of a resource, such as an intent or a slot type, during import, or if you want the import to fail if you want to preserve the resource that is in your account. For example, if you are uploading an edited version of a resource to your account, you would choose to overwrite the $LATEST version. If you are uploading a resource sent to you by a colleague, you can choose to have the import fail if there are are resource conflicts so that your own resources aren't replaced.

When importing a resource, the permissions assigned to the user making the import request apply. The user must have permissions for all of the resources in the account that the import affects. The user must also have permission for the GetBot (p. 267), PutBot (p. 329), GetIntent (p. 303) PutIntent (p. 343), GetSlotType (p. 314), PutSlotType (p. 353) operations. For more information about permissions, see How Amazon Lex Works with IAM (p. 201).

The import reports errors that occur during processing. Some errors are reported before the import begins, others are reported during the import process. For example, if the account that is importing an intent doesn't have permission to call a Lambda function that the intent uses, the import fails before changes are made to the slot types or intents. If an import fails during the import process, the $LATEST version of any intent or slot type imported before the process failed is modified. You can't roll back changes made to the $LATEST version.
When you import a resource, all dependent resources are imported to the $LATEST version of the resource and then given a numbered version. For example, if a bot uses an intent, the intent is given a numbered version. If an intent uses a custom slot type, the slot type is given a numbered version.

A resource is imported only once. For example, if the bot contains an OrderPizza intent and an OrderDrink intent that both rely on the custom slot type Size, the Size slot type is imported once and used for both intents.

The process for importing a bot, an intent, or a custom slot type is the same. In the following procedures, substitute intent or slot type, as appropriate.

**Importing a Bot**

**To import a bot**

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console, and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. Choose Bots, then choose the bot to import. To import a new bot, skip this step.
3. For Actions, choose Import.
4. For Import Bot, choose the .zip archive that contains the JSON file that contains the bot to import. If you want to see merge conflicts before merging, choose Notify me of merge conflicts. If you turn off conflict checking, the $LATEST version of all of the resources used by the bot are overwritten.
5. Choose Import. If you have chosen to be notified of merge conflicts and there are conflicts, a dialog appears that lists them. To overwrite the $LATEST version of all conflicting resources, choose Overwrite and continue. To stop the import, choose Cancel.

You can now test the bot in your account.

**JSON Format for Importing and Exporting**

The following examples show the JSON structure for exporting and importing slot types, intents, and bots in Amazon Lex format.

**Slot Type structure**

The following is the JSON structure for custom slot types. Use this structure when you import or export slot types, and when you export intents that depend on custom slot types.

```
{
    "metadata": {
        "schemaVersion": "1.0",
        "importType": "LEX",
        "importFormat": "JSON"
    },
    "resource": {
        "name": "slot type name",
        "version": "version number",
        "enumerationValues": [
            {
                "value": "enumeration value",
                "synonyms": []
            },
            {
                "value": "enumeration value",
                "synonyms": []
            }
        ]
    }
}
```
Intent structure

The following is the JSON structure for intents. Use this structure when you import or export intents and bots that depend on an intent.

```json
{
  "metadata": {
    "schemaVersion": "1.0",
    "importType": "LEX",
    "importFormat": "JSON"
  },
  "resource": {
    "description": "intent description",
    "rejectionStatement": {
      "messages": [
        {
          "contentType": "PlainText or SSML or CustomPayload",
          "content": "string"
        }
      ]
    },
    "name": "intent name",
    "version": "version number",
    "fulfillmentActivity": {
      "type": "ReturnIntent or CodeHook"
    },
    "sampleUtterances": [
      "string",
      "string"
    ],
    "slots": [
      {
        "name": "slot name",
        "description": "slot description",
        "slotConstraint": "Required or Optional",
        "slotType": "slot type",
        "valueElicitationPrompt": {
          "messages": [
            {
              "contentType": "PlainText or SSML or CustomPayload",
              "content": "string"
            }
          ],
          "maxAttempts": value
        },
        "priority": value,
        "sampleUtterances": []
      }
    ],
    "confirmationPrompt": {
      "messages": [
        {
          "contentType": "PlainText or SSML or CustomPayload",
          "content": "string"
        },
        {
          "contentType": "PlainText or SSML or CustomPayload",
          "content": "string"
        }
      ]
    }
}
```
Bot structure

The following is the JSON structure for bots. Use this structure when you import or export bots.

```json
{
    "metadata": {
        "schemaVersion": "1.0",
        "importType": "LEX",
        "importFormat": "JSON"
    },
    "resource": {
        "name": "bot name",
        "version": "version number",
        "intents": [
            List of intent JSON structures.
            For more information, see Intent structure.
        ],
        "slotTypes": [
            List of slot type JSON structures.
            For more information, see Slot Type structure.
        ],
        "voiceId": "output voice ID",
        "childDirected": boolean,
        "locale": "en-US",
        "idleSessionTTLInSeconds": timeout,
        "description": "bot description",
        "clarificationPrompt": {
            "messages": [
                {
                    "contentType": "PlainText or SSML or CustomPayload",
                    "content": "string"
                }
            ],
            "maxAttempts": value
        },
        "abortStatement": {
            "messages": [
                {
                    "contentType": "PlainText or SSML or CustomPayload",
                    "content": "string"
                }
            ]
        }
    }
}
```

Exporting to an Alexa Skill

You can export your bot schema in a format compatible with an Alexa skill. After you export the bot to a JSON file, you upload it to Alexa using the skill builder.
To export a bot and its schema (interaction model)

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. Choose the bot that you want to export.
3. For Actions, choose Export.
4. Choose the version of the bot that you want to export. For the format, choose Alexa Skills Kit, then choose Export.
5. If a download dialog box appears, choose a location to save the file, then choose Save.

The downloaded file is a .zip archive containing one file with the name of the exported bot. It contains the information necessary to import the bot as an Alexa skill.

**Note**
Amazon Lex and the Alexa Skills Kit differ in the following ways:

- Session attributes, denoted by square brackets ([[]), are not supported by the Alexa Skills Kit. You need to update prompts that use session attributes.
- Punctuation marks are not supported by the Alexa Skills Kit. You need to update utterances that use punctuation.

To upload the bot to an Alexa Skill

2. On the Alexa Skills page, choose Create Skill.
3. On the Create a new skill page, enter a skill name and the default language for the skill. Make sure that Custom is selected for the skill model, and then choose Create skill.
4. Make sure that Start from scratch is selected and the choose Choose.
5. From the left menu, choose JSON Editor. Drag the JSON file that you exported from Amazon Lex to the JSON editor.
6. Choose Save Model to save your interaction model.

After uploading the schema into the Alexa skill, make changes necessary for running the skill with Alexa. For more information about creating an Alexa skill, see Use the Skill Builder (Beta) in the Alexa Skills Kit.
Additional Examples: Creating Amazon Lex Bots

The following sections provide additional Amazon Lex exercises with step-by-step instructions.

Topics
- Example Bot: ScheduleAppointment (p. 150)
- Example Bot: BookTrip (p. 168)
- Example: Using a Response Card (p. 190)
- Example: Updating Utterances (p. 193)
- Example: Integrating with a Web site (p. 194)

Example Bot: ScheduleAppointment

The example bot in this exercise schedules appointments for a dentist's office. The example also illustrates using response cards to obtain user input with buttons. Specifically, the example illustrates generating response cards dynamically at runtime.

You can configure response cards at build time (also referred to as static response cards) or generate them dynamically in an AWS Lambda function. In this example, the bot uses the following response cards:

- A response card that lists buttons for appointment type. For example:

```
What type of appointment would you like to schedule?

Specify Appointment Type
What type of appointment would you like to schedule?

- cleaning (30 min)
- root canal (60 min)
- whitening (30 min)
```

- A response card that lists buttons for appointment date. For example:
A response card that lists buttons to confirm a suggested appointment time. For example:

The available appointment dates and times vary, which requires you to generate response cards at runtime. You use an AWS Lambda function to generate these response cards dynamically. The Lambda function returns response cards in its response to Amazon Lex. Amazon Lex includes the response card in its response to the client.

If a client (for example, Facebook Messenger) supports response cards, the user can either choose from the list of buttons or type the response. Otherwise, the user simply types the response.

In addition to the button shown in the preceding example, you can also include images, attachments, and other useful information to display on response cards. For information about response cards, see Response Cards (p. 16).

In this exercise, you do the following:

- Create and test a bot (using the ScheduleAppointment blueprint). For this exercise, you use a bot blueprint to quickly set up and test the bot. For a list of available blueprints, see Amazon Lex and AWS Lambda Blueprints (p. 128). This bot is preconfigured with one intent (MakeAppointment).

- Create and test a Lambda function (using the lex-make-appointment-python blueprint provided by Lambda). You configure the MakeAppointment intent to use this Lambda function as a code hook to perform initialization, validation, and fulfillment tasks.

  Note
  The provided example Lambda function showcases a dynamic conversation based on the mocked-up availability of a dentist appointment. In a real application, you might use a real calendar to set an appointment.

- Update the MakeAppointment intent configuration to use the Lambda function as a code hook. Then, test the end-to-end experience.
• Publish the schedule appointment bot to Facebook Messenger so you can see the response cards in action (the client in the Amazon Lex console currently does not support response cards).

The following sections provide summary information about the blueprints you use in this exercise.

Topics
• Overview of the Bot Blueprint (ScheduleAppointment) (p. 152)
• Overview of the Lambda Function Blueprint (lex-make-appointment-python) (p. 153)
• Step 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot  (p. 153)
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• Step 3: Update the Intent: Configure a Code Hook (p. 155)
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• Details of Information Flow (p. 157)

Overview of the Bot Blueprint (ScheduleAppointment)

The ScheduleAppointment blueprint that you use to create a bot for this exercise is preconfigured with the following:

• **Slot types** – One custom slot type called `AppointmentTypeValue`, with the enumeration values root canal, cleaning, and whitening.

• **Intent** – One intent (`MakeAppointment`), which is preconfigured as follows:
  • **Slots** – The intent is configured with the following slots:
    • Slot `AppointmentType`, of the `AppointmentTypes` custom type.
    • Slot `Date`, of the `AMAZON.DATE` built-in type.
    • Slot `Time`, of the `AMAZON.TIME` built-in type.

• **Utterances** – The intent is preconfigured with the following utterances:
  • "I would like to book an appointment"
  • "Book an appointment"
  • "Book a {AppointmentType}"

If the user utters any of these, Amazon Lex determines that `MakeAppointment` is the intent, and then uses the prompts to elicit slot data.

• **Prompts** – The intent is preconfigured with the following prompts:
  • Prompt for the `AppointmentType` slot – "What type of appointment would you like to schedule?"
  • Prompt for the `Date` slot – "When should I schedule your {AppointmentType}?"
  • Prompt for the `Time` slot – "At what time do you want to schedule the {AppointmentType}?" and "At what time on {Date}?"
  • Confirmation prompt – "{Time} is available, should I go ahead and book your appointment?"
  • Cancel message– "Okay, I will not schedule an appointment."
Overview of the Lambda Function Blueprint (lex-make-appointment-python)

The Lambda function blueprint (lex-make-appointment-python) is a code hook for bots that you create using the ScheduleAppointment bot blueprint.

This Lambda function blueprint code can perform both initialization/validation and fulfillment tasks.

- The Lambda function code showcases a dynamic conversation that is based on example availability for a dentist appointment (in real applications, you might use a calendar). For the day or date that the user specifies, the code is configured as follows:
  - If there are no appointments available, the Lambda function returns a response directing Amazon Lex to prompt the user for another day or date (by setting the dialogAction type to ElicitSlot). For more information, see Response Format (p. 124).
  - If there is only one appointment available on the specified day or date, the Lambda function suggests the available time in the response and directs Amazon Lex to obtain user confirmation by setting the dialogAction in the response to ConfirmIntent. This illustrates how you can improve the user experience by proactively suggesting the available time for an appointment.
  - If there are multiple appointments available, the Lambda function returns a list of available times in the response to Amazon Lex. Amazon Lex returns a response to the client with the message from the Lambda function.
- As the fulfillment code hook, the Lambda function returns a summary message indicating that an appointment is scheduled (that is, the intent is fulfilled).

Note
In this example, we show how to use response cards. The Lambda function constructs and returns a response card to Amazon Lex. The response card lists available days and times as buttons to choose from. When testing the bot using the client provided by the Amazon Lex console, you cannot see the response card. To see it, you must integrate the bot with a messaging platform, such as Facebook Messenger. For instructions, see Integrating an Amazon Lex Bot with Facebook Messenger (p. 131). For more information about response cards, see Managing Messages (p. 10).

When Amazon Lex invokes the Lambda function, it passes event data as input. One of the event fields is invocationSource, which the Lambda function uses to choose between an input validation and fulfillment activity. For more information, see Input Event Format (p. 120).

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Step 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot (p. 153)

Step 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot

In this section, you create an Amazon Lex bot using the ScheduleAppointment blueprint, which is provided in the Amazon Lex console.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. On the Bots page, choose Create.
3. On the Create your Lex bot page, do the following:
   - Choose the ScheduleAppointment blueprint.
   - Leave the default bot name (ScheduleAppointment).
4. Choose **Create**.

This step saves and builds the bot. The console sends the following requests to Amazon Lex during the build process:

- Create a new version of the slot types (from the $LATEST version). For information about slot types defined in this bot blueprint, see [Overview of the Bot Blueprint](#) (p. 152).

- Create a version of the **MakeAppointment** intent (from the $LATEST version). In some cases, the console sends a request for the update API operation before creating a new version.

- Update the $LATEST version of the bot.

At this time, Amazon Lex builds a machine learning model for the bot. When you test the bot in the console, the console uses the runtime API to send user input back to Amazon Lex. Amazon Lex then uses the machine learning model to interpret the user input.

5. The console shows the ScheduleAppointment bot. On the **Editor** tab, review the preconfigured intent (**MakeAppointment**) details.

6. Test the bot in the test window. Use the following screen shot to engage in a test conversation with your bot:

   ![Test Bot](https://example.com/test-bot-screenshot)

   **Note the following:**

   - From the initial user input ("Book an appointment"), the bot infers the intent (**MakeAppointment**).

   - The bot then uses the configured prompts to get slot data from the user.

   - The bot blueprint has the **MakeAppointment** intent configured with the following confirmation prompt:
After the user provides all of the slot data, Amazon Lex returns a response to the client with a confirmation prompt as the message. The client displays the message for the user:

16:00 is available, should I go ahead and book your appointment?

Notice that the bot accepts any appointment date and time values because you don't have any code to initialize or validate the user data. In the next section, you add a Lambda function to do this.

**Next Step**

**Step 2: Create a Lambda Function (p. 155)**

**Step 2: Create a Lambda Function**

In this section, you create a Lambda function using a blueprint (lex-make-appointment-python) that is provided in the Lambda console. You also test the Lambda function by invoking it using sample Amazon Lex event data that is provided by the console.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the AWS Lambda console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lambda/.
2. Choose **Create a Lambda function**.
3. For **Select blueprint**, type `lex` to find the blueprint, and then choose the `lex-make-appointment-python` blueprint.
4. Configure the Lambda function as follows, and then choose **Create Function**.
   - Type the Lambda function name (`MakeAppointmentCodeHook`).
   - For the role, choose **Create a new role from template(s)**, and then type a role name.
   - Leave other default values.
5. Test the Lambda function.
   a. Choose **Actions**, and then choose **Configure test event**.
   b. From the **Sample event template** list, choose **Lex-Make Appointment (preview)**. This sample event uses the Amazon Lex request/response model, with values set to match a request from your Amazon Lex bot. For information about the Amazon Lex request/response model, see **Using Lambda Functions (p. 120)**.
   c. Choose **Save and test**.
   d. Verify that the Lambda function successfully executed. The response in this case matches the Amazon Lex response model.

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**Step 3: Update the Intent: Configure a Code Hook (p. 155)**

**Step 3: Update the Intent: Configure a Code Hook**

In this section, you update the configuration of the `MakeAppointment` intent to use the Lambda function as a code hook for the validation and fulfillment activities.
1. In the Amazon Lex console, select the ScheduleAppointment bot. The console shows the MakeAppointment intent. Modify the intent configuration as follows.

   **Note**
   You can update only the $LATEST versions of any of the Amazon Lex resources, including the intents. Make sure that the intent version is set to $LATEST. You have not published a version of your bot yet, so it should still be the $LATEST version in the console.

   a. In the **Options** section, choose **Initialization and validation code hook**, and then choose the Lambda function from the list.
   b. In the **Fulfillment** section, choose **AWS Lambda function**, and then choose the Lambda function from the list.
   c. Choose **Goodbye message**, and type a message.

2. Choose **Save**, and then choose **Build**.

3. Test the bot.

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Step 4: Deploy the Bot on the Facebook Messenger Platform (p. 156)

**Step 4: Deploy the Bot on the Facebook Messenger Platform**

In the preceding section, you tested the ScheduleAppointment bot using the client in the Amazon Lex console. Currently, the Amazon Lex console does not support response cards. To test the dynamically
generated response cards that the bot supports, deploy the bot on the Facebook Messenger platform and test it.

For instructions, see Integrating an Amazon Lex Bot with Facebook Messenger (p. 131).

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Details of Information Flow (p. 157)

Details of Information Flow

The ScheduleAppointment bot blueprint primarily showcases the use of dynamically generated response cards. The Lambda function in this exercise includes response cards in its response to Amazon Lex. Amazon Lex includes the response cards in its reply to the client. This section explains both the following:

- Data flow between client and Amazon Lex.

  The section assumes client sends requests to Amazon Lex using the PostText runtime API and shows request/response details accordingly. For more information about the PostText runtime API, see PostText (p. 381).

  Note
  
  For an example of information flow between client and Amazon Lex in which client uses the PostContent API, see Step 2a (Optional): Review the Details of the Spoken Information Flow (Console) (p. 56).

- Data flow between Amazon Lex and the Lambda function. For more information, see Lambda Function Input Event and Response Format (p. 120).

  Note
  
  The example assumes that you are using the Facebook Messenger client, which does not pass session attributes in the request to Amazon Lex. Accordingly, the example requests shown in this section show empty sessionAttributes. If you test the bot using the client provided in the Amazon Lex console, the client includes the session attributes.

This section describes what happens after each user input.

1. User: Types **Book an appointment**.

   a. The client (console) sends the following PostContent (p. 373) request to Amazon Lex:

   ```
   POST /bot/ScheduleAppointment/alias/$LATEST/user/bijt6rovckwecn2esbthrrld7lv3ja3n/text
   "Content-Type":"application/json"
   "Content-Encoding":"amz-1.0"
   
   { 
     "inputText":"book appointment",
     "sessionAttributes":{}
   }
   ```

   Both the request URI and the body provide information to Amazon Lex:
• Request URI – Provides the bot name (ScheduleAppointment), the bot alias ($LATEST), and the user name ID. The trailing text indicates that it is a PostText (not PostContent) API request.

• Request body – Includes the user input (inputText) and empty sessionAttributes.

b. From the inputText, Amazon Lex detects the intent (MakeAppointment). The service invokes the Lambda function, which is configured as a code hook, to perform initialization and validation by passing the following event. For details, see Input Event Format (p. 120).

```json
{
  "currentIntent": {
    "slots": {
      "AppointmentType": null,
      "Date": null,
      "Time": null
    },
    "name": "MakeAppointment",
    "confirmationStatus": "None"
  },
  "bot": {
    "alias": null,
    "version": "$LATEST",
    "name": "ScheduleAppointment"
  },
  "userId": "bijt6rovckwecnzesbthrr1d7lv3ja3n",
  "invocationSource": "DialogCodeHook",
  "outputDialogMode": "Text",
  "messageVersion": "1.0",
  "sessionAttributes": {}
}
```

In addition to the information sent by the client, Amazon Lex also includes the following data:

• currentIntent – Provides current intent information.

• invocationSource – Indicates the purpose of the Lambda function invocation. In this case, the purpose is to perform user data initialization and validation. (Amazon Lex knows that the user has not provided all of the slot data to fulfill the intent yet.)

• messageVersion – Currently Amazon Lex supports only the 1.0 version.

c. At this time, all of the slot values are null (there is nothing to validate). The Lambda function returns the following response to Amazon Lex, directing the service to elicit information for the AppointmentType slot. For information about the response format, see Response Format (p. 124).

```json
{
  "dialogAction": {
    "slotToElicit": "AppointmentType",
    "intentName": "MakeAppointment",
    "responseCard": {
      "genericAttachments": [
        {
          "buttons": [
            {
              "text": "cleaning (30 min)",
              "value": "cleaning"
            },
            {
              "text": "root canal (60 min)",
              "value": "root canal"
            }
          ]
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```
The response includes the `dialogAction` and `sessionAttributes` fields. Among other things, the `dialogAction` field returns the following fields:

- **type** – By setting this field to `ElicitSlot`, the Lambda function directs Amazon Lex to elicit the value for the slot specified in the `slotToElicit` field. The Lambda function also provides a `message` to convey to the user.

- **responseCard** – Identifies a list of possible values for the `AppointmentType` slot. A client that supports response cards (for example, the Facebook Messenger) displays a response card to allow the user to choose an appointment type, as follows:

  ![Response Card](image)

  d. As indicated by the `dialogAction.type` in the response from the Lambda function, Amazon Lex sends the following response back to the client:
The client reads the response, and then displays the message: "What type of appointment would you like to schedule?" and the response card (if the client supports response cards).

2. User: Depending on the client, the user has two options:

- If the response card is shown, choose **root canal (60 min)** or type **root canal**.
- If the client does not support response cards, type **root canal**.

   a. The client sends the following `PostText` request to Amazon Lex (line breaks have been added for readability):

   ```
   POST /bot/BookTrip/alias/#LATEST/user/bijt6rovckwecnzesbthrr1d7lv3ja3n/text
   "Content-Type":"application/json"
   "Content-Encoding":"amz-1.0"
   
   { 
      "inputText": "root canal",
      "sessionAttributes": {}
   }
   ```

   b. Amazon Lex invokes the Lambda function for user data validation by sending the following event as a parameter:

   ```
   { 
      "currentIntent": { 
         "slots": { 
            "AppointmentType": "root canal",
            "Date": null,
            "Time": null
         },
         "name": "MakeAppointment",
         "confirmationStatus": "None"
      },
      "bot": { 
         "alias": null,
         "version": "#LATEST",
         "name": "ScheduleAppointment"
      },
      "userId": "bijt6rovckwecnzesbthrr1d7lv3ja3n",
      "invocationSource": "DialogCodeHook",
      "outputDialogMode": "Text",
      "messageVersion": "1.0",
   }
   ```
In the event data, note the following:

- `invocationSource` continues to be `DialogCodeHook`. In this step, we are just validating user data.
- Amazon Lex sets the `AppointmentType` field in the `currentIntent.slots` slot to `root canal`.
- Amazon Lex simply passes the `sessionAttributes` field between the client and the Lambda function.

c. The Lambda function validates the user input and returns the following response to Amazon Lex, directing the service to elicit a value for the appointment date.

```json
{
  "dialogAction": {
    "slotToElicit": "Date",
    "intentName": "MakeAppointment",
    "responseCard": {
      "genericAttachments": [
        {
          "buttons": [
            {
              "text": "2-15 (Wed)",
              "value": "Wednesday, February 15, 2017"
            },
            {
              "text": "2-16 (Thu)",
              "value": "Thursday, February 16, 2017"
            },
            {
              "text": "2-17 (Fri)",
              "value": "Friday, February 17, 2017"
            },
            {
              "text": "2-20 (Mon)",
              "value": "Monday, February 20, 2017"
            },
            {
              "text": "2-21 (Tue)",
              "value": "Tuesday, February 21, 2017"
            }
          ],
          "subTitle": "When would you like to schedule your root canal?",
          "title": "Specify Date"
        }
      ],
      "version": 1,
      "contentType": "application/vnd.amazonaws.card.generic"
    },
    "slots": {
      "AppointmentType": "root canal",
      "Date": null,
      "Time": null
    },
    "type": "ElicitSlot",
    "message": {
      "content": "When would you like to schedule your root canal?",
      "contentType": "PlainText"
    }
  },
  "sessionAttributes": {}
}
```
Again, the response includes the `dialogAction` and `sessionAttributes` fields. Among other things, the `dialogAction` field returns the following fields:

- **type** – By setting this field to `ElicitSlot`, the Lambda function directs Amazon Lex to elicit the value for the slot specified in the `slotToElicit` field. The Lambda function also provides a message to convey to the user.

- **responseCard** – Identifies a list of possible values for the `Date` slot. A client that supports response cards (for example, Facebook Messenger) displays a response card that allows the user to choose an appointment date:

```
When would you like to schedule your root canal?

Specify Date
When would you like to schedule your root canal?

- 2-15 (Wed)
- 2-16 (Thu)
- 2-17 (Fri)
```

Although the Lambda function returned five dates, the client (Facebook Messenger) has a limit of three buttons for a response card. Therefore, you see only the first three values in the screen shot.

These dates are hard coded in the Lambda function. In a production application, you might use a calendar to get available dates in real time. Because the dates are dynamic, you must generate the response card dynamically in the Lambda function.

d. Amazon Lex notices the `dialogAction.type` and returns a response to the client that includes information from the Lambda function's response.

The client displays the message: **When would you like to schedule your root canal?** and the response card (if the client supports response cards).

3. **User** Types **Thursday**.
a. The client sends the following `postText` request to Amazon Lex (line breaks have been added for readability):

```
POST /bot/BookTrip/alias/$LATEST/user/bijt6rovckweznzesbthr1d7lvj3ja3n/text
"Content-Type":"application/json"
"Content-Encoding":"amz-1.0"
{
 "inputText": "Thursday",
 "sessionAttributes": {}
}
```

b. Amazon Lex invokes the Lambda function for user data validation by sending in the following event as a parameter:

```
{
 "currentIntent": {
  "slots": {
   "AppointmentType": "root canal",
   "Date": "2017-02-16",
   "Time": null
  },
  "name": "MakeAppointment",
  "confirmationStatus": "None"
 },
 "bot": {
  "alias": null,
  "version": "$LATEST",
  "name": "ScheduleAppointment"
 },
 "userId": "u3fpr9ghj02zts7y5tpq5mm4din2xqy",
 "invocationSource": "DialogCodeHook",
 "outputDialogMode": "Text",
 "messageVersion": "1.0",
 "sessionAttributes": {}
}
```

In the event data, note the following:

- `invocationSource` continues to be `DialogCodeHook`. In this step, we are just validating the user data.
- Amazon Lex sets the `Date` field in the `currentIntent.slots` slot to `2017-02-16`.
- Amazon Lex simply passes the `sessionAttributes` between the client and the Lambda function.

c. The Lambda function validates the user input. This time the Lambda function determines that there are no appointments available on the specified date. It returns the following response to Amazon Lex, directing the service to again elicit a value for the appointment date:

```
{
 "dialogAction": {
  "slotToElicit": "Date",
  "intentName": "MakeAppointment",
  "responseCard": {
   "genericAttachments": [
   {
    "buttons": [
    {
     "text": "2-15 (Wed)",
     "value": "Wednesday, February 15, 2017"
    }
   ]
  }
}
```

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Again, the response includes the dialogAction and sessionAttributes fields. Among other things, the dialogAction returns the following fields:

- **dialogAction field**:
  - **type** – The Lambda function sets this value to ElicitSlot and resets the slotToElicit field to Date. The Lambda function also provides an appropriate message to convey to the user.
  - **responseCard** – Returns a list of values for the Date slot.
  - **sessionAttributes** - This time the Lambda function includes the bookingMap session attribute. Its value is the requested date of the appointment and available appointments (an empty object indicates that no appointments are available).

- Amazon Lex notices the dialogAction.type and returns a response to the client that includes information from the Lambda function's response.
The client displays the message: **We do not have any availability on that date, is there another day which works for you?** and the response card (if the client supports response cards).

4. **User:** Depending on the client, the user has two options:

   - If the response card is shown, choose **2-15 (Wed)** or type **Wednesday**.
   - If the client does not support response cards, type **Wednesday**.

   a. The client sends the following PostText request to Amazon Lex:

   ```json
   POST /bot/BookTrip/alias/$LATEST/user/bijt6rovckweczabthrrid7lv3ja3n/text
   "Content-Type": "application/json",
   "Content-Encoding": "amz-1.0"
   {
   "inputText": "Wednesday",
   "sessionAttributes": {}
   }
   ```

   **Note**
   The Facebook Messenger client does not set any session attributes. If you want to maintain session states between requests, you must do so in the Lambda function. In a real application, you might need to maintain these session attributes in a backend database.

   b. Amazon Lex invokes the Lambda function for user data validation by sending the following event as a parameter:

   ```json
   {
   "currentIntent": {
   "slots": {
   "AppointmentType": "root canal",
   "Date": "2017-02-15",
   "Time": null
   },
   "name": "MakeAppointment",
   "confirmationStatus": "None"
   },
   "bot": {
   ```
c. The Lambda function validates the user input and returns the following response to Amazon Lex, directing it to elicit the value for the appointment time.

```json
{
    "dialogAction": {
        "slots": {
            "AppointmentType": "root canal",
            "Date": "2017-02-15",
            "Time": "16:00"
        },
        "message": {
            "content": "What time on 2017-02-15 works for you? 4:00 p.m. is our only availability, does that work for you?",
            "contentType": "PlainText"
        },
        "type": "ConfirmIntent",
        "intentName": "MakeAppointment",
        "responseCard": {
            "genericAttachments": [
                {
                    "buttons": [
                        {
                            "text": "yes",
                            "value": "yes"
                        },
                        {
                            "text": "no",
                            "value": "no"
                        }
                    ],
                    "subTitle": "Is 4:00 p.m. on 2017-02-15 okay?",
                    "title": "Confirm Appointment"
                }
            ],
            "version": 1,
            "contentType": "application/vnd.amazonaws.card.generic"
        }
    },
    "sessionAttributes": {
        "bookingMap": "{"2017-02-15": ["10:00", "16:00", "16:30"]}"
    }
}
```

Again, the response includes the dialogAction and sessionAttributes fields. Among other things, the dialogAction returns the following fields:

- **dialogAction field**:
  - **type** – The Lambda function sets this value to ConfirmIntent, directing Amazon Lex to obtain user confirmation of the appointment time suggested in the message.
• **responseCard** – Returns a list of yes/no values for the user to choose from. If the client supports response cards, it displays the response card, as shown in the following example:

  ![](response_card.png)

• **sessionAttributes** - The Lambda function sets the bookingMap session attribute with its value set to the appointment date and available appointments on that date. In this example, these are 30-minute appointments. For a root canal that requires one hour, only 4 p.m. can be booked.

d. As indicated in the `dialogAction.type` in the Lambda function's response, Amazon Lex returns the following response to the client:

  ```json
  
  
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Headers</th>
<th>Cookies</th>
<th>Params</th>
<th>Response</th>
<th>Timings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>JSON</td>
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<tr>
<td>dialogState: &quot;ConfirmIntent&quot;</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>intentName: &quot;MakeAppointment&quot;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>message: &quot;What time on 2017-02-15 works for you? 4:00 p.m. is our only availability, does that work for you?&quot;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>responseType: Object</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>event: &quot;application/vnd.amazonaws.card.generic&quot;</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>genericAttachments: Object</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>version: &quot;1&quot;</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>sessionAttributes: Object</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>bookingMap: {&quot;2017-02-15&quot;: [&quot;16:00&quot;, &quot;16:30&quot;, &quot;16:00&quot;], &quot;2017-02-14&quot;: []}</td>
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<td>slotToElicit: null</td>
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<tr>
<td>slots: Object</td>
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<tr>
<td>AppointmentType: &quot;root canal&quot;</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date: &quot;2017-02-15&quot;</td>
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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Time: &quot;16:00&quot;</td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
  
  
  | "currentIntent": { |
  |   "slots": { |
  |     "AppointmentType": "root canal", |
  |     "Date": "2017-02-15", |
  |     "Time": "16:00" |
  |   }, |
  |   "name": "MakeAppointment", |
  |   "confirmationStatus": "Confirmed" |
  | },
  
  The client displays the message: **What time on 2017-02-15 works for you? 4:00 p.m. is our only availability, does that work for you?**

5. **User: Choose yes.**

  Amazon Lex invokes the Lambda function with the following event data. Because the user replied **yes**, Amazon Lex sets the `confirmationStatus` to **Confirmed**, and sets the Time field in `currentIntent.slots` to 4 p.m.
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```
"bot": {
    "alias": null,
    "version": "$LATEST",
    "name": "ScheduleAppointment"
},
"userId": "u3fpr9gghj02zts7y5tpq5mm4din2xqy",
"invocationSource": "FulfillmentCodeHook",
"outputDialogMode": "Text",
"messageVersion": "1.0",
"sessionAttributes": {}
}
```

Because the confirmationStatus is confirmed, the Lambda function processes the intent (books a dental appointment) and returns the following response to Amazon Lex:

```
{
    "dialogAction": {
        "message": {
            "content": "Okay, I have booked your appointment. We will see you at 4:00 p.m. on 2017-02-15",
            "contentType": "PlainText"
        },
        "type": "Close",
        "fulfillmentState": "Fulfilled"
    },
    "sessionAttributes": {
        "formattedTime": "4:00 p.m.",
        "bookingMap": "{"2017-02-15": ["10:00"]}
    }
}
```

Note the following:

- The Lambda function has updated the sessionAttributes.
- dialogAction.type is set to Close, which directs Amazon Lex to not expect a user response.
- dialogAction.fulfillmentState is set to Fulfilled, indicating that the intent is successfully fulfilled.

The client displays the message: **Okay, I have booked your appointment. We will see you at 4:00 p.m. on 2017-02-15.**

**Example Bot: BookTrip**

This example illustrates creating a bot that is configured to support multiple intents. The example also illustrates how you can use session attributes for cross-intent information sharing. After creating the bot, you use a test client in the Amazon Lex console to test the bot (BookTrip). The client uses the PostText (p. 381) runtime API operation to send requests to Amazon Lex for each user input.

The BookTrip bot in this example is configured with two intents (BookHotel and BookCar). For example, suppose a user first books a hotel. During the interaction, the user provides information such as check-in dates, location, and number of nights. After the intent is fulfilled, the client can persist this information using session attributes. For more information about session attributes, see PostText (p. 381).

Now suppose that the user continues to book a car. Using information that the user provided in the previous BookHotel intent (that is, destination city, and check-in and check-out dates), the code hook (Lambda function) you configured to initialize and validate the BookCar intent, initializes slot data for
the BookCar intent (that is, destination, pick-up city, pick-up date, and return date). This illustrates how cross-intent information sharing enables you to build bots that can engage in dynamic conversation with the user.

In this example, we use the following session attributes. Only the client and the Lambda function can set and update session attributes. Amazon Lex only passes these between the client and the Lambda function. Amazon Lex doesn't maintain or modify any session attributes.

- **currentReservation** – Contains slot data for an in-progress reservation and other relevant information. For example, the following is a sample request from the client to Amazon Lex. It shows the currentReservation session attribute in the request body.

  ```
  POST /bot/BookTrip/alias/$LATEST/user/wch89kjgc6kl8senu7lyy3otq6j3/text
  "Content-Type":"application/json"
  "Content-Encoding":"amz-1.0"

  {
  "inputText":"Chicago",
  "sessionAttributes":{
    "currentReservation":{"ReservationType":"Hotel",
    "Location":"Moscow",
    "RoomType":null,
    "CheckInDate":null,
    "Nights":null}
  }
  }
  ```

- **lastConfirmedReservation** – Contains similar information for a previous intent, if any. For example, if the user booked a hotel and then is in process of booking a car, this session attribute stores slot data for the previous BookHotel intent.

- **confirmationContext** – The Lambda function sets this to AutoPopulate when it prepopulates some of the slot data based on slot data from the previous reservation (if there is one). This enables cross-intent information sharing. For example, if the user previously booked a hotel and now wants to book a car, Amazon Lex can prompt the user to confirm (or deny) that the car is being booked for the same city and dates as their hotel reservation.

In this exercise you use blueprints to create an Amazon Lex bot and a Lambda function. For more information about blueprints, see Amazon Lex and AWS Lambda Blueprints (p. 128).

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**Overview of the Bot Blueprint (BookTrip)**

The blueprint (BookTrip) you use to create a bot provides the following preconfiguration:
• **Slot types** – Two custom slot types:
  - RoomTypes with enumeration values: king, queen, and deluxe, for use in the BookHotel intent.
  - CarTypes with enumeration values: economy, standard, midsize, full size, luxury, and minivan, for use in the BookCar intent.

• **Intent 1 (BookHotel)** – It is preconfigured as follows:
  - **Preconfigured slots**
    - RoomType, of the RoomTypes custom slot type
    - Location, of the AMAZON.US_CITY built-in slot type
    - CheckInDate, of the AMAZON.DATE built-in slot type
    - Nights, of the AMAZON.NUMBER built-in slot type
  - **Preconfigured utterances**
    - "Book a hotel"
    - "I want to make hotel reservations"
    - "Book a {Nights} stay in {Location}"

  If the user utters any of these, Amazon Lex determines that BookHotel is the intent and then prompts the user for slot data.

  - **Preconfigured prompts**
    - Prompt for the Location slot – "What city will you be staying in?"
    - Prompt for the CheckInDate slot – "What day do you want to check in?"
    - Prompt for the Nights slot – "How many nights will you be staying?"
    - Prompt for the RoomType slot – "What type of room would you like, queen, king, or deluxe?"
    - Confirmation statement – "Okay, I have you down for a {Nights} night stay in {Location} starting {CheckInDate}. Shall I book the reservation?"
    - Denial – "Okay, I have cancelled your reservation in progress."

• **Intent 2 (BookCar)** – It is preconfigured as follows:
  - **Preconfigured slots**
    - PickUpCity, of the AMAZON.US_CITY built-in type
    - PickUpDate, of the AMAZON.DATE built-in type
    - ReturnDate, of the AMAZON.DATE built-in type
    - DriverAge, of the AMAZON.NUMBER built-in type
    - CarType, of the CarTypes custom type
  - **Preconfigured utterances**
    - "Book a car"
    - "Reserve a car"
    - "Make a car reservation"

  If the user utters any of these, Amazon Lex determines BookCar is the intent and then prompts the user for slot data.

  - **Preconfigured prompts**
    - Prompt for the PickUpCity slot – "In what city do you need to rent a car?"
    - Prompt for the PickUpDate slot – "What day do you want to start your rental?"
    - Prompt for the ReturnDate slot – "What day do you want to return this car?"
    - Prompt for the DriverAge slot – "How old is the driver for this rental?"
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Overview of the Lambda Function Blueprint (lex-book-trip-python)

In addition to the bot blueprint, AWS Lambda provides a blueprint (lex-book-trip-python) that you can use as a code hook with the bot blueprint. For a list of bot blueprints and corresponding Lambda function blueprints, see Amazon Lex and AWS Lambda Blueprints (p. 128).

When you create a bot using the BookTrip blueprint, you update configuration of both the intents (BookCar and BookHotel) by adding this Lambda function as a code hook for both initialization/validation of user data input and fulfillment of the intents.

This Lambda function code provided showcases dynamic conversation using previously known information (persisted in session attributes) about a user to initialize slot values for an intent. For more information, see Managing Conversation Context (p. 20).

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Step 2: Create an Amazon Lex Bot (p. 171)

Step 2: Create an Amazon Lex Bot

In this section, you create an Amazon Lex bot (BookTrip).

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
2. On the Bots page, choose Create.
3. On the Create your Lex bot page,
   - Choose BookTrip blueprint.
   - Leave the default bot name (BookTrip).
4. Choose Create. The console sends a series of requests to Amazon Lex to create the bot. Note the following:
5. The console shows the BookTrip bot. On the Editor tab, review the details of the preconfigured intents (BookCar and BookHotel).
6. Test the bot in the test window. Use the following to engage in a test conversation with your bot:
From the initial user input ("Book a hotel"), Amazon Lex infers the intent (BookHotel). The bot then uses the prompts preconfigured in this intent to elicit slot data from the user. After user provide all of the slot data, Amazon Lex returns a response back to the client with a message that includes all the user input as a message. The client displays the message in the response as shown.

```
CheckInDate:2016-12-18 Location:Chicago Nights:5 RoomType:queen
```

Now you continue the conversation and try to book a car.
Note that,

- There is no user data validation at this time. For example, you can provide any city to book a hotel.
- You are providing some of the same information again (destination, pick-up city, pick-up date, and return date) to book a car. In a dynamic conversation, your bot should initialize some of this information based on prior input user provided for booking hotel.

In this next section, you create a Lambda function to do some of the user data validation, and initialization using cross-intent information sharing via session attributes. Then you update the intent configuration by adding the Lambda function as code hook to perform initialization/validation of user input and fulfill intent.

**Next Step**

*Step 3: Create a Lambda function (p. 174)*
Step 3: Create a Lambda function

In this section you create a Lambda function using a blueprint (lex-book-trip-python) provided in the AWS Lambda console. You also test the Lambda function by invoking it using sample event data provided by the console.

This Lambda function is written in Python.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the AWS Lambda console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lambda/.
2. Choose Create function.
3. Choose Use a blueprint. Type lex to find the blueprint, choose the lex-book-trip-python blueprint.
4. Choose Configure the Lambda function as follows and then choose Create Function.
   • Type a Lambda function name (BookTripCodeHook).
   • For the role, choose Create a new role from template(s) and then type a role name.
   • Leave the other default values.
5. Test the Lambda function. You invoke the Lambda function twice, using sample data for both booking a car and booking a hotel.

a. Choose Configure test event from the Select a test event drop down.
b. Choose Amazon Lex Book Hotel from the Sample event template list.
   This sample event matches the Amazon Lex request/response model. For more information, see Using Lambda Functions (p. 120).
c. Choose Save and test.
d. Verify that the Lambda function successfully executed. The response in this case matches the Amazon Lex response model.
e. Repeat the step. This time you choose the Amazon Lex Book Car from the Sample event template list. The Lambda function processes the car reservation.

Next Step

Step 4: Add the Lambda Function as a Code Hook (p. 174)

Step 4: Add the Lambda Function as a Code Hook

In this section, you update the configurations of both the BookCar and BookHotel intents by adding the Lambda function as a code hook for initialization/validation and fulfillment activities. Make sure you choose the $LATEST version of the intents because you can only update the $LATEST version of your Amazon Lex resources.

1. In the Amazon Lex console, choose the BookTrip bot.
2. On the Editor tab, choose the BookHotel intent. Update the intent configuration as follows:
   a. Make sure the intent version (next to the intent name) is $LATEST.
   b. Add the Lambda function as an initialization and validation code hook as follows:
      • In Options, choose Initialization and validation code hook.
      • Choose your Lambda function from the list.
   c. Add the Lambda function as a fulfillment code hook as follows:
• In **Fulfillment**, choose **AWS Lambda function**.
• Choose your Lambda function from the list.
• Choose **Goodbye message** and type a message.

d. Choose **Save**.

3. On the **Editor** tab, choose the BookCar intent. Follow the preceding step to add your Lambda function as validation and fulfillment code hook.

4. Choose **Build**. The console sends a series of requests to Amazon Lex to save the configurations.

5. Test the bot. Now that you have a Lambda function performing the initialization, user data validation and fulfillment, you can see the difference in the user interaction.

For more information about the data flow from the client (console) to Amazon Lex, and from Amazon Lex to the Lambda function, see **Data Flow: Book Hotel Intent** (p. 177).

6. Continue the conversation and book a car as shown following:
When you choose to book a car, the client (console) sends a request to Amazon Lex that includes the session attributes (from the previous conversation, BookHotel). Amazon Lex passes this information to the Lambda function, which then initializes (that is, it prepopulates) some of the BookCar slot data (that is, PickUpDate, ReturnDate, and PickUpCity).

**Note**

This illustrates how session attributes can be used to maintain context across intents. The console client provides the `Clear` link in the test window that a user can use to clear any prior session attributes.

For more information about the data flow from the client (console) to Amazon Lex, and from Amazon Lex to the Lambda function, see Data Flow: Book Car Intent (p. 185).

**Details of the Information Flow**

In this exercise, you engaged in a conversation with the Amazon Lex BookTrip bot using the test window client provided in the Amazon Lex console. This section explains the following:
• The data flow between the client and Amazon Lex.

The section assumes that the client sends requests to Amazon Lex using the `PostText` runtime API and shows request and response details accordingly. For more information about the `PostText` runtime API, see `PostText` (p. 381).

**Note**
For an example of the information flow between the client and Amazon Lex in which the client uses the `PostContent` API, see `Step 2a (Optional): Review the Details of the Spoken Information Flow (Console)` (p. 56).

• The data flow between Amazon Lex and the Lambda function. For more information, see `Lambda Function Input Event and Response Format` (p. 120).

**Topics**
• Data Flow: Book Hotel Intent (p. 177)
• Data Flow: Book Car Intent (p. 185)

**Data Flow: Book Hotel Intent**

This section explains what happens after each user input.

1. User: "book a hotel"

   a. The client (console) sends the following `PostText` (p. 381) request to Amazon Lex:

   ```plaintext
   POST /bot/BookTrip/alias/$LATEST/user/wch89kjqcpkd8seny7dly5x3otq68j3/text
   "Content-Type":"application/json"
   "Content-Encoding":"amz-1.0"
   {
     "inputText":"book a hotel",
     "sessionAttributes":{}
   }
   ```

   Both the request URI and the body provides information to Amazon Lex:
   
   - **Request URI** – Provides bot name (BookTrip), bot alias ($LATEST) and the user name. The trailing `text` indicates that it is a `PostText` API request (and not `PostContent`).
   - **Request body** – Includes the user input (`inputText`) and empty `sessionAttributes`. Initially, this is an empty object and the Lambda function first sets the session attributes.

   b. From the `inputText`, Amazon Lex detects the intent (BookHotel). This intent is configured with a Lambda function as a code hook for user data initialization/validation. Therefore, Amazon Lex invokes that Lambda function by passing the following information as the event parameter (see `Input Event Format` (p. 120)):

   ```json
   {
     "messageVersion":"1.0",
     "invocationSource":"DialogCodeHook",
     "userId":"wch89kjqcpkd8seny7dly5x3otq68j3",
     "sessionAttributes":{
     },
     "bot":{
       "name":"BookTrip",
     }
   }
   ```
In addition to the information sent by the client, Amazon Lex also includes the following additional data:

- **messageVersion** – Currently Amazon Lex supports only the 1.0 version.
- **invocationSource** – Indicates the purpose of Lambda function invocation. In this case, it is to perform user data initialization and validation (at this time Amazon Lex knows that the user has not provided all the slot data to fulfill the intent).
- **currentIntent** – All of the slot values are set to null.

   c. At this time, all the slot values are null. There is nothing for the Lambda function to validate. The Lambda function returns the following response to Amazon Lex. For information about response format, see [Response Format](#).  

   ```json
   {  
     "sessionAttributes":{
       "currentReservation":"{"ReservationType":"Hotel","Location":null,"RoomType":null,"CheckInDate":null,"Nights":null}  
     }
   }  
   "dialogAction":{
     "type":"Delegate",
     "slots":{
       "RoomType":null,"CheckInDate":null,"Nights":null,"Location":null
     }
   }
   }
   ```

Note

- **currentReservation** – The Lambda function includes this session attribute. Its value is a copy of the current slot information and the reservation type.

Only the Lambda function and the client can update these session attributes. Amazon Lex simply passes these values.

- **dialogAction.type** – By setting this value to Delegate, the Lambda function delegates the responsibility for the next course of action to Amazon Lex.

If the Lambda function detected anything in the user data validation, it instructs Amazon Lex what to do next.

   d. As per the **dialogAction.type**, Amazon Lex decides the next course of action—elicit data from the user for the **Location** slot. It selects one of the prompt messages ("What city will you
be staying in?") for this slot, according to the intent configuration, and then sends the following response to the user:

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</table>
| dialogState: "StartSlot"  
intentName: "BookHotel"  
message: "What city will you be staying in?"  
responseCard: null  
"sessionAttributes": Object  
currentReservation: 
"ReservationType": "Hotel",  
"Location":null,  
"RoomType":null,  
"CheckInDate":null,  
"Nights":null" 
slots: Object  
CheckInDate: null  
Location: null  
Nights: null  
RoomType: null |

The session attributes are passed to the client.

The client reads the response and then displays the message: "What city will you be staying in?"

2. User: "Moscow"

   a. The client sends the following PostText request to Amazon Lex (line breaks added for readability):

```plaintext
POST /bot/BookTrip/alias/$LATEST/user/wch89kjqcpkds8seny7dly5x3otq68j3/text
"Content-Type":"application/json"
"Content-Encoding":"amz-1.0"
{
   "inputText":"Moscow",
   "sessionAttributes":{
      "currentReservation": "{"ReservationType":"Hotel","Location":null,"RoomType":null,"CheckInDate":null,"Nights":null}" 
   
   
   slots: Object  
      CheckInDate: null  
      Location: null  
      Nights: null  
      RoomType: null
}
```

In addition to the inputText, the client includes the same currentReservation session attributes it received.

   b. Amazon Lex first interprets the inputText in the context of the current intent (the service remembers that it had asked the specific user for information about Location slot). It updates the slot value for the current intent and invokes the Lambda function using the following event:

```json
{
   "messageVersion": "1.0",
   "invocationSource": "DialogCodeHook",
   "userId": "wch89kjqcpkds8seny7dly5x3otq68j3",
   "sessionAttributes": {
      "currentReservation": "{"ReservationType":"Hotel","Location":null,"RoomType":null,"CheckInDate":null,"Nights":null}"
   
   
   
   slots: Object  
      CheckInDate: null  
      Location: null  
      Nights: null  
      RoomType: null
   "bot": {  
      "name": "BookTrip",  
```
Note

• invocationSource continues to be DialogCodeHook. In this step, we are just validating user data.

• Amazon Lex is just passing the session attribute to the Lambda function.

• For currentIntent.slots, Amazon Lex has updated the Location slot to Moscow.

c. The Lambda function performs the user data validation and determines that Moscow is an invalid location.

Note

The Lambda function in this exercise has a simple list of valid cities and Moscow is not on the list. In a production application, you might use a back-end database to get this information.

It resets the slot value back to null and directs Amazon Lex to prompt the user again for another value by sending the following response:

```
{
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "currentReservation": "{\"ReservationType\":\"Hotel\",\"Location\":\"Moscow\",\"RoomType\":null,\"CheckInDate\":null,\"Nights\":null,"
  },
  "dialogAction": {
    "type": "ElicitSlot",
    "intentName": "BookHotel",
    "slots": {
      "RoomType": null,
      "CheckInDate": null,
      "Nights": null,
      "Location": null
    },
    "slotToElicit": "Location",
    "message": {
      "contentType": "PlainText",
      "content": "We currently do not support Moscow as a valid destination.
      Can you try a different city?"
    }
  }
}
```

Note

• currentIntent.slots.Location is reset to null.
- `dialogAction.type` is set to `ElicitSlot`, which directs Amazon Lex to prompt the user again by providing the following:
  - `dialogAction.slotToElicit` – slot for which to elicit data from the user.
  - `dialogAction.message` – a message to convey to the user.

d. Amazon Lex notices the `dialogAction.type` and passes the information to the client in the following response:

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<td>responseCard: null</td>
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The client simply displays the message: "We currently do not support Moscow as a valid destination. Can you try a different city?"

3. User: "Chicago"

a. The client sends the following `PostText` request to Amazon Lex:

```
POST /bot/BookTrip/alias/#LATEST/user/wch89kjgcopds8seny7dly5x3otq68j3/text
"Content-Type": "application/json"
"Content-Encoding": "amz-1.0"
{
  "inputText": "Chicago",
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "currentReservation": "{"ReservationType": "Hotel", "Location": "Moscow", "RoomType":null, "CheckInDate":null, "Nights":null}"
  }
}
```

b. Amazon Lex knows the context, that it was eliciting data for the `Location` slot. In this context, it knows the `inputText` value is for the `Location` slot. It then invokes the Lambda function by sending the following event:

```
{
  "messageVersion": "1.0",
  "invocationSource": "DialogCodeHook",
  "userId": "wch89kjgcopds8seny7dly5x3otq68j3",
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "currentReservation": "{"ReservationType": "Hotel", "Location": "Moscow", "RoomType":null, "CheckInDate":null, "Nights":null}"
  },
  "bot": {
    "name": "BookTrip",
```

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Amazon Lex updated the `currentIntent.slots` by setting the `Location` slot to Chicago.

c. According to the `invocationSource` value of `DialogCodeHook`, the Lambda function performs user data validation. It recognizes Chicago as a valid slot value, updates the session attribute accordingly, and then returns the following response to Amazon Lex:

```
{
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "currentReservation": "{\"ReservationType\":\"Hotel\",\"Location\":\"Chicago\",\"RoomType\":null,\"CheckInDate\":null,\"Nights\":null}"
  },
  "dialogAction": {
    "type": "Delegate",
    "slots": {
      "RoomType": null,
      "CheckInDate": null,
      "Nights": null,
      "Location": "Chicago"
    }
  }
}
```

**Note**

- `currentReservation` – The Lambda function updates this session attribute by setting the `Location` to Chicago.
- `dialogAction.type` – Is set to `Delegate`. User data was valid, and the Lambda function directs Amazon Lex to choose the next course of action.


d. According to `dialogAction.type`, Amazon Lex chooses the next course of action. Amazon Lex knows that it needs more slot data and picks the next unfilled slot (`CheckInDate`) with the highest priority according to the intent configuration. It selects one of the prompt messages ("What day do you want to check in?") for this slot according to the intent configuration and then sends the following response back to the client:
The client displays the message: “What day do you want to check in?”

4. The user interaction continues—the user provides data, the Lambda function validates data, and then delegates the next course of action to Amazon Lex. Eventually the user provides all of the slot data, the Lambda function validates all of the user input, and then Amazon Lex recognizes it has all the slot data.

**Note**

In this exercise, after the user provides all of the slot data, the Lambda function computes the price of the hotel reservation and returns it as another session attribute (`currentReservationPrice`).

At this point, the intent is ready to be fulfilled, but the BookHotel intent is configured with a confirmation prompt requiring user confirmation before Amazon Lex can fulfill the intent. Therefore, Amazon Lex sends the following message to the client requesting confirmation before booking the hotel:

The client display the message: “Okay, I have you down for a 5 night in Chicago starting 2016-12-18. Shall I book the reservation?”

5. User: “yes”

   a. The client sends the following **PostText** request to Amazon Lex:
b. Amazon Lex interprets the inputText in the context of confirming the current intent. Amazon Lex understands that the user wants to proceed with the reservation. This time Amazon Lex invokes the Lambda function to fulfill the intent by sending the following event. By setting the invocationSource to FulfillmentCodeHook in the event, it sends to the Lambda function. Amazon Lex also sets the confirmationStatus to Confirmed.

```
{  
  "messageVersion": "1.0",  
  "invocationSource": "FulfillmentCodeHook",  
  "userId": "wch89kjqcpd8seny7dly5x3otq68j3",  
  "sessionAttributes": {  
    "currentReservation": "{"ReservationType":"Hotel","Location":"Chicago","RoomType":"queen","CheckInDate":"2016-12-18","Nights":"5"}"  
  },  
  "bot": {  
    "name": "BookTrip",  
    "alias": null,  
    "version": "$LATEST"  
  },  
  "outputDialogMode": "Text",  
  "currentIntent": {  
    "name": "BookHotel",  
    "slots": {  
      "RoomType": "queen",  
      "CheckInDate": "2016-12-18",  
      "Nights": "5",  
      "Location": "Chicago"  
    },  
    "confirmationStatus": "Confirmed"  
  }  
}
```

Note

- **invocationSource** – This time, Amazon Lex set this value to FulfillmentCodeHook, directing the Lambda function to fulfill the intent.
- **confirmationStatus** – Is set to Confirmed.

b. This time, the Lambda function fulfills the BookHotel intent, Amazon Lex completes the reservation, and then it returns the following response:

```
{  
  "sessionAttributes": {  
    "currentReservationPrice": "956"  
  }  
}
```
"lastConfirmedReservation": "{"ReservationType":"Hotel","Location":"Chicago","RoomType":"queen","CheckInDate":"2016-12-18","Nights":5}"
},
"dialogAction": {
  "type": "Close",
  "fulfillmentState": "Fulfilled",
  "message": {
    "contentType": "PlainText",
    "content": "Thanks, I have placed your reservation. Please let me know if you would like to book a car rental, or another hotel."
  }
}
}

Note

- **lastConfirmedReservation** – Is a new session attribute that the Lambda function added (instead of the `currentReservation`, `currentReservationPrice`).
- **dialogAction.type** – The Lambda function sets this value to `Close`, indicating that Amazon Lex to not expect a user response.
- **dialogAction.fulfillmentState** – Is set to `Fulfilled` and includes an appropriate message to convey to the user.

d. Amazon Lex reviews the `fulfillmentState` and sends the following response to the client:

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</table>
| dialogState: "Fulfilled"
intentName: "BookHotel"
message: "Thanks, I have placed your reservation. Please let me know if you would like to book a car rental, or another hotel."
responseCard: null
| sessionAttributes: Object
  lastConfirmedReservation: "{"ReservationType":"Hotel","Location":"Chicago","RoomType":"queen","CheckInDate":"2016-12-18","Nights":5}"
slotToElicit: null
| slots: Object
  CheckInDate: "2016-12-18"
  Location: "Chicago"
  Nights: 5
  RoomType: "queen"
```

Note

- **dialogState** – Amazon Lex sets this value to `Fulfilled`.
- **message** – Is the same message that the Lambda function provided.

The client displays the message.

Data Flow: Book Car Intent

The BookTrip bot in this exercise supports two intents (BookHotel and BookCar). After booking a hotel, the user can continue the conversation to book a car. As long as the session hasn't timed out, in each subsequent request the client continues to send the session attributes (in this example, the `lastConfirmedReservation`). The Lambda function can use this information to initialize slot data for the BookCar intent. This shows how you can use session attributes in cross-intent data sharing.
Specifically, when the user chooses the BookCar intent, the Lambda function uses relevant information in the session attribute to prepopulate slots (PickUpDate, ReturnDate, and PickUpCity) for the BookCar intent.

**Note**
The Amazon Lex console provides the **Clear** link that you can use to clear any prior session attributes.

Follow the steps in this procedure to continue the conversation.

1. **User:** "also book a car"
   a. The client sends the following `PostText` request to Amazon Lex.

   ```
   POST /bot/BookTrip/alias/$LATEST/user/wch89kjqcpkds8seny7dly5x3otq68j3/text
   "Content-Type": "application/json"
   "Content-Encoding": "amz-1.0"

   {
   "inputText": "also book a car",
   "sessionAttributes": {
   "lastConfirmedReservation": "{"ReservationType": "Hotel",
   "Location": "Chicago",
   "RoomType": "queen",
   "CheckInDate": "2016-12-18",
   "Nights": "5"}"
   }
   }
   ```

   The client includes the `lastConfirmedReservation` session attribute.

   b. Amazon Lex detects the intent (BookCar) from the `inputText`. This intent is also configured to invoke the Lambda function to perform the initialization and validation of the user data. Amazon Lex invokes the Lambda function with the following event:

   ```
   {
   "messageVersion": "1.0",
   "invocationSource": "DialogCodeHook",
   "userId": "wch89kjqcpkds8seny7dly5x3otq68j3",
   "sessionAttributes": {
   "lastConfirmedReservation": "{"ReservationType": "Hotel",
   "Location": "Chicago",
   "RoomType": "queen",
   "CheckInDate": "2016-12-18",
   "Nights": "5"}"
   },
   "bot": {
   "name": "BookTrip",
   "alias": null,
   "version": "$LATEST"
   },
   "outputDialogMode": "Text",
   "currentIntent": {
   "name": "BookCar",
   "slots": {
   "PickUpDate": null,
   "ReturnDate": null,
   "DriverAge": null,
   "CarType": null,
   "PickUpCity": null
   },
   "confirmationStatus": "None"
   }
   ```
Details of the Information Flow

Note

- **messageVersion** – Currently Amazon Lex supports the 1.0 version only.
- **invocationSource** – Indicates the purpose of invocation is to perform initialization and user data validation.
- **currentIntent** – It includes the intent name and the slots. At this time, all slot values are null.

c. The Lambda function notices all null slot values with nothing to validate. However, it uses session attributes to initialize some of the slot values (PickUpDate, ReturnDate, and PickUpCity), and then returns the following response:

```
{
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "lastConfirmedReservation": "{"ReservationType":"Hotel","Location":"Chicago","RoomType":"queen","CheckInDate":"2016-12-18","Nights":5"},
    "currentReservation": "{"ReservationType":"Car","PickUpCity":null,"PickUpDate":null,"ReturnDate":null,"CarType":null}",
    "confirmationContext": "AutoPopulate"
  },
  "dialogAction": {
    "type": "ConfirmIntent",
    "intentName": "BookCar",
    "slots": {
      "PickUpCity": "Chicago",
      "PickUpDate": "2016-12-18",
      "ReturnDate": "2016-12-22",
      "CarType": null,
      "DriverAge": null
    },
    "message": {
      "contentType": "PlainText",
      "content": "Is this car rental for your 5 night stay in Chicago on 2016-12-18?"
    }
  }
}
```

Note

- In addition to the lastConfirmedReservation, the Lambda function includes more session attributes (currentReservation and confirmationContext).
- **dialogAction.type** is set to ConfirmIntent, which informs Amazon Lex that a yes, no reply is expected from the user (the confirmationContext set to AutoPopulate, the Lambda function knows that the yes/no user reply is to obtain user confirmation of the initialization the Lambda function performed (auto populated slot data).

The Lambda function also includes in the response an informative message in the **dialogAction.message** for Amazon Lex to return to the client.

**Note**
The term ConfirmIntent (value of the dialogAction.type) is not related to any bot intent. In the example, Lambda function uses this term to direct Amazon Lex to get a yes/no reply from the user.

d. According to the **dialogAction.type**, Amazon Lex returns the following response to the client:
The client displays the message: "Is this car rental for your 5 night stay in Chicago on 2016-12-18?"

2. User: "yes"

   a. The client sends the following `PostText` request to Amazon Lex.

   ```
   POST /bot/BookTrip/alias/$LATEST/user/wch89kjqcpkds8seny7dly5x3otq68j3/text
   "Content-Type": "application/json"
   "Content-Encoding": "amz-1.0"

   {
   "inputText": "yes",
   "sessionAttributes": {
   "confirmationContext": "AutoPopulate",
   "currentReservation": {"ReservationType": "Car", "PickUpCity": null, "PickUpDate": null, "ReturnDate": null, "CarType": null},
   "lastConfirmedReservation": {"ReservationType": "Hotel", "Location": "Chicago", "RoomType": "Queen", "CheckInDate": "2016-12-18", "Nights": "5"}
   }
   }
   ```

   b. Amazon Lex reads the `inputText` and it knows the context (asked the user to confirm the auto population). Amazon Lex invokes the Lambda function by sending the following event:

   ```
   {
   "messageVersion": "1.0",
   "invocationSource": "DialogCodeHook",
   "userId": "wch89kjqcpkds8seny7dly5x3otq68j3",
   "sessionAttributes": {
   "confirmationContext": "AutoPopulate",
   "currentReservation": {"ReservationType": "Car", "PickUpCity": null, "PickUpDate": null, "ReturnDate": null, "CarType": null},
   "lastConfirmedReservation": {"ReservationType": "Hotel", "Location": "Chicago", "RoomType": "Queen", "CheckInDate": "2016-12-18", "Nights": "5"}
   }
   ```
Because the user replied Yes, Amazon Lex sets the confirmationStatus to Confirmed.

c. From the confirmationStatus, the Lambda function knows that the prepopulated values are correct. The Lambda function does the following:

- Updates the currentReservation session attribute to slot value it had prepopulated.
- Sets the dialogAction.type to ElicitSlot
- Sets the slotToElicit value to DriverAge.

The following response is sent:

```json
{
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "currentReservation": "{"ReservationType":"Car","PickUpCity":"Chicago","PickUpDate":"2016-12-18","ReturnDate":"2016-12-22","CarType":null},
    "lastConfirmedReservation": "{"ReservationType":"Hotel","Location":"Chicago","RoomType":"queen","CheckInDate":"2016-12-18","Nights":5}"
  },
  "dialogAction": {
    "type": "ElicitSlot",
    "intentName": "BookCar",
    "slots": {
      "PickUpDate": "2016-12-18",
      "ReturnDate": "2016-12-22",
      "DriverAge": null,
      "CarType": null,
      "PickUpCity": "Chicago"
    },
    "slotToElicit": "DriverAge",
    "message": {
      "contentType": "PlainText",
      "content": "How old is the driver of this car rental?"
    }
  }
}
```

d. Amazon Lex returns following response:
Example: Using a Response Card

In this exercise, you extend Getting Started Exercise 1 by adding a response card. You create a bot that supports the OrderFlowers intent, and then update the intent by adding a response card for the FlowerType slot. In addition to the following prompt for the FlowerType slot, the user can choose the type of flowers from the response card:

What type of flowers would you like to order?

The following is the response card:
The bot user can either type the text or choose from the list of flower types. This response card is configured with an image, which appears in the client as shown. For more information about response cards, see Response Cards (p. 16).

To create and test a bot with a response card:

1. Follow Getting Started Exercise 1 to create and test an OrderFlowers bot. You must complete steps 1, 2, and 3. You don't need to add a Lambda function to test the response card. For instructions, see Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52).

2. Update the bot by adding the response card, and then publish a version. When you publish a version, specify an alias (BETA) to point to it.
   a. In the Amazon Lex console, choose your bot.
   b. Choose the OrderFlowers intent.
   c. Choose the settings gear icon next to the "What type of flowers" Prompt to configure a response card for the FlowerType.
d. Give the card a title and configure three buttons as shown in the following screen shot. You can optionally add an image to the response card, provided you have an image URL. If you are deploying your bot using Twilio SMS, you must provide an image URL.
Example: Updating Utterances

In this exercise, you add additional utterances to those you created in Getting Started Exercise 1. You use the Monitoring tab in the Amazon Lex console to view utterances that your bot did not recognize. To improve the experience for your users, you add those utterances to the bot.

**Note**
Utterance statistics are generated once a day. You can see the utterance that was not recognized, how many times it was heard, and the last date and time that the utterance was heard. It can take up to 24 hours for missed utterances to appear in the console.

You can see utterances for different versions of your bot. To change the version of your bot that you are seeing utterances for, choose a different version from the drop-down next to the bot name.

**To view and add missed utterances to a bot:**

1. Follow the first step of Getting Started Exercise 1 to create and test an OrderFlowers bot. For instructions, see Exercise 1: Create an Amazon Lex Bot Using a Blueprint (Console) (p. 52).
2. Test the bot by typing the following utterances in the Test Bot window. Type each utterance several times. The example bot doesn't recognize the following utterances:
   - Order flowers
   - Get me flowers
   - Please order flowers
   - Get me some flowers
3. Wait for Amazon Lex to gather usage data about the missed utterances. Utterance data is generated once per day, generally overnight.
4. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/.
5. Choose the OrderFlowers bot.
6. Choose the Monitoring tab, and then choose Utterances from the left menu and then choose the Missed button. The pane shows a maximum of 100 missed utterances.
7. To choose the missed utterances that you want to add to the bot, select the check box next to them. To add the utterance to the $LATEST version of the intent, choose the down arrow next to the **Add utterance to intent** dropdown, and then choose the intent.

8. To rebuild your bot, choose **Build** and then **Build** again to re-build your bot.

9. To verify that your bot recognizes the new utterances, use the **Test Bot** pane.

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**Example: Integrating with a Web site**

In this example you integrate a bot with a Web site using text and voice. You use JavaScript and AWS services to build an interactive experience for visitors to your Web site. You can choose from these examples documented on the AWS AI Blog:

- **Deploy a Web UI for Your Chatbot**—Demonstrates a full-featured Web UI that provides a Web client for Amazon Lex chatbots. You can use this to learn about Web clients, or as a building block for your own application.

- **“Greetings, visitor!”—Engage Your Web Users with Amazon Lex**—Demonstrates using Amazon Lex, the AWS SDK for JavaScript in the Browser, and Amazon Cognito to create a conversational experience on your Web site.

- **Capturing Voice Input in a Browser and Sending it to Amazon Lex**—Demonstrates embedding a voice-based chatbot in a Web site using the SDK for JavaScript in the Browser. The application records audio, sends the audio to Amazon Lex, and then plays the response.
Security in Amazon Lex

Cloud security at AWS is the highest priority. As an AWS customer, you benefit from a data center and network architecture that is built to meet the requirements of the most security-sensitive organizations.

Security is a shared responsibility between AWS and you. The shared responsibility model describes this as security of the cloud and security in the cloud:

- **Security of the cloud** – AWS is responsible for protecting the infrastructure that runs AWS services in the AWS Cloud. AWS also provides you with services that you can use securely. The effectiveness of our security is regularly tested and verified by third-party auditors as part of the AWS compliance programs. To learn about the compliance programs that apply to Amazon Lex, see AWS Services in Scope by Compliance Program.

- **Security in the cloud** – Your responsibility is determined by the AWS service that you use. You are also responsible for other factors including the sensitivity of your data, your organization's requirements, and applicable laws and regulations.

This documentation will help you understand how to apply the shared responsibility model when using Amazon Lex. The following topics show you how to configure Amazon Lex to meet your security and compliance objectives. You’ll also learn how to use other AWS services that can help you to monitor and secure your Amazon Lex resources.

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- Data Protection in Amazon Lex (p. 195)
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- Monitoring in Amazon Lex (p. 213)
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Data Protection in Amazon Lex

Amazon Lex collects customer content for troubleshooting and to help improve the service. Customer content is secured by default. You can delete content for individual customers using the Amazon Lex API.

Amazon Lex stores four types of content:

- Sample utterances, which are used to build and train a bot
- Customer utterances from users interacting with the bot
- Session attributes, which provide application-specific information for the duration of a user's interaction with a bot
- Request attributes, which contain information that applies to a single request to a bot

Any Amazon Lex bot that is designed for use by children is governed by the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). You tell Amazon Lex that the bot is subject to COPPA by using the console or the Amazon Lex API to set the childDirected field to true. When the childDirected field is set to true, no user utterances are stored.
Encryption at Rest

Amazon Lex encrypts the user utterances that it stores.

Topics

- Sample Utterances (p. 196)
- Customer Utterances (p. 196)
- Session Attributes (p. 196)
- Request Attributes (p. 196)

Sample Utterances

When you develop a bot, you can provide sample utterances for each intent and slot. You can also provide custom values and synonyms for slots. This information is used only to build the bot and to create the user experience. It isn't encrypted.

Customer Utterances

Amazon Lex encrypts utterances that users send to your bot unless the childDirected field is set to true.

When the childDirected field is set to true, no user utterances are stored.

When the childDirected field is set to false (the default), user utterances are encrypted and stored for 15 days for use with the GetUtterancesView (p. 324) operation. To delete stored utterances for a specific user, use the DeleteUtterances (p. 265) operation .

When your bot accepts voice input, the input is stored indefinitely. Amazon Lex uses it to improve your bot's ability to respond to user input.

Use the DeleteUtterances (p. 265) operation to delete stored utterances for a specific user.

Session Attributes

Session attributes contain application-specific information that is passed between Amazon Lex and client applications. Amazon Lex passes session attributes to all AWS Lambda functions configured for a bot. If a Lambda function adds or updates session attributes, Amazon Lex passes the new information back to the client application.

Session attributes persist in an encrypted store for the duration of the session. You can configure the session to remain active for a minimum of 1 minute and up to 24 hours after the last user utterance. The default session duration is 5 minutes.

Request Attributes

Request attributes contain request-specific information and apply only to the current request. A client application uses request attributes to send information to Amazon Lex at runtime.
You use request attributes to pass information that doesn't need to persist for the entire session. Because request attributes don't persist across requests, they aren't stored.

**Encryption in Transit**

Amazon Lex uses the HTTPS protocol to communicate with your client application. It uses HTTPS and AWS signatures to communicate with other services, such as Amazon Polly and AWS Lambda on your application's behalf.

**Key Management**

Amazon Lex protects your content from unauthorized use with internal keys.

**Identity and Access Management for Amazon Lex**

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) is an AWS service that helps an administrator securely control access to AWS resources. IAM administrators control who can be authenticated (signed in) and authorized (have permissions) to use Amazon Lex resources. IAM is an AWS service that you can use with no additional charge.

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**Audience**

How you use AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) differs, depending on the work you do in Amazon Lex.

**Service user** – If you use the Amazon Lex service to do your job, then your administrator provides you with the credentials and permissions that you need. As you use more Amazon Lex features to do your work, you might need additional permissions. Understanding how access is managed can help you request the right permissions from your administrator. If you cannot access a feature in Amazon Lex, see Troubleshooting Amazon Lex Identity and Access (p. 211).

**Service administrator** – If you're in charge of Amazon Lex resources at your company, you probably have full access to Amazon Lex. It's your job to determine which Amazon Lex features and resources your employees should access. You must then submit requests to your IAM administrator to change the permissions of your service users. Review the information on this page to understand the basic concepts of IAM. To learn more about how your company can use IAM with Amazon Lex, see How Amazon Lex Works with IAM (p. 201).

**IAM administrator** – If you're an IAM administrator, you might want to learn details about how you can write policies to manage access to Amazon Lex. To view example Amazon Lex identity-based policies that you can use in IAM, see Amazon Lex Identity-Based Policy Examples (p. 206).
Authenticating with Identities

Authentication is how you sign in to AWS using your identity credentials. For more information about signing in using the AWS Management Console, see The IAM Console and Sign-in Page in the IAM User Guide.

You must be authenticated (signed in to AWS) as the AWS account root user, an IAM user, or by assuming an IAM role. You can also use your company's single sign-on authentication, or even sign in using Google or Facebook. In these cases, your administrator previously set up identity federation using IAM roles. When you access AWS using credentials from another company, you are assuming a role indirectly.

To sign in directly to the AWS Management Console, use your password with your root user email or your IAM user name. You can access AWS programmatically using your root user or IAM user access keys. AWS provides SDK and command line tools to cryptographically sign your request using your credentials. If you don't use AWS tools, you must sign the request yourself. Do this using Signature Version 4, a protocol for authenticating inbound API requests. For more information about authenticating requests, see Signature Version 4 Signing Process in the AWS General Reference.

Regardless of the authentication method that you use, you might also be required to provide additional security information. For example, AWS recommends that you use multi-factor authentication (MFA) to increase the security of your account. To learn more, see Using Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) in AWS in the IAM User Guide.

AWS Account Root User

When you first create an AWS account, you begin with a single sign-in identity that has complete access to all AWS services and resources in the account. This identity is called the AWS account root user and is accessed by signing in with the email address and password that you used to create the account. We strongly recommend that you do not use the root user for your everyday tasks, even the administrative ones. Instead, adhere to the best practice of using the root user only to create your first IAM user. Then securely lock away the root user credentials and use them to perform only a few account and service management tasks.

IAM Users and Groups

An IAM user is an identity within your AWS account that has specific permissions for a single person or application. An IAM user can have long-term credentials such as a user name and password or a set of access keys. To learn how to generate access keys, see Managing Access Keys for IAM Users in the IAM User Guide. When you generate access keys for an IAM user, make sure you view and securely save the key pair. You cannot recover the secret access key in the future. Instead, you must generate a new access key pair.

An IAM group is an identity that specifies a collection of IAM users. You can't sign in as a group. You can use groups to specify permissions for multiple users at a time. Groups make permissions easier to manage for large sets of users. For example, you could have a group named IAMAdmins and give that group permissions to administer IAM resources.

Users are different from roles. A user is uniquely associated with one person or application, but a role is intended to be assumable by anyone who needs it. Users have permanent long-term credentials, but roles provide temporary credentials. To learn more, see When to Create an IAM User (Instead of a Role) in the IAM User Guide.

IAM Roles

An IAM role is an identity within your AWS account that has specific permissions. It is similar to an IAM user, but is not associated with a specific person. You can temporarily assume an IAM role in the AWS
IAM roles with temporary credentials are useful in the following situations:

- **Temporary IAM user permissions** – An IAM user can assume an IAM role to temporarily take on different permissions for a specific task.

- **Federated user access** – Instead of creating an IAM user, you can use existing identities from AWS Directory Service, your enterprise user directory, or a web identity provider. These are known as federated users. AWS assigns a role to a federated user when access is requested through an identity provider. For more information about federated users, see Federated Users and Roles in the IAM User Guide.

- **Cross-account access** – You can use an IAM role to allow someone (a trusted principal) in a different account to access resources in your account. Roles are the primary way to grant cross-account access. However, with some AWS services, you can attach a policy directly to a resource (instead of using a role as a proxy). To learn the difference between roles and resource-based policies for cross-account access, see How IAM Roles Differ from Resource-based Policies in the IAM User Guide.

- **AWS service access** – A service role is an IAM role that a service assumes to perform actions in your account on your behalf. When you set up some AWS service environments, you must define a role for the service to assume. This service role must include all the permissions that are required for the service to access the AWS resources that it needs. Service roles vary from service to service, but many allow you to choose your permissions as long as you meet the documented requirements for that service. Service roles provide access only within your account and cannot be used to grant access to services in other accounts. You can create, modify, and delete a service role from within IAM. For example, you can create a role that allows Amazon Redshift to access an Amazon S3 bucket on your behalf and then load data from that bucket into an Amazon Redshift cluster. For more information, see Creating a Role to Delegate Permissions to an AWS Service in the IAM User Guide.

- **Applications running on Amazon EC2** – You can use an IAM role to manage temporary credentials for applications that are running on an EC2 instance and making AWS CLI or AWS API requests. This is preferable to storing access keys within the EC2 instance. To assign an AWS role to an EC2 instance and make it available to all of its applications, you create an instance profile that is attached to the instance. An instance profile contains the role and enables programs that are running on the EC2 instance to get temporary credentials. For more information, see Using an IAM Role to Grant Permissions to Applications Running on Amazon EC2 Instances in the IAM User Guide.

To learn whether to use IAM roles, see When to Create an IAM Role (Instead of a User) in the IAM User Guide.

### Managing Access Using Policies

You control access in AWS by creating policies and attaching them to IAM identities or AWS resources. A policy is an object in AWS that, when associated with an identity or resource, defines their permissions. AWS evaluates these policies when an entity (root user, IAM user, or IAM role) makes a request. Permissions in the policies determine whether the request is allowed or denied. Most policies are stored in AWS as JSON documents. For more information about the structure and contents of JSON policy documents, see Overview of JSON Policies in the IAM User Guide.

An IAM administrator can use policies to specify who has access to AWS resources, and what actions they can perform on those resources. Every IAM entity (user or role) starts with no permissions. In other words, by default, users can do nothing, not even change their own password. To give a user permission to do something, an administrator must attach a permissions policy to a user. Or the administrator can add the user to a group that has the intended permissions. When an administrator gives permissions to a group, all users in that group are granted those permissions.
IAM policies define permissions for an action regardless of the method that you use to perform the operation. For example, suppose that you have a policy that allows the `iam:GetRole` action. A user with that policy can get role information from the AWS Management Console, the AWS CLI, or the AWS API.

**Identity-Based Policies**

Identity-based policies are JSON permissions policy documents that you can attach to an identity, such as an IAM user, role, or group. These policies control what actions that identity can perform, on which resources, and under what conditions. To learn how to create an identity-based policy, see [Creating IAM Policies](#) in the [IAM User Guide](#).

Identity-based policies can be further categorized as **inline policies** or **managed policies**. Inline policies are embedded directly into a single user, group, or role. Managed policies are standalone policies that you can attach to multiple users, groups, and roles in your AWS account. Managed policies include AWS managed policies and customer managed policies. To learn how to choose between a managed policy or an inline policy, see [Choosing Between Managed Policies and Inline Policies](#) in the [IAM User Guide](#).

**Resource-Based Policies**

Resource-based policies are JSON policy documents that you attach to a resource such as an Amazon Lex bot. Service administrators can use these policies to define what actions a specified principal (account member, user, or role) can perform on that resource and under what conditions. Resource-based policies are inline policies. There are no managed resource-based policies.

**Other Policy Types**

AWS supports additional, less-common policy types. These policy types can set the maximum permissions granted to you by the more common policy types.

- **Permissions boundaries** – A permissions boundary is an advanced feature in which you set the maximum permissions that an identity-based policy can grant to an IAM entity (IAM user or role). You can set a permissions boundary for an entity. The resulting permissions are the intersection of entity's identity-based policies and its permissions boundaries. Resource-based policies that specify the user or role in the Principal field are not limited by the permissions boundary. An explicit deny in any of these policies overrides the allow. For more information about permissions boundaries, see [Permissions Boundaries for IAM Entities](#) in the [IAM User Guide](#).

- **Service control policies (SCPs)** – SCPs are JSON policies that specify the maximum permissions for an organization or organizational unit (OU) in AWS Organizations. AWS Organizations is a service for grouping and centrally managing multiple AWS accounts that your business owns. If you enable all features in an organization, then you can apply service control policies (SCPs) to any or all of your accounts. The SCP limits permissions for entities in member accounts, including each AWS account root user. For more information about Organizations and SCPs, see [How SCPs Work](#) in the [AWS Organizations User Guide](#).

- **Session policies** – Session policies are advanced policies that you pass as a parameter when you programmatically create a temporary session for a role or federated user. The resulting session's permissions are the intersection of the user or role's identity-based policies and the session policies. Permissions can also come from a resource-based policy. An explicit deny in any of these policies overrides the allow. For more information, see [Session Policies](#) in the [IAM User Guide](#).

**Multiple Policy Types**

When multiple types of policies apply to a request, the resulting permissions are more complicated to understand. To learn how AWS determines whether to allow a request when multiple policy types are involved, see [Policy Evaluation Logic](#) in the [IAM User Guide](#).
Learn More

For more information about identity and access management for Amazon Lex, see the following pages:

- How Amazon Lex Works with IAM (p. 201)
- Troubleshooting Amazon Lex Identity and Access (p. 211)

How Amazon Lex Works with IAM

Before you use AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) to manage access to Amazon Lex, you should understand which IAM features are available to use with Amazon Lex. For a high-level view of how Amazon Lex and other AWS services work with IAM, see AWS Services That Work with IAM in the IAM User Guide.

Topics

- Amazon Lex Identity-Based Policies (p. 201)
- Amazon Lex Resource-Based Policies (p. 203)
- Authorization Based on Amazon Lex Tags (p. 203)
- Amazon Lex IAM Roles (p. 205)

Amazon Lex Identity-Based Policies

To specify allowed or denied actions and resources and the conditions under which actions are allowed or denied, use IAM identity-based policies. Amazon Lex supports specific actions, resources, and condition keys. To learn about all of the elements that you use in a JSON policy, see IAM JSON Policy Elements Reference in the IAM User Guide.

Actions

The Action element of an IAM identity-based policy describes the specific action or actions that will be allowed or denied by the policy. Policy actions usually have the same name as the associated AWS API operation. The action is used in a policy to grant permissions to perform the associated operation.

In Amazon Lex, policy actions use the following prefix before the action: lex:. For example, to grant someone permission to call an Amazon Lex bot with the PostContent operation, you include the lex:PostContent action in their policy. Policy statements must include either an Action or NotAction element. Amazon Lex defines actions that describe the tasks that you can perform with this service. To see a list of Amazon Lex actions, see Actions Defined by Amazon Lex in the IAM User Guide.

To specify multiple actions in a single statement, separate them with commas as follows.

```
"Action": [
   "lex:action1",
   "lex:action2"
]
```

You can specify multiple actions using wildcards (*). For example, to specify all actions that begin with the word Put, include the following action.

```
"Action": "lex:Put*"
```
Resources

The **Resource** element specifies the object or objects to which the action applies. Statements must include either a **Resource** or a **NotResource** element. You specify a resource using an ARN or, to indicate that the statement applies to all resources, the wildcard (*).

An Amazon Lex bot resource ARN has the following format.

```
arn:aws:lex:${Region}:${Account}:bot:${Bot-Name}
```

For more information about the format of ARNs, see Amazon Resource Names (ARNs) and AWS Service Namespaces.

For example, to specify the `OrderFlowers` bot in your statement, use the following ARN.

```
```

To specify all bots that belong to a specific account, use the wildcard (*).

```
```

Some Amazon Lex actions, such as those for creating resources, can't be performed on a specific resource. In those cases, you must use the wildcard, (*).

```
"Resource": "*
```

For a list of Amazon Lex resource types and their ARNs, see Resources Defined by Amazon Lex in the IAM User Guide. To learn with which actions you can specify the ARN of each resource, see Actions Defined by Amazon Lex.

Condition Keys

Use the **Condition** element (or a **Condition** block) to specify conditions in which a statement is in effect. The **Condition** element is optional. You can build conditional expressions that use condition operators, such as equals or less than, to match the condition in the policy with values in the request.

If you specify multiple **Condition** elements in a statement, or multiple keys in a single **Condition** element, AWS evaluates them using a logical AND operation. If you specify multiple values for a single condition key, AWS evaluates the condition using a logical OR operation. All of the conditions must be met before the statement's permissions are granted.

You can also use placeholder variables when you specify conditions. For example, you can grant an IAM user permission to access a resource only if it is tagged with their IAM user name. For more information, see IAM Policy Elements: Variables and Tags in the IAM User Guide.

Amazon Lex defines its own set of condition keys and also supports using some global condition keys. For a list of all AWS global condition keys, see AWS Global Condition Context Keys in the IAM User Guide.

The following table lists the Amazon Lex condition keys that apply to Amazon Lex resources. You can include these keys in **Condition** elements in an IAM permissions policy.

Examples

For examples of Amazon Lex identity-based policies, see Amazon Lex Identity-Based Policy Examples (p. 206).
Amazon Lex Resource-Based Policies

Resource-based policies are JSON policy documents that specify what actions a specified principal can perform on the Amazon Lex resource and under what conditions. Amazon Lex supports resource-based permissions policies for bots, intents, and slot types. Use resource-based policies to grant usage permission to other accounts on a per-resource basis. You can also use a resource-based policy to allow an AWS service to access your Amazon Lex resources.

To enable cross-account access, you can specify an entire account or you can specify IAM entities in another account as the principal in a resource-based policy. Adding a cross-account principal to a resource-based policy is only the first step in establishing the trust relationship. When the principal and the resource are in different AWS accounts, you must also grant the principal entity permission to access the resource. Grant permission by attaching an identity-based policy to the entity. However, if a resource-based policy grants access to a principal in the same account, no additional identity-based policy is required. For more information, see How IAM Roles Differ from Resource-based Policies in the IAM User Guide.

Examples

For examples of Amazon Lex resource-based policies, see Amazon Lex Resource-Based Policy Example (p. 211).

Authorization Based on Amazon Lex Tags

You can associate tags with certain types of Amazon Lex resources for authorization. To control access based on tags, provide tag information in the condition element of a policy by using the lex:ResourceTag/${TagKey}, aws:RequestTag/${TagKey}, or aws:TagKeys condition keys.

For information about tagging Amazon Lex resources, see Tagging Your Amazon Lex Resources (p. 45). For an example identity-based policy that limits access to a resource based on the resource tags, see Example: Use a Tag to Access a Resource (p. 210). For more information about using tags to limit access to resources, see Controlling Access Using Tags in the IAM User Guide.

The following table lists the actions and corresponding resource types for tag-based access control. Each action is authorized based on the tags associated with the corresponding resource type.

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<td>bot</td>
<td>lex:ResourceTag</td>
<td></td>
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<td>DeleteBot (p. 249)</td>
<td>bot</td>
<td>lex:ResourceTag</td>
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<td>DeleteBotAlias (p. 251)</td>
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<td>DeleteBotChannelAssociation</td>
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<td>bot</td>
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<td>DeleteSession (p. 367)</td>
<td>bot or alias</td>
<td>lex:ResourceTag</td>
<td>Uses tags associated with the bot when alias is set to $LATEST. Uses tags associated with the specified alias when used with other aliases.</td>
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<td>bot</td>
<td>lex:ResourceTag</td>
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<td>bot or alias</td>
<td>lex:ResourceTag</td>
<td>Uses tags associated with the bot when versionOrAlias is set to $LATEST or numeric version. Uses tags associated with the specified alias when used with aliases</td>
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<td>lex:ResourceTag</td>
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<td>channel</td>
<td>lex:ResourceTag</td>
<td>Uses tags associated with the bot when alias is set to &quot;-&quot;. Uses tags associated with the specified alias when a bot alias is specified</td>
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### Amazon Lex IAM Roles

An IAM role is an entity within your AWS account that has specific permissions.

### Using Temporary Credentials with Amazon Lex

You can use temporary credentials to sign in with federation, assume an IAM role, or to assume a cross-account role. You obtain temporary security credentials by calling AWS STS API operations such as AssumeRole or GetFederationToken.

Amazon Lex supports using temporary credentials.

### Service-Linked Roles

Service-linked roles allow AWS services to access resources in other services to complete an action on your behalf. Service-linked roles appear in your IAM account and are owned by the service. An IAM administrator can view, but not edit, the permissions for service-linked roles.

Amazon Lex supports service-linked roles. For details about creating or managing Amazon Lex service-linked roles, see Step 1: Create a Service-Linked Role (AWS CLI) (p. 92).

### Service Roles

A service can assume a service role on your behalf. This role allows the service to access resources in other services to complete an action on your behalf. Service roles appear in your IAM account and are owned by the account. This means that an IAM administrator can change the permissions for this role. However, doing so might prevent the service from functioning as expected.

Amazon Lex supports service roles.

### Choosing an IAM Role in Amazon Lex

Amazon Lex uses service-linked roles to call Amazon Comprehend and Amazon Polly. It uses resource-level permissions on your AWS Lambda functions to invoke them.
You must provide an IAM role to enable conversation tagging. For more information, see Creating an IAM Role and Policies for Conversation Logs (p. 25).

Amazon Lex Identity-Based Policy Examples

By default, IAM users and roles don't have permission to create or modify Amazon Lex resources. They also can't perform tasks using the AWS Management Console, AWS CLI, or AWS API. An IAM administrator must create IAM policies that grant users and roles permission to perform specific API operations on the specified resources that they need. The administrator must then attach those policies to the IAM users or groups that require those permissions.

To learn how to create an IAM identity-based policy using example JSON policy documents, see Creating Policies on the JSON Tab in the IAM User Guide.

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Policy Best Practices

Identity-based policies are very powerful. They determine whether someone can create, access, or delete Amazon Lex resources in your account. These actions can incur costs for your AWS account. When you create or edit identity-based policies, follow these guidelines and recommendations:

- Get Started Using AWS Managed Policies – To start using Amazon Lex quickly, use AWS managed policies to give your employees the permissions they need. These policies are already available in your account and are maintained and updated by AWS. For more information, see Get Started Using Permissions With AWS Managed Policies in the IAM User Guide.

- Grant Least Privilege – When you create custom policies, grant only the permissions required to perform a task. Start with a minimum set of permissions and grant additional permissions as necessary. Doing so is more secure than starting with permissions that are too lenient and then trying to tighten them later. For more information, see Grant Least Privilege in the IAM User Guide.

- Enable MFA for Sensitive Operations – For extra security, require IAM users to use multi-factor authentication (MFA) to access sensitive resources or API operations. For more information, see Using Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) in AWS in the IAM User Guide.

- Use Policy Conditions for Extra Security – To the extent that it's practical, define the conditions under which your identity-based policies allow access to a resource. For example, you can write conditions to specify a range of allowable IP addresses that a request must come from. You can also write conditions to allow requests only within a specified date or time range, or to require the use of SSL or MFA. For more information, see IAM JSON Policy Elements: Condition in the IAM User Guide.

Using the Amazon Lex Console

To access the Amazon Lex console, you must have a minimum set of permissions. These permissions must allow you to list and view details about the Amazon Lex resources in your AWS account. If you create an identity-based policy that applies permissions that are more restrictive than the minimum required permissions, the console won't function as intended for entities (IAM users or roles) with that policy.
The following are the minimum permissions required to use the Amazon Lex console.

```json
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "cloudwatch:GetMetricStatistics",
                "cloudwatch:DescribeAlarms",
                "cloudwatch:DescribeAlarmsForMetric",
                "kms:DescribeKey",
                "kms:ListAliases",
                "lambda:GetPolicy",
                "lambda:ListFunctions",
                "lex:*",
                "polly:DescribeVoices",
                "polly:SynthesizeSpeech"
            ],
            "Resource": ["**"]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "lambda:AddPermission",
                "lambda:RemovePermission"
            ],
            "Resource": "**",
            "Condition": {
                "StringLike": {
                    "lambda:Principal": "lex.amazonaws.com"
                }
            }
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "iam:GetRole",
                "iam:DeleteRole"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:iam::*:role/aws-service-role/lex.amazonaws.com/AWSServiceRoleForLexBots",
                "arn:aws:iam::*:role/aws-service-role/channels.lex.amazonaws.com/AWSServiceRoleForLexChannels"
            ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:iam::*:role/aws-service-role/lex.amazonaws.com/AWSServiceRoleForLexBots"
            ],
            "Condition": {
                "StringLike": {
                    "iam:AWSServiceName": "lex.amazonaws.com"
                }
            }
        }
    ]
}
```
The Amazon Lex console needs these additional permissions for the following reasons:

- **cloudwatch** permissions allow you to view performance and monitoring information in the console.
- **iam** actions allow Amazon Lex to assume IAM roles for making calls to Lambda functions and processing data for a bot channel association.
- **kms** actions allow you to manage the AWS Key Management Service keys used to encrypt data when creating a bot channel association.
- **lambda** actions allow you to display the Lambda functions that your bot can use, and to grant Amazon Lex the necessary permissions for your bot to invoke these functions.
- **lex** actions allow the console to display the Amazon Lex resources in the account.
• **polly** actions allow the console to display the available Amazon Polly voices and translate text to speech.
• **iam** actions allow you to use the console to manage server-linked roles that grant permission to use other AWS resources.

You don't need to allow minimum console permissions for users that are making calls only to the AWS CLI or the AWS API. Instead, allow access to only the actions that match the API operation that you're trying to perform.

For more information, see Adding Permissions to a User in the IAM User Guide:

### AWS Managed (Predefined) Policies for Amazon Lex

AWS addresses many common use cases by providing standalone IAM policies that are created and administered by AWS. These policies are called AWS managed policies. AWS managed policies make it easier for you to assign appropriate permissions to users, groups, and roles than if you had to write the policies yourself. For more information, see AWS Managed Policies in the IAM User Guide.

The following AWS managed policies, which you can attach to groups and roles in your account, are specific to Amazon Lex:

- **ReadOnly** — Grants read-only access to Amazon Lex resources.
- **RunBotsOnly** — Grants access to run Amazon Lex conversational bots.
- **FullAccess** — Grants full access to create, read, update, delete, and run all Amazon Lex resources. Also grants the ability to associate Lambda functions whose name starts with AmazonLex with Amazon Lex intents.

**Note**
You can review these permissions policies by signing in to the IAM console and searching for specific policies.

You can also create your own custom IAM policies to allow permissions for Amazon Lex API actions. You can attach these custom policies to the IAM roles or groups that require those permission.

### Example: Allow Users to View Their Own Permissions

This example policy allows IAM users to view the inline and managed policies that are attached to their user identity. This policy includes permissions to complete this action on the console or programmatically using the AWS CLI or AWS API.

```json
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "ViewOwnUserInfo",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "iam:GetUserPolicy",
                "iam:ListGroupsForUser",
                "iam:ListAttachedUserPolicies",
                "iam:ListUserPolicies",
                "iam:GetUser"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:iam::*:user/${aws:username}"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```
Example: Delete All Amazon Lex Bots

This example policy grants an IAM user in your AWS account permission to delete any bot in your account.

```json
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "lex:DeleteBot"
            ],
            "Resource": "*"
        }
    ]
}
```

Example: Use a Tag to Access a Resource

This example policy grants an IAM user or role in your AWS account permission to use the `PostText` operation with any resource tagged with the key `Department` and the value `Support`.

```json
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Action": "lex:PostText",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Resource": "*",
            "Condition": {
                "StringEquals": {
                    "lex:ResourceTag/Department": "Support"
                }
            }
        }
    ]
}
```
Amazon Lex Resource-Based Policy Example

Resource-based policies are JSON policy documents that specify what actions a specified principal can perform on the Amazon Lex resource and under what conditions. To learn how to create a bot, see Getting Started with Amazon Lex (p. 50).

Allow a User to Manage a Specific Bot

The following permissions policy grants the user permissions to build and test a pizza ordering bot. It allows the user to use only the OrderPizza intent and Toppings slot type when editing the bot in the us-east-2 Region.

The Condition block uses the ForAllValues:StringEqualsIfExists condition and the Amazon Lex lex:associatedIntents and lex:associatedSlotType condition keys to limit the intent and slot types that the user can use for this bot.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "lex:Create*Version",
                "lex:Post*",
                "lex:Put*",
                "lex:Delete***
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:lex:us-east-2:*:bot:PizzaBot:**",
                "arn:aws:lex:us-east-2:*:intent:OrderPizza:**",
                "arn:aws:lex:us-east-2:*:slottype:Toppings:*"
            ],
            "Condition": {
                "ForAllValues:StringEqualsIfExists": {
                    "lex:associatedIntents": [
                        "OrderPizza"
                    ],
                    "lex:associatedSlotTypes": [
                        "Toppings"
                    ]
                }
            }
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "lex:Get***
            ],
            "Resource": [
                "arn:aws:lex:us-east-2:*:bot:***",
                "arn:aws:lex:us-east-2:*:intent:***",
                "arn:aws:lex:us-east-2:*:slottype:***"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

Troubleshooting Amazon Lex Identity and Access

Use the following information to diagnose and fix common issues that you might encounter when working with Amazon Lex and AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM.)
I Am Not Authorized to Perform an Action in Amazon Lex

If the AWS Management Console tells you that you're not authorized to perform an action, contact your administrator for assistance. Your administrator is the person that provided you with your user name and password.

For example, the following error occurs when the mateojackson IAM user tries to use the console to view details about a bot but doesn't have lex:GetBot permissions.

```
User: arn:aws:iamp:123456789012:user/mateojackson is not authorized to perform: lex:GetBot on resource: OrderPizza
```

In this case, Mateo must ask his administrator to update his policies to allow him to access the OrderPizza bot using the lex:GetBot action.

I Am Not Authorized to Perform iam:PassRole

If you receive an error that you're not authorized to perform the iam:PassRole action, then you must contact your administrator for assistance. Your administrator is the person that provided you with your user name and password. Ask that person to update your policies to allow you to pass a role to Amazon Lex.

Some AWS services allow you to pass an existing role to that service, instead of creating a new service role or service-linked role. To do this, you must have permissions to pass the role to the service.

The following example error occurs when an IAM user named marymajor tries to use the console to perform an action in Amazon Lex. However, the action requires the service to have permissions granted by a service role. Mary does not have permissions to pass the role to the service.

```
User: arn:aws:iamp:123456789012:user/marymajor is not authorized to perform: iam:PassRole
```

In this case, Mary asks her administrator to update her policies to allow her to perform the iam:PassRole action.

I Want to View My Access Keys

After you create your IAM user access keys, you can view your access key ID at any time. However, you can't view your secret access key again. If you lose your secret key, you must create a new access key pair.

Access keys consist of two parts: an access key ID (for example, AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE) and a secret access key (for example, wJalrXUtnFEMI/K7MDENG/bPXRfiCYLEXAMPLEKEY). Like a user name and password, you must use both the access key ID and secret access key together to authenticate your requests. Manage your access keys as securely as you do your user name and password.

**Important**

Do not provide your access keys to a third party, even to help find your canonical user ID. By doing this, you might give someone permanent access to your account.
When you create an access key pair, you are prompted to save the access key ID and secret access key in a secure location. The secret access key is available only at the time you create it. If you lose your secret access key, you must add new access keys to your IAM user. You can have a maximum of two access keys. If you already have two, you must delete one key pair before creating a new one. To view instructions, see Managing Access Keys in the IAM User Guide.

I’m an Administrator and Want to Allow Others to Access Amazon Lex

To allow others to access Amazon Lex, you must create an IAM entity (user or role) for the person or application that needs access. They will use the credentials for that entity to access AWS. You must then attach a policy to the entity that grants them the correct permissions in Amazon Lex.

To get started right away, see Creating Your First IAM Delegated User and Group in the IAM User Guide.

I Want to Allow People Outside of My AWS Account to Access My Amazon Lex Resources

You can create a role that users in other accounts or people outside of your organization can use to access your resources. You can specify who is trusted to assume the role. For services that support resource-based policies or access control lists (ACLs), you can use those policies to grant people access to your resources.

To learn more, consult the following:

- To learn whether Amazon Lex supports these features, see How Amazon Lex Works with IAM (p. 201).
- To learn how to provide access to your resources across AWS accounts that you own, see Providing Access to an IAM User in Another AWS Account That You Own in the IAM User Guide.
- To learn how to provide access to your resources to third-party AWS accounts, see Providing Access to AWS Accounts Owned by Third Parties in the IAM User Guide.
- To learn how to provide access through identity federation, see Providing Access to Externally Authenticated Users (Identity Federation) in the IAM User Guide.
- To learn the difference between using roles and resource-based policies for cross-account access, see How IAM Roles Differ from Resource-based Policies in the IAM User Guide.

Monitoring in Amazon Lex

Monitoring is important for maintaining the reliability, availability, and performance of your Amazon Lex chatbots. This topic describes how to use Amazon CloudWatch Logs and AWS CloudTrail to monitor Amazon Lex and describes the Amazon Lex runtime and channel association metrics.

Topics

- Monitoring Amazon Lex with Amazon CloudWatch (p. 213)
- Monitoring Amazon Lex API Calls with AWS CloudTrail Logs (p. 219)

Monitoring Amazon Lex with Amazon CloudWatch

To track the health of your Amazon Lex bots, use Amazon CloudWatch. With CloudWatch, you can get metrics for individual Amazon Lex operations or for global Amazon Lex operations for your account. You
can also set up CloudWatch alarms to be notified when one or more metrics exceeds a threshold that you define. For example, you can monitor the number of requests made to a bot over a particular time period, view the latency of successful requests, or raise an alarm when errors exceed a threshold.

**CloudWatch Metrics for Amazon Lex**

To get metrics for your Amazon Lex operations, you must specify the following information:

- The metric dimension. A *dimension* is a set of name-value pairs that you use to identify a metric. Amazon Lex has three dimensions:
  - BotAlias, BotName, Operation
  - BotAlias, BotName, InputMode, Operation
  - BotName, BotVersion, InputMode, Operation
- The metric name, such as MissedUtteranceCount or RuntimeRequestCount.

You can get metrics for Amazon Lex with the AWS Management Console, the AWS CLI, or the CloudWatch API. You can use the CloudWatch API through one of the Amazon AWS Software Development Kits (SDKs) or the CloudWatch API tools. The Amazon Lex console displays graphs based on the raw data from the CloudWatch API.

You must have the appropriate CloudWatch permissions to monitor Amazon Lex with CloudWatch. For more information, see [Authentication and Access Control for Amazon CloudWatch](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudWatch/latest/monitoring/access.html) in the [Amazon CloudWatch User Guide](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonCloudWatch/latest/monitoring/).

**Viewing Amazon Lex Metrics**

View Amazon Lex metrics using the Amazon Lex console or the CloudWatch console.

**To view metrics (Amazon Lex console)**

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Lex console at [https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/](https://console.aws.amazon.com/lex/).
2. From the list of bots, choose the one whose metrics you want to see.
3. Choose **Monitoring**. Metrics are displayed in graphs.

**To view metrics (CloudWatch console)**

2. Choose **Metrics**, choose **All Metrics**, and then choose **AWS/Lex**.
3. Choose the dimension, choose a metric name, then choose **Add to graph**.
4. Choose a value for the date range. The metric count for the selected date range is displayed in the graph.

**Creating an Alarm**

A CloudWatch alarm watches a single metric over a specified time period, and performs one or more actions: sending a notification to an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic or Auto Scaling policy. The action or actions are based on the value of the metric relative to a given threshold over a number of time periods that you specify. CloudWatch can also send you an Amazon SNS message when the alarm changes state.
CloudWatch alarms invoke actions only when the state changes and has persisted for the period that you specify.

**To set an alarm**

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the CloudWatch console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/.  
2. Choose Alarms, and then choose Create Alarm.  
3. Choose AWS/Lex Metrics, and then choose a metric.  
4. For Time Range, choose a time range to monitor, and then choose Next.  
5. Enter a Name and Description.  
6. For Whenever, choose >=, and type a maximum value.  
7. If you want CloudWatch to send an email when the alarm state is reached, in the Actions section, for Whenever this alarm, choose State is ALARM. For Send notification to, choose a mailing list or choose New list and create a new mailing list.  
8. Preview the alarm in the Alarm Preview section. If you are satisfied with the alarm, choose Create Alarm.

**CloudWatch Metrics for Amazon Lex Runtime**

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<td></td>
<td>Valid dimension for the PostText operation:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• BotName, BotAlias,Operation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Unit: Count</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RuntimeThrottledEvents</td>
<td>The number of throttled requests. Amazon Lex throttles a request when it receives more requests than the limit of transactions per second set for your account. If the limit set for your account is frequently exceeded, you can request a limit increase. To request an increase, see AWS Service Limits.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid dimension for the PostContent operation with the Text or Speech InputMode:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• BotName, BotAlias, Operation, InputMode</td>
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<td>Valid dimension for the PostText operation:</td>
</tr>
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<td>• BotName, BotAlias, Operation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Unit: Count</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RuntimeUserErrors</td>
<td>The number of user errors in the specified period. The response code range for a user error is 400 to 499.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid dimension for the PostContent operation with Text or Speech InputMode:</td>
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<td>Valid dimension for the PostText operation:</td>
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<td>• BotName, BotAlias, Operation</td>
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Amazon Lex runtime metrics use the AWS/Lex namespace, and provide metrics in the following dimensions. You can group metrics by dimensions in the CloudWatch console:
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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dimension</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BotName, BotAlias, Operation, InputMode</td>
<td>Groups metrics by the bot's alias, the bot's name, the operation (PostContent), and by whether the input was text or speech.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BotName, BotVersion, Operation, InputMode</td>
<td>Groups metrics by the bot's name, the version of the bot, the operation (PostContent), and by whether the input was text or speech.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BotName, BotVersion, Operation</td>
<td>Groups metrics by the bot's name, the bots version, and by the operation, PostText.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BotName, BotAlias, Operation</td>
<td>Groups metrics by the bot's name, the bot's alias, and by the operation, PostText.</td>
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CloudWatch Metrics for Amazon Lex Channel Associations

A channel association is the association between Amazon Lex and a messaging channel, such as Facebook. The following table describes the Amazon Lex channel association metrics.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Metric</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BotChannelAuthErrors</td>
<td>The number of authentication errors returned by the messaging channel in the specified time period. An authentication error indicates that the secret token provided during channel creation is invalid or has expired.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BotChannelConfigurationErrors</td>
<td>The number of configuration errors in the specified period. A configuration error indicates that one or more configuration entries for the channel are invalid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BotChannelInboundThrottledEvents</td>
<td>The number of times that messages that were sent by the messaging channel were throttled by Amazon Lex in the specified period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BotChannelOutboundThrottledEvents</td>
<td>The number of times that outbound events from Amazon Lex to the messaging channel were throttled in the specified time period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BotChannelRequestCount</td>
<td>The number of requests made on a channel in the specified time period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BotChannelResponseCardErrors</td>
<td>The number of times that Amazon Lex could not post response cards in the specified period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BotChannelSystemErrors</td>
<td>The number of internal errors that occurred in Amazon Lex for a channel in the specified period.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Amazon Lex channel association metrics use the AWS/Lex namespace, and provide metrics for the following dimension. You can group metrics by dimensions in the CloudWatch console:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dimension</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BotAlias, BotChannelName, BotName, Source</td>
<td>Group metrics by the bot's alias, the channel name, the bot's name, and the source of traffic.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
CloudWatch Metrics for Conversation Logs

Amazon Lex uses the following metrics for conversation logging:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Metric</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ConversationLogsAudioDeliverySuccess</td>
<td>The number of audio logs successfully delivered to the S3 bucket in the specified time period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Units: Count</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ConversationLogsAudioDeliveryFailure</td>
<td>The number of audio logs that failed to be delivered to the S3 bucket in the specified time period. A delivery failure indicates an error with the resources configured for conversation logs. Errors can include insufficient IAM permissions, an inaccessible AWS KMS key, or an inaccessible S3 bucket.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Units: Count</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ConversationLogsTextDeliverySuccess</td>
<td>The number of text logs successfully delivered to CloudWatch Logs in the specified time period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Units: Count</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ConversationLogsTextDeliveryFailure</td>
<td>The number of text logs that failed to be delivered to CloudWatch Logs in the specified time period. A delivery failure indicates an error with the resources configured for conversation logs. Errors can include insufficient IAM permissions, an inaccessible AWS KMS key, or an inaccessible CloudWatch Logs log group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Units: Count</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Amazon Lex conversation log metrics use the AWS/Lex namespace, and provide metrics for the following dimensions. You can group metrics by dimension in the CloudWatch console.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dimension</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BotAlias</td>
<td>Group metrics by the bot's alias.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BotName</td>
<td>Group metrics by the bot's name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BotVersion</td>
<td>Group metrics by the bot's version.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Monitoring Amazon Lex API Calls with AWS CloudTrail Logs

Amazon Lex is integrated with AWS CloudTrail, a service that provides a record of actions taken by a user, role, or an AWS service in Amazon Lex. CloudTrail captures a subset of API calls for Amazon Lex as events, including calls from the Amazon Lex console and from code calls to the Amazon Lex APIs. If you
create a trail, you can enable continuous delivery of CloudTrail events to an Amazon S3 bucket, including events for Amazon Lex. If you don't configure a trail, you can still view the most recent events in the CloudTrail console in **Event history**. Using the information collected by CloudTrail, you can determine the request that was made to Amazon Lex, the IP address from which the request was made, who made the request, when it was made, and additional details.

To learn more about CloudTrail, including how to configure and enable it, see the [AWS CloudTrail User Guide](#).

**Amazon Lex Information in CloudTrail**

CloudTrail is enabled on your AWS account when you create the account. When supported event activity occurs in Amazon Lex, that activity is recorded in a CloudTrail event along with other AWS service events in **Event history**. You can view, search, and download recent events in your AWS account. For more information, see [Viewing Events with CloudTrail Event History](#).

For an ongoing record of events in your AWS account, including events for Amazon Lex, create a trail. A trail enables CloudTrail to deliver log files to an Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) bucket. By default, when you create a trail in the console, the trail applies to all AWS Regions. The trail logs events from all Regions in the AWS partition and delivers the log files to the S3 bucket that you specify. Additionally, you can configure other AWS services to further analyze and act upon the event data collected in CloudTrail logs. For more information, see:

- Overview for Creating a Trail
- CloudTrail Supported Services and Integrations
- Configuring Amazon SNS Notifications for CloudTrail
- Receiving CloudTrail Log Files from Multiple Regions and Receiving CloudTrail Log Files from Multiple Accounts

Amazon Lex supports logging the following operations as events in CloudTrail log files:

- CreateBotVersion (p. 234)
- CreateIntentVersion (p. 239)
- CreateSlotTypeVersion (p. 245)
- PutBot (p. 329)
- PutBotAlias (p. 338)
- PutIntent (p. 343)
- PutSlotType (p. 353)

Every event or log entry contains information about who generated the request. This information helps you determine the following:

- Whether the request was made with root or IAM user credentials
- Whether the request was made with temporary security credentials for a role or federated user
- Whether the request was made by another AWS service

For more information, see the CloudTrail `userIdentity` Element.

For information about the Amazon Lex actions that are logged in CloudTrail logs, see [Amazon Lex Model Building Service](#). For example, calls to the PutBot (p. 329), GetBot (p. 267), and DeleteBot (p. 249) operations generate entries in the CloudTrail log. The actions documented in [Amazon Lex Runtime Service](#), PostContent (p. 373) and PostText (p. 381), are not logged.
Example: Amazon Lex Log File Entries

A trail is a configuration that enables delivery of events as log files to an S3 bucket that you specify. CloudTrail log files contain one or more log entries. An event represents a single request from any source and includes information about the requested action, the date and time of the action, request parameters, and so on. CloudTrail log files are not an ordered stack trace of the public API calls, so they do not appear in any specific order.

The following example CloudTrail log entry shows the result of a call to the `PutBot` operation.

```json
{
    "eventVersion": "1.05",
    "userIdentity": {
        "type": "AssumedRole | FederatedUser | IAMUser | Root | SAMLUser | WebIdentityUser",
        "principalId": "principal ID",
        "arn": "ARN",
        "accountId": "account ID",
        "accessKeyId": "access key ID",
        "userName": "user name"
    },
    "eventTime": "timestamp",
    "eventSource": "lex.amazonaws.com",
    "eventName": "PutBot",
    "awsRegion": "region",
    "sourceIPAddress": "source IP address",
    "userAgent": "user agent",
    "requestParameters": {
        "name": "CloudTrailBot",
        "intents": [
            {
                "intentVersion": "11",
                "intentName": "TestCloudTrail"
            }
        ],
        "voiceId": "Salli",
        "childDirected": false,
        "locale": "en-US",
        "idleSessionTTLInSeconds": 500,
        "processBehavior": "BUILD",
        "description": "CloudTrail test bot",
        "clarificationPrompt": {
            "messages": [
                {
                    "contentType": "PlainText",
                    "content": "I didn’t understand you. What would you like to do?"
                }
            ],
            "maxAttempts": 2
        },
        "abortStatement": {
            "messages": [
                {
                    "contentType": "PlainText",
                    "content": "Sorry. I’m not able to assist at this time."
                }
            ]
        }
    },
    "responseElements": {
        "voiceId": "Salli",
        "locale": "en-US",
        "childDirected": false,
```

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Compliance Validation for Amazon Lex

Third-party auditors assess the security and compliance of Amazon Lex as part of multiple AWS compliance programs. Amazon Lex is a HIPAA eligible service. It is PCI, SOC, and ISO compliant. You can download third-party audit reports using AWS Artifact. For more information, see Downloading Reports in AWS Artifact.

Your compliance responsibility when using Amazon Lex is determined by the sensitivity of your data, your organization's compliance objectives, and applicable laws and regulations. If your use of Amazon Lex is subject to compliance with standards such as PCI, AWS provides the following resources to help:

- **Security and Compliance Quick Start Guides** – Deployment guides that discuss architectural considerations and provide steps for deploying security- and compliance-focused baseline environments on AWS
- **Architecting for HIPAA Security and Compliance Whitepaper** – This whitepaper describes how companies can use AWS to create HIPAA-compliant applications.
- **AWS Compliance Resources** – A collection of workbooks and guides that might apply to your industry and location
• **AWS Config** – A service that assesses how well your resource configurations comply with internal practices, industry guidelines, and regulations

• **AWS Security Hub** – A comprehensive view of your security state within AWS that helps you check your compliance with security industry standards and best practices

For a list of AWS services in scope for specific compliance programs, see [AWS Services in Scope by Compliance Program](https://aws.amazon.com/compliance/). For general information, see [AWS Compliance Programs](https://aws.amazon.com/compliance/).

### Resilience in Amazon Lex

The AWS global infrastructure is built around AWS Regions and Availability Zones. AWS Regions provide multiple physically separated and isolated Availability Zones, which are connected with low-latency, high-throughput, and highly redundant networking. With Availability Zones, you can design and operate applications and databases that automatically fail over between Availability Zones without interruption. Availability Zones are more highly available, fault tolerant, and scalable than traditional single or multiple data center infrastructures.

For more information about AWS Regions and Availability Zones, see [AWS Global Infrastructure](https://aws.amazon.com/global-infrastructure/).

In addition to the AWS global infrastructure, Amazon Lex offers several features to help support your data resiliency and backup needs.

### Infrastructure Security in Amazon Lex

As a managed service, Amazon Lex is protected by the AWS global network security procedures that are described in the [Amazon Web Services: Overview of Security Processes](https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/security-center/) whitepaper.

You use published AWS API calls to access Amazon Lex through the network. Clients must support TLS (Transport Layer Security) 1.0. We recommend TLS 1.2 or later. Clients must also support cipher suites with perfect forward secrecy (PFS), such as Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman (DHE) or Elliptic Curve Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman (ECDHE). Most modern systems, such as Java 7 and later, support these modes. Additionally, requests must be signed by using an access key ID and a secret access key that is associated with an IAM principal. Or you can use the [AWS Security Token Service (AWS STS)](https://aws.amazon.com/sts/) to generate temporary security credentials to sign requests.

You can call these API operations from any network location, but Amazon Lex supports resource-based access policies, which can include restrictions based on the source IP address. You can also use Amazon Lex policies to control access from specific Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (Amazon VPC) endpoints or specific VPCs. Effectively, this isolates network access to a given Amazon Lex resource from only the specific VPC within the AWS network.
Guidelines and Quotas in Amazon Lex

The following sections provide guidelines and quotas when using Amazon Lex.

**Topics**
- General Guidelines (p. 224)
- Quotas (p. 226)

**General Guidelines**

This section describes general guidelines when using Amazon Lex.

- Signing requests – All Amazon Lex model-building and runtime API operations in the API Reference (p. 231) use signature V4 for authenticating requests. For more information about authenticating requests, see Signature Version 4 Signing Process in the Amazon Web Services General Reference.

  For PostContent (p. 373), Amazon Lex uses the unsigned payload option described in Signature Calculations for the Authorization Header: Transferring Payload in a Single Chunk (AWS Signature Version 4) in the Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) API Reference.

  When you use the unsigned payload option, don't include the hash of the payload in the canonical request. Instead, you use the literal string "UNSIGNED-PAYLOAD" as the hash of the payload. Also include a header with the name x-amz-content-sha256 and the value UNSIGNED-PAYLOAD in the PostContent request.

- Note the following about how Amazon Lex captures slot values from user utterances:

  Amazon Lex uses the enumeration values you provide in a slot type definition to train its machine learning models. Suppose you define an intent called GetPredictionIntent with the following sample utterance:

  "Tell me the prediction for {Sign}"

  Where {Sign} is a slot of custom type ZodiacSign. It has 12 enumeration values, Aries through Pisces. From the user utterance “Tell me the prediction for ...” Amazon Lex understands what follows is a zodiac sign.

  When the valueSelectionStrategy field is set to ORIGINAL_VALUE using the PutSlotType (p. 353) operation, or if Expand values is selected in the console, if the user says "Tell
me the prediction for earth", Amazon Lex infers that "earth" is a ZodiacSign and passes it to your client application or Lambda functions. You must check that slot values have valid values before using them in your fulfillment activity.

If you set the valueSelectionStrategy field to TOP_RESOLUTION using the PutSlotType (p. 353) operation, or if Restrict to slot values and synonyms is selected in the console, the values that are returned are limited to the values that you defined for the slot type. For example, if the user says "Tell me the prediction for earth" the value would not be recognized because it is not one of the values defined for the slot type. When you define synonyms for slot values, they are recognized the same as a slot value, however, the slot value is returned instead of the synonym.

When Amazon Lex calls a Lambda function or returns the result of a speech interaction with your client application, the case of the slot values is not guaranteed. For example, if you are eliciting values for the AMAZON.Movie built-in slot type, and a user says or types "Gone with the wind," Amazon Lex may return "Gone with the Wind," "gone with the wind," or "Gone With The Wind." In text interactions, the case of the slot values matches the text entered or the slot value, depending on the value of the valueResolutionStrategy field.

- Amazon Lex does not support the AMAZON.LITERAL built-in slot type that the Alexa Skills Kit supports. However, Amazon Lex supports creating custom slot types that you can use to implement this functionality. As mentioned in the previous bullet, you can capture values outside the custom slot type definition. Add more and diverse enumeration values to boost the automatic speech recognition (ASR) and natural language understanding (NLU) accuracy.

- The AMAZON.DATE and AMAZON.TIME built-in slot types capture both absolute and relative dates and times. Relative dates and times are resolved in the region where Amazon Lex is processing the request.

For the AMAZON.TIME built-in slot type, if the user doesn't specify that a time is before or after noon, the time is ambiguous and Amazon Lex will prompt the user again. We recommend prompts that elicit an absolute time. For example, use a prompt such as "When do you want your pizza delivered? You can say 6 PM or 6 in the evening."

- Providing confusable training data in your bot reduces Amazon Lex's ability to understand user input. Consider these examples:

Suppose you have two intents (OrderPizza and OrderDrink) in your bot and both are configured with an "I want to order" utterance. This utterance does not map to a specific intent that Amazon Lex can learn from while building the language model for the bot at build time. As a result, when a user inputs this utterance at runtime, Amazon Lex can't pick an intent with a high degree of confidence.

Consider another example where you define a custom intent for getting a confirmation from the user (for example, MyCustomConfirmationIntent) and configure the intent with the utterances "Yes" and "No." Note that Amazon Lex also has a language model for understanding user confirmations. This can create conflicting situations. When the user responds with a "Yes," does this mean that this is a confirmation for the ongoing intent or that the user is requesting the custom intent that you created?
In general, the sample utterances you provide should map to a specific intent and, optionally, to specific slot values.

- The runtime API operations PostContent (p. 373) and PostText (p. 381) take a user ID as the required parameter. Developers can set this to any value that meets the constraints described in the API. We recommend you don't use this parameter to send any confidential information such as user logins, emails, or social security numbers. This ID is primarily used to uniquely identify conversation with a bot (there can be multiple users ordering pizza).

- If your client application uses Amazon Cognito for authentication, you might use the Amazon Cognito user ID as Amazon Lex user ID. Note that any Lambda function configured for your bot must have its own authentication mechanism to identify the user on whose behalf Amazon Lex is invoking the Lambda function.

- We encourage you to define an intent that captures a user's intention to discontinue the conversation. For example, you can define an intent (NothingIntent) with sample utterances (“I don't want anything”, “exit”, “bye bye”), no slots, and no Lambda function configured as a code hook. This lets users gracefully close a conversation.

Quotas

This section describes current quotas in Amazon Lex. These quotas are grouped by categories.

Topics
- Runtime Service Quotas (p. 226)
- Model Building Quotas (p. 227)

Runtime Service Quotas

In addition to the quotas described in the API reference, note the following:

API Quotas
- Speech input to the PostContent (p. 373) operation can be up to 15 seconds long.

- In both the runtime API operations PostContent (p. 373) and PostText (p. 381), the input text size can be up to 1024 Unicode characters.

- The maximum size of PostContent headers is 16 KB. The maximum size of request and session headers combined is 12 KB.

- The maximum input size to a Lambda function is 12 KB. The maximum output size is 25 KB, of which 12 KB can be session attributes.
Using the $LATEST$ version

• The $LATEST$ version of your bot should only be used for manual testing. Amazon Lex limits the number of runtime requests that you can make to the $LATEST$ version of the bot.

• When you update the $LATEST$ version of the bot, Amazon Lex terminates any in-progress conversations for any client application using the $LATEST$ version of the bot. Generally, you should not use the $LATEST$ version of a bot in production because $LATEST$ version can be updated. You should publish a version and use it instead.

• When you update an alias, Amazon Lex takes a few minutes to pick up the change. When you modify the $LATEST$ version of the bot, the change is picked up immediately.

Session Timeout

• The session timeout set when the bot was created determines how long the bot retains conversation context, such as current user intent and slot data.

• After a user starts the conversation with your bot and until the session expires, Amazon Lex uses the same bot version, even if you update the bot alias to point to another version.

Model Building Quotas

Model building refers to creating and managing bots. This includes creating and managing bots, intents, slot types, slots, and bot channel associations.

Topics

• Bot Quotas (p. 227)
• Intent Quotas (p. 229)
• Slot Type Quotas (p. 230)

Bot Quotas

• You configure prompts and statements throughout the model building API. Each of these prompts or statements can have up to five messages and each message can contain from 1 to 1000 UTF-8 characters.

• When using message groups you can define up to five message groups for each message. Each message group can contain a maximum of five messages, and you are limited to 15 messages in all message groups.
• You can define sample utterances for intents and slots. You can use a maximum of 200,000 characters for all utterances.

• Each slot type can define a maximum of 10,000 values and synonyms. Each bot can contain a maximum of 50,000 slot type values and synonyms.

• Bot, alias, and bot channel association names are case insensitive at the time of creation. If you create PizzaBot and then try to create pizzaBot, you will get an error. However, when accessing a resource, the resource names are case sensitive, you must specify PizzaBot and not pizzaBot. These names must be between 2 and 50 ASCII characters.

• The maximum number of versions you can publish for all resource types is 100. Note that there is no versioning for aliases.

• Within a bot, intent names and slot names must be unique, you can't have an intent and a slot by the same name.

• You can create a bot that is configured to support multiple intents. If two intents have a slot by the same name, then the corresponding slot type must be the same.

For example, suppose you create a bot to support two intents (OrderPizza and OrderDrink). If both these intents have the size slot, then the slot type must be the same in both places.

In addition, the sample utterances you provide for a slot in one of the intents applies to a slot with the same name in other intents.

• You can associate a maximum of 100 intents with a bot.

• When you create a bot, you specify a session timeout. The session timeout can be between one minute and one day. The default is five minutes.

• You can create up to five aliases for a bot.

• You can create up to 100 bots per AWS account.

• You cannot create multiple intents that extend from the same built-in intent.
Intent Quotas

- Intent and slot names are case insensitive at the time of creation. That is, if you create OrderPizza intent and then again try to create another orderPizza intent, you will get an error. However, when accessing these resources, the resource names are case sensitive, specify OrderPizza and not orderPizza. These names must be between 1 and 100 ASCII characters.

- An intent can have up to 1,500 sample utterances. A minimum of one sample utterance is required. Each sample utterance can be up to 200 UTF-8 characters long. You can use up to 200,000 characters for all intent and slot utterances in a bot. A sample utterance for an intent:
  - Can refer to zero or more slot names.
  - Can refer to a slot name only once.

  For example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sample Utterance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>I want a pizza</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I want a {pizzaSize} pizza</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I want a {pizzaSize} {pizzaTopping} pizza</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Although each intent supports up to 1,500 utterances, if you use fewer utterances Amazon Lex may have a better ability to recognize inputs outside your provided set.

- You can create up to five message groups for each message in an intent. There can be a total of 15 messages in all message groups for a message.

- The console can only create message groups for the conclusionStatement and followUpPrompt messages. You can create message groups for any other message using the Amazon Lex API.

- Each slot can have up to 10 sample utterances. Each sample utterance must refer to the slot name exactly once. For example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sample Utterance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>{pizzaSize} please</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Each bot can have a maximum of 200,000 characters for intent and slot utterances combined.

- You cannot provide utterances for intents that extend from built-in intents. For all other intents you must provide at least one sample utterance. Intents contain slots, but the slot level sample utterances are optional.

- Built-in intents
  - Currently, Amazon Lex does not support slot elicitation for built-in intents. You cannot create Lambda functions to return the ElicitSlot directive in the response with an intent that is derived from built-in intents. For more information, see Response Format (p. 124).
  - The service does not support adding sample utterances to built-in intents. Similarly, you cannot add or remove slots to built-in intents.
• You can create up to 1,000 intents per AWS account. You can create up to 100 slots in an intent.

Slot Type Quotas

• Slot type names are case insensitive at the time of creation. If you create the PizzaSize slot type and then again try to create the pizzaSize slot type, you will get an error. However, when accessing these resources, the resource names are case sensitive (you must specify PizzaSize and not pizzaSize). Names must be between 1 and 100 ASCII characters.

• A custom slot type you create can have a maximum of 10,000 enumeration values and synonyms. Each value can be up to 140 UTF-8 characters long. The enumeration values and synonyms cannot contain duplicates.

• For a slot type value, where appropriate, specify both upper and lower case. For example, for a slot type called Procedure, if value is MRI, specify both "MRI" and "mri" as values.

• Built-in slot types – Currently, Amazon Lex doesn't support adding enumeration values or synonyms for the built-in slot types.
API Reference

This section provides documentation for the Amazon Lex API operations. For a list of AWS Regions where Amazon Lex is available, see AWS Regions and Endpoints in the Amazon Web Services General Reference.

Topics

• Actions (p. 231)
• Data Types (p. 392)

Actions

The following actions are supported by Amazon Lex Model Building Service:

• CreateBotVersion (p. 234)
• CreateIntentVersion (p. 239)
• CreateSlotTypeVersion (p. 245)
• DeleteBot (p. 249)
• DeleteBotAlias (p. 251)
• DeleteBotChannelAssociation (p. 253)
• DeleteBotVersion (p. 255)
• DeleteIntent (p. 257)
• DeleteIntentVersion (p. 259)
• DeleteSlotType (p. 261)
• DeleteSlotTypeVersion (p. 263)
• DeleteUtterances (p. 265)
• GetBot (p. 267)
• GetBotAlias (p. 272)
• GetBotAliases (p. 275)
• GetBotChannelAssociation (p. 278)
• GetBotChannelAssociations (p. 282)
• GetBots (p. 285)
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• GetIntents (p. 308)
• GetIntentVersions (p. 311)
• GetSlotType (p. 314)
• GetSlotTypes (p. 318)
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The following actions are supported by Amazon Lex Runtime Service:

- GetUtterancesView (p. 324)
- ListTagsForResource (p. 327)
- PutBot (p. 329)
- PutBotAlias (p. 338)
- PutIntent (p. 343)
- PutSlotType (p. 353)
- StartImport (p. 359)
- TagResource (p. 363)
- UntagResource (p. 365)

The following actions are supported by Amazon Lex Model Building Service:

- CreateBotVersion (p. 234)
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- CreateSlotTypeVersion (p. 245)
- DeleteBot (p. 249)
- DeleteBotAlias (p. 251)
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- DeleteSlotType (p. 261)
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- PutIntent (p. 343)
- PutSlotType (p. 353)
- StartImport (p. 359)
- TagResource (p. 363)
- UntagResource (p. 365)
CreateBotVersion
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Creates a new version of the bot based on the $LATEST version. If the $LATEST version of this resource hasn't changed since you created the last version, Amazon Lex doesn't create a new version. It returns the last created version.

**Note**
You can update only the $LATEST version of the bot. You can't update the numbered versions that you create with the CreateBotVersion operation.

When you create the first version of a bot, Amazon Lex sets the version to 1. Subsequent versions increment by 1. For more information, see Versioning (p. 116).

This operation requires permission for the lex:CreateBotVersion action.

**Request Syntax**

```
POST /bots/name/versions HTTP/1.1
Content-type: application/json

{
    "checksum": "string"
}
```

**URI Request Parameters**
The request requires the following URI parameters.

**name (p. 234)**
The name of the bot that you want to create a new version of. The name is case sensitive.


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)++$

**Request Body**
The request accepts the following data in JSON format.

**checksum (p. 234)**
Identifies a specific revision of the $LATEST version of the bot. If you specify a checksum and the $LATEST version of the bot has a different checksum, a PreconditionFailedException exception is returned and Amazon Lex doesn't publish a new version. If you don't specify a checksum, Amazon Lex publishes the $LATEST version.

Type: String
Required: No

**Response Syntax**

```
HTTP/1.1 201
Content-type: application/json

{
```
"abortStatement": {
  "messages": [
    {
      "content": "string",
      "contentType": "string",
      "groupNumber": number
    }
  ],
  "responseCard": "string"
},
"checksum": "string",
"childDirected": boolean,
"clarificationPrompt": {
  "maxAttempts": number,
  "messages": [
    {
      "content": "string",
      "contentType": "string",
      "groupNumber": number
    }
  ],
  "responseCard": "string"
},
"createdDate": number,
"description": "string",
"detectSentiment": boolean,
"failureReason": "string",
"idleSessionTTLInSeconds": number,
"intents": [
  {
    "intentName": "string",
    "intentVersion": "string"
  }
],
"lastUpdatedDate": number,
"locale": "string",
"name": "string",
"status": "string",
"version": "string",
"voiceId": "string"

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 201 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

abortStatement (p. 234)

The message that Amazon Lex uses to abort a conversation. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).

Type: Statement (p. 427) object

checksum (p. 234)

Checksum identifying the version of the bot that was created.

Type: String

childDirected (p. 234)

For each Amazon Lex bot created with the Amazon Lex Model Building Service, you must specify whether your use of Amazon Lex is related to a website, program, or other application that is
directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) by specifying true or false in the childDirected field.

By specifying true in the childDirected field, you confirm that your use of Amazon Lex is related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA. By specifying false in the childDirected field, you confirm that your use of Amazon Lex is not related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA. You may not specify a default value for the childDirected field that does not accurately reflect whether your use of Amazon Lex is related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA.

If your use of Amazon Lex relates to a website, program, or other application that is directed in whole or in part, to children under age 13, you must obtain any required verifiable parental consent under COPPA. For information regarding the use of Amazon Lex in connection with websites, programs, or other applications that are directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13, see the Amazon Lex FAQ.

Type: Boolean

clarificationPrompt (p. 234)

The message that Amazon Lex uses when it doesn't understand the user's request. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).

Type: Prompt (p. 418) object
dateCreated (p. 234)

The date when the bot version was created.

Type: Timestamp
description (p. 234)

A description of the bot.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.
detectSentiment (p. 234)

Indicates whether utterances entered by the user should be sent to Amazon Comprehend for sentiment analysis.

Type: Boolean

failureReason (p. 234)

If status is FAILED, Amazon Lex provides the reason that it failed to build the bot.

Type: String

idleSessionTTLInSeconds (p. 234)

The maximum time in seconds that Amazon Lex retains the data gathered in a conversation. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 60. Maximum value of 86400.

intents (p. 234)

An array of Intent objects. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).
Type: Array of Intent (p. 410) objects

**lastUpdatedDate (p. 234)**

The date when the $LATEST version of this bot was updated.

Type: Timestamp

**locale (p. 234)**

Specifies the target locale for the bot.

Type: String

Valid Values: en-US

**name (p. 234)**

The name of the bot.

Type: String


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

**status (p. 234)**

When you send a request to create or update a bot, Amazon Lex sets the status response element to BUILDING. After Amazon Lex builds the bot, it sets status to READY. If Amazon Lex can't build the bot, it sets status to FAILED. Amazon Lex returns the reason for the failure in the failureReason response element.

Type: String

Valid Values: BUILDING | READY | READY_BASIC_TESTING | FAILED | NOT_BUILT

**version (p. 234)**

The version of the bot.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: \$LATEST|[0-9]+

**voiceId (p. 234)**

The Amazon Polly voice ID that Amazon Lex uses for voice interactions with the user.

Type: String

**Errors**

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**ConflictException**

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 409

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**PreconditionFailedException**

The checksum of the resource that you are trying to change does not match the checksum in the request. Check the resource's checksum and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 412

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
CreateIntentVersion
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Creates a new version of an intent based on the $LATEST version of the intent. If the $LATEST version of this intent hasn't changed since you last updated it, Amazon Lex doesn't create a new version. It returns the last version you created.

Note
You can update only the $LATEST version of the intent. You can't update the numbered versions that you create with the CreateIntentVersion operation.

When you create a version of an intent, Amazon Lex sets the version to 1. Subsequent versions increment by 1. For more information, see Versioning (p. 116).

This operation requires permissions to perform the lex:CreateIntentVersion action.

Request Syntax

```
POST /intents/name/versions HTTP/1.1
Content-type: application/json
{
   "checksum": "string"
}
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

`name (p. 239)`

The name of the intent that you want to create a new version of. The name is case sensitive.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: `^[A-Za-z_\-]*$`

Request Body

The request accepts the following data in JSON format.

`checksum (p. 239)`

Checksum of the $LATEST version of the intent that should be used to create the new version. If you specify a checksum and the $LATEST version of the intent has a different checksum, Amazon Lex returns a PreconditionFailedException exception and doesn't publish a new version. If you don't specify a checksum, Amazon Lex publishes the $LATEST version.

Type: String

Required: No

Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 201
Content-type: application/json
```
{
  "checksum": "string",
  "conclusionStatement": {
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number
      }
    ],
    "responseCard": "string"
  },
  "confirmationPrompt": {
    "maxAttempts": number,
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number
      }
    ],
    "responseCard": "string"
  },
  "createdDate": number,
  "dialogCodeHook": {
    "messageVersion": "string",
    "uri": "string"
  },
  "followUpPrompt": {
    "prompt": {
      "maxAttempts": number,
      "messages": [
        {
          "content": "string",
          "contentType": "string",
          "groupNumber": number
        }
      ],
      "responseCard": "string"
    },
    "rejectionStatement": {
      "messages": [
        {
          "content": "string",
          "contentType": "string",
          "groupNumber": number
        }
      ],
      "responseCard": "string"
    }
  },
  "fulfillmentActivity": {
    "codeHook": {
      "messageVersion": "string",
      "uri": "string"
    },
    "type": "string"
  },
  "lastUpdatedDate": number,
  "name": "string",
  "parentIntentSignature": "string",
  "rejectionStatement": {
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number
      }
    ],
    "responseCard": "string"
  }
}

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 201 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

checksum (p. 239)

Checksum of the intent version created.

Type: String

conclusionStatement (p. 239)

After the Lambda function specified in the fulfillmentActivity field fulfills the intent, Amazon Lex conveys this statement to the user.

Type: Statement (p. 427) object

confirmationPrompt (p. 239)

If defined, the prompt that Amazon Lex uses to confirm the user's intent before fulfilling it.

Type: Prompt (p. 418) object

createdDate (p. 239)

The date that the intent was created.

Type: Timestamp
**description (p. 239)**

A description of the intent.

- **Type:** String
  - Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

**dialogCodeHook (p. 239)**

If defined, Amazon Lex invokes this Lambda function for each user input.

- **Type:** CodeHook (p. 404) object

**followUpPrompt (p. 239)**

If defined, Amazon Lex uses this prompt to solicit additional user activity after the intent is fulfilled.

- **Type:** FollowUpPrompt (p. 408) object

**fulfillmentActivity (p. 239)**

Describes how the intent is fulfilled.

- **Type:** FulfillmentActivity (p. 409) object

**lastUpdatedDate (p. 239)**

The date that the intent was updated.

- **Type:** Timestamp

**name (p. 239)**

The name of the intent.

- **Type:** String
  - **Pattern:** ^([A-Za-z_\-]*_?)+$**

**parentIntentSignature (p. 239)**

A unique identifier for a built-in intent.

- **Type:** String

**rejectionStatement (p. 239)**

If the user answers "no" to the question defined in `confirmationPrompt`, Amazon Lex responds with this statement to acknowledge that the intent was canceled.

- **Type:** Statement (p. 427) object

**sampleUtterances (p. 239)**

An array of sample utterances configured for the intent.

- **Type:** Array of strings
  - **Array Members:** Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 1500 items.

**slots (p. 239)**

An array of slot types that defines the information required to fulfill the intent.
Type: Array of Slot (p. 420) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 100 items.

version (p. 239)
The version number assigned to the new version of the intent.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: $LATEST\ | \ [0-9]+$

Errors

BadRequestException
The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

ConflictException
There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 409

InternalFailureException
An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException
The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

NotFoundException
The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

PreconditionFailedException
The checksum of the resource that you are trying to change does not match the checksum in the request. Check the resource's checksum and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 412

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for JavaScript
• AWS SDK for PHP V3
• AWS SDK for Python
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
CreateSlotTypeVersion
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Creates a new version of a slot type based on the $LATEST version of the specified slot type. If the $LATEST version of this resource has not changed since the last version that you created, Amazon Lex doesn't create a new version. It returns the last version that you created.

**Note**
You can update only the $LATEST version of a slot type. You can't update the numbered versions that you create with the CreateSlotTypeVersion operation.

When you create a version of a slot type, Amazon Lex sets the version to 1. Subsequent versions increment by 1. For more information, see Versioning (p. 116).

This operation requires permissions for the lex:CreateSlotTypeVersion action.

**Request Syntax**

```plaintext
POST /slottypes/name/versions HTTP/1.1
Content-type: application/json
{
  "checksum": "string"
}
```

**URI Request Parameters**
The request requires the following URI parameters.

**name (p. 245)**
The name of the slot type that you want to create a new version for. The name is case sensitive.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: `^([A-Za-z_?]+)$`

**Request Body**
The request accepts the following data in JSON format.

**checksum (p. 245)**
Checksum for the $LATEST version of the slot type that you want to publish. If you specify a checksum and the $LATEST version of the slot type has a different checksum, Amazon Lex returns a PreconditionFailedException exception and doesn't publish the new version. If you don't specify a checksum, Amazon Lex publishes the $LATEST version.

Type: String
Required: No

**Response Syntax**

```
HTTP/1.1 201
Content-type: application/json
```
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 201 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**checksum** (p. 245)

Checksum of the $LATEST version of the slot type.

Type: String

**createdDate** (p. 245)

The date that the slot type was created.

Type: Timestamp

**description** (p. 245)

A description of the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

**enumerationValues** (p. 245)

A list of EnumerationValue objects that defines the values that the slot type can take.

Type: Array of EnumerationValue (p. 407) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 10000 items.

**lastUpdatedDate** (p. 245)

The date that the slot type was updated. When you create a resource, the creation date and last update date are the same.

Type: Timestamp
name (p. 245)

The name of the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z\_]?)+$

parentSlotTypeSignature (p. 245)

The built-in slot type used a the parent of the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^((AMAZON\.)_?|[A-Za-z\_]?)+$

slotTypeConfigurations (p. 245)

Configuration information that extends the parent built-in slot type.

Type: Array of SlotTypeConfiguration (p. 423) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 10 items.

valueSelectionStrategy (p. 245)

The strategy that Amazon Lex uses to determine the value of the slot. For more information, see PutSlotType (p. 353).

Type: String

Valid Values: ORIGINAL_VALUE | TOP_RESOLUTION

version (p. 245)

The version assigned to the new slot type version.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: \$LATEST|[0-9]+

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

ConflictException

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 409

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException
The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

NotFoundException
The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

PreconditionFailedException
The checksum of the resource that you are trying to change does not match the checksum in the request. Check the resource's checksum and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 412

See Also
For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
DeleteBot
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Deletes all versions of the bot, including the $LATEST version. To delete a specific version of the bot, use the DeleteBotVersion (p. 255) operation. The DeleteBot operation doesn't immediately remove the bot schema. Instead, it is marked for deletion and removed later.

Amazon Lex stores utterances indefinitely for improving the ability of your bot to respond to user inputs. These utterances are not removed when the bot is deleted. To remove the utterances, use the DeleteUtterances (p. 265) operation.

If a bot has an alias, you can't delete it. Instead, the DeleteBot operation returns a ResourceInUseException exception that includes a reference to the alias that refers to the bot. To remove the reference to the bot, delete the alias. If you get the same exception again, delete the referring alias until the DeleteBot operation is successful.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:DeleteBot action.

Request Syntax

DELETE /bots/name HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

name (p. 249)

   The name of the bot. The name is case sensitive.


   Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$  

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 204

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 204 response with an empty HTTP body.

Errors

BadRequestException

   The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

   HTTP Status Code: 400

ConflictException

   There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 409

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**ResourceInUseException**

The resource that you are attempting to delete is referred to by another resource. Use this information to remove references to the resource that you are trying to delete.

The body of the exception contains a JSON object that describes the resource.

```json
{  "resourceType": BOT | BOTALIAS | BOTCHANNEL | INTENT,
   "resourceReference": {
      "name": string, "version": string } }
```

HTTP Status Code: 400

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
DeleteBotAlias

Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Deletes an alias for the specified bot.

You can't delete an alias that is used in the association between a bot and a messaging channel. If an alias is used in a channel association, the DeleteBot operation returns a ResourceInUseException exception that includes a reference to the channel association that refers to the bot. You can remove the reference to the alias by deleting the channel association. If you get the same exception again, delete the referring association until the DeleteBotAlias operation is successful.

Request Syntax

DELETE /bots/botName/aliases/name HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

botName (p. 251)

The name of the bot that the alias points to.


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_]+)$

name (p. 251)

The name of the alias to delete. The name is case sensitive.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_]+)$

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 204

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 204 response with an empty HTTP body.

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

ConflictException

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 409

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**ResourceInUseException**

The resource that you are attempting to delete is referred to by another resource. Use this information to remove references to the resource that you are trying to delete.

The body of the exception contains a JSON object that describes the resource.

```json
{
  "resourceType": BOT | BOTALIAS | BOTCHANNEL | INTENT,
  "resourceReference": {
    "name": string, "version": string
  }
}
```

HTTP Status Code: 400

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
DeleteBotChannelAssociation
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Deletes the association between an Amazon Lex bot and a messaging platform.

This operation requires permission for the lex:DeleteBotChannelAssociation action.

**Request Syntax**

```
DELETE /bots/botName/aliases/aliasName/channels/name HTTP/1.1
```

**URI Request Parameters**

The request requires the following URI parameters.

**aliasName (p. 253)**

An alias that points to the specific version of the Amazon Lex bot to which this association is being made.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: `^[A-Za-z_]+$`

**botName (p. 253)**

The name of the Amazon Lex bot.


Pattern: `^[A-Za-z_]+$`

**name (p. 253)**

The name of the association. The name is case sensitive.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: `^[A-Za-z_]+$`

**Request Body**

The request does not have a request body.

**Response Syntax**

```
HTTP/1.1 204
```

**Response Elements**

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 204 response with an empty HTTP body.

**Errors**

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 400

**ConflictException**

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 409

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
DeleteBotVersion
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Deletes a specific version of a bot. To delete all versions of a bot, use the DeleteBot (p. 249) operation.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:DeleteBotVersion action.

Request Syntax

```
DELETE /bots/name/versions/version HTTP/1.1
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

name (p. 255)
The name of the bot.
Pattern: ^([A-Za-z\_]?)+$

version (p. 255)
The version of the bot to delete. You cannot delete the $LATEST version of the bot. To delete the $LATEST version, use the DeleteBot (p. 249) operation.
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
Pattern: [0-9]+

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 204
```

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 204 response with an empty HTTP body.

Errors

BadRequestException
The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 400

ConflictException
There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 409
InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

NotFoundException

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

ResourceInUseException

The resource that you are attempting to delete is referred to by another resource. Use this information to remove references to the resource that you are trying to delete.

The body of the exception contains a JSON object that describes the resource.

```json
{
  "resourceType": BOT | BOTALIAS | BOTCHANNEL | INTENT,
  "resourceReference": {
    "name": string, "version": string
  }
}
```

HTTP Status Code: 400

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
DeleteIntent
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Deletes all versions of the intent, including the $LATEST version. To delete a specific version of the intent, use the DeleteIntentVersion (p. 259) operation.

You can delete a version of an intent only if it is not referenced. To delete an intent that is referred to in one or more bots (see Amazon Lex: How It Works (p. 3)), you must remove those references first.

**Note**
If you get the ResourceInUseException exception, it provides an example reference that shows where the intent is referenced. To remove the reference to the intent, either update the bot or delete it. If you get the same exception when you attempt to delete the intent again, repeat until the intent has no references and the call to DeleteIntent is successful.

This operation requires permission for the lex:DeleteIntent action.

**Request Syntax**

```
DELETE /intents/name HTTP/1.1
```

**URI Request Parameters**

The request requires the following URI parameters.

**name (p. 257)**

The name of the intent. The name is case sensitive.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: `^[A-Za-z_]+`$

**Request Body**

The request does not have a request body.

**Response Syntax**

```
HTTP/1.1 204
```

**Response Elements**

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 204 response with an empty HTTP body.

**Errors**

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**ConflictException**

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 409

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**ResourceInUseException**

The resource that you are attempting to delete is referred to by another resource. Use this information to remove references to the resource that you are trying to delete.

The body of the exception contains a JSON object that describes the resource.

```
{  "resourceType": BOT | BOTALIAS | BOTCHANNEL | INTENT,
   "resourceReference": {
     "name": string,  "version": string   }
}
```

HTTP Status Code: 400

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
DeleteIntentVersion
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Deletes a specific version of an intent. To delete all versions of a intent, use the DeleteIntent (p. 257) operation.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:DeleteIntentVersion action.

Request Syntax

```
DELETE /intents/name/versions/version HTTP/1.1
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

name (p. 259)

The name of the intent.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

version (p. 259)

The version of the intent to delete. You cannot delete the $LATEST version of the intent. To delete the $LATEST version, use the DeleteIntent (p. 257) operation.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: [0-9]+

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 204
```

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 204 response with an empty HTTP body.

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

ConflictException

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 409
**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500
**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429
**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404
**ResourceInUseException**

The resource that you are attempting to delete is referred to by another resource. Use this information to remove references to the resource that you are trying to delete.

The body of the exception contains a JSON object that describes the resource.

```json
{  
  "resourceType": BOT | BOTALIAS | BOTCHANNEL | INTENT,
  "resourceReference": {
    "name": string,  
    "version": string  
  }  
}
```

HTTP Status Code: 400

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
DeleteSlotType
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Deletes all versions of the slot type, including the $LATEST version. To delete a specific version of the slot type, use the DeleteSlotTypeVersion (p. 263) operation.

You can delete a version of a slot type only if it is not referenced. To delete a slot type that is referred to in one or more intents, you must remove those references first.

**Note**
If you get the ResourceInUseException exception, the exception provides an example reference that shows the intent where the slot type is referenced. To remove the reference to the slot type, either update the intent or delete it. If you get the same exception when you attempt to delete the slot type again, repeat until the slot type has no references and the DeleteSlotType call is successful.

This operation requires permission for the lex:DeleteSlotType action.

**Request Syntax**

```plaintext
DELETE /slottypes/name HTTP/1.1
```

**URI Request Parameters**

The request requires the following URI parameters.

**name (p. 261)**

The name of the slot type. The name is case sensitive.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: `^[A-Za-z]_?]+$`

**Request Body**

The request does not have a request body.

**Response Syntax**

```plaintext
HTTP/1.1 204
```

**Response Elements**

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 204 response with an empty HTTP body.

**Errors**

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**ConflictException**

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 409

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**ResourceInUseException**

The resource that you are attempting to delete is referred to by another resource. Use this information to remove references to the resource that you are trying to delete.

The body of the exception contains a JSON object that describes the resource.

```json
{   "resourceType": BOT | BOTALIAS | BOTCHANNEL | INTENT,
    "resourceReference": { 
        "name": string, "version": string 
    } }
```

HTTP Status Code: 400

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
DeleteSlotTypeVersion
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Deletes a specific version of a slot type. To delete all versions of a slot type, use the DeleteSlotType (p. 261) operation.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:DeleteSlotTypeVersion action.

Request Syntax

```
DELETE /slottypes/name/version/version HTTP/1.1
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

**name (p. 263)**

The name of the slot type.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_]+)?$

**version (p. 263)**

The version of the slot type to delete. You cannot delete the $LATEST version of the slot type. To delete the $LATEST version, use the DeleteSlotType (p. 261) operation.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: [0-9]+

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 204
```

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 204 response with an empty HTTP body.

Errors

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**ConflictException**

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 409
**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500
**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429
**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404
**ResourceInUseException**

The resource that you are attempting to delete is referred to by another resource. Use this information to remove references to the resource that you are trying to delete.

The body of the exception contains a JSON object that describes the resource.

```json
{  "resourceType": "BOT | BOTALIAS | BOTCHANNEL | INTENT,
   "resourceReference": {
      "name": string, "version": string } }
```

HTTP Status Code: 400

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
DeleteUtterances
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service
Deletes stored utterances.

Amazon Lex stores the utterances that users send to your bot. Utterances are stored for 15 days for use with the GetUtterancesView (p. 324) operation, and then stored indefinitely for use in improving the ability of your bot to respond to user input.

Use the DeleteUtterances operation to manually delete stored utterances for a specific user. When you use the DeleteUtterances operation, utterances stored for improving your bot’s ability to respond to user input are deleted immediately. Utterances stored for use with the GetUtterancesView operation are deleted after 15 days.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:DeleteUtterances action.

Request Syntax
DELETE /bots/botName/utterances/userId HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters
The request requires the following URI parameters.

botName (p. 265)
The name of the bot that stored the utterances.
Pattern: ^([A-Za-z._]+)$

userId (p. 265)
The unique identifier for the user that made the utterances. This is the user ID that was sent in the PostContent or PostText operation request that contained the utterance.
Pattern: [0-9a-zA-Z._:-]*

Request Body
The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax
HTTP/1.1 204

Response Elements
If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 204 response with an empty HTTP body.

Errors

BadRequestException
The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 400

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetBot
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Returns metadata information for a specific bot. You must provide the bot name and the bot version or alias.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:GetBot action.

Request Syntax

GET /bots/name/versions/version/oralias HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

name (p. 267)

The name of the bot. The name is case sensitive.


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

version/oralias (p. 267)

The version or alias of the bot.

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{  "abortStatement": {  "messages": [  {  "content": "string",  "contentType": "string",  "groupNumber": number  }  ],  "responseCard": "string"  },  "checksum": "string",  "childDirected": boolean,  "clarificationPrompt": {  "maxAttempts": number,  "messages": [  {  "content": "string",  "contentType": "string",  "groupNumber": number  }  ]  },}
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**abortStatement (p. 267)**

The message that Amazon Lex returns when the user elects to end the conversation without completing it. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).

Type: Statement (p. 427) object

**checksum (p. 267)**

Checksum of the bot used to identify a specific revision of the bot's $LATEST version.

Type: String

**childDirected (p. 267)**

For each Amazon Lex bot created with the Amazon Lex Model Building Service, you must specify whether your use of Amazon Lex is related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) by specifying true or false in the childDirected field.

By specifying true in the childDirected field, you confirm that your use of Amazon Lex is related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA. By specifying false in the childDirected field, you confirm that your use of Amazon Lex is not related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA. You may not specify a default value for the childDirected field that does not accurately reflect whether your use of Amazon Lex is related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA.

If your use of Amazon Lex relates to a website, program, or other application that is directed in whole or in part, to children under age 13, you must obtain any required verifiable parental consent under COPPA. For information regarding the use of Amazon Lex in connection with websites, programs, or other applications that are directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13, see the Amazon Lex FAQ.

Type: Boolean
clarificationPrompt (p. 267)

The message Amazon Lex uses when it doesn’t understand the user’s request. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).

Type: Prompt (p. 418) object

createdDate (p. 267)

The date that the bot was created.

Type: Timestamp
description (p. 267)

A description of the bot.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.
detectSentiment (p. 267)

Indicates whether user utterances should be sent to Amazon Comprehend for sentiment analysis.

Type: Boolean

defailureReason (p. 267)

If status is FAILED, Amazon Lex explains why it failed to build the bot.

Type: String

idleSessionTTLInSeconds (p. 267)

The maximum time in seconds that Amazon Lex retains the data gathered in a conversation. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 60. Maximum value of 86400.

intents (p. 267)

An array of intent objects. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).

Type: Array of Intent (p. 410) objects

lastUpdatedDate (p. 267)

The date that the bot was updated. When you create a resource, the creation date and last updated date are the same.

Type: Timestamp

locale (p. 267)

The target locale for the bot.

Type: String

Valid Values: en-US

name (p. 267)

The name of the bot.

Type: String
Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]\_?)+$

status (p. 267)
The status of the bot.
When the status is BUILDING Amazon Lex is building the bot for testing and use.
If the status of the bot is READY_BASIC_TESTING, you can test the bot using the exact utterances specified in the bot's intents. When the bot is ready for full testing or to run, the status is READY.
If there was a problem with building the bot, the status is FAILED and the failureReason field explains why the bot did not build.
If the bot was saved but not built, the status is NOT_BUILT.
Type: String
Valid Values: BUILDING | READY | READY_BASIC_TESTING | FAILED | NOT_BUILT

version (p. 267)
The version of the bot. For a new bot, the version is always $LATEST.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
Pattern: \$LATEST|\d+

voiceId (p. 267)
The Amazon Polly voice ID that Amazon Lex uses for voice interaction with the user. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).
Type: String

Errors

BadRequestException
The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException
An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException
The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 429

NotFoundException
The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 404
See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
**GetBotAlias**  
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Returns information about an Amazon Lex bot alias. For more information about aliases, see Versioning and Aliases (p. 116).

This operation requires permissions for the `lex:GetBotAlias` action.

**Request Syntax**

```
GET /bots/botName/aliases/name HTTP/1.1
```

**URI Request Parameters**

The request requires the following URI parameters.

**botName (p. 272)**

The name of the bot.


Pattern: `^[A-Za-z_]?+$`

**name (p. 272)**

The name of the bot alias. The name is case sensitive.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: `^[A-Za-z_]?+$`

**Request Body**

The request does not have a request body.

**Response Syntax**

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
    "botName": "string",
    "botVersion": "string",
    "checksum": "string",
    "conversationLogs": {
        "iamRoleArn": "string",
        "logSettings": [
            {
                "destination": "string",
                "kmsKeyArn": "string",
                "logType": "string",
                "resourceArn": "string",
                "resourcePrefix": "string"
            }
        ]
    },
    "createdDate": number,
    "description": "string",
    "lastUpdatedDate": number,
}
```
"name": "string"
}

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

botName (p. 272)

The name of the bot that the alias points to.

Type: String


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z\_?]+)$

botVersion (p. 272)

The version of the bot that the alias points to.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: \$LATEST\|\[0-9\]+

cHECKSUM (p. 272)

Checksum of the bot alias.

Type: String

cOnversationLogs (p. 272)

The settings that determine how Amazon Lex uses conversation logs for the alias.

Type: ConversationLogsResponse (p. 406) object

createdDate (p. 272)

The date that the bot alias was created.

Type: Timestamp

description (p. 272)

A description of the bot alias.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

lastUpdatedDate (p. 272)

The date that the bot alias was updated. When you create a resource, the creation date and the last updated date are the same.

Type: Timestamp

name (p. 272)

The name of the bot alias.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.
Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]\_?)+$  

Errors

BadRequestException
The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check
the field values, and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException
An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException
The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 429

NotFoundException
The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also
For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetBotAliases

Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Returns a list of aliases for a specified Amazon Lex bot.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:GetBotAliases action.

Request Syntax

```
GET /bots/botName/aliases/?
maxResults=maxResults&nameContains=nameContains&nextToken=nextToken HTTP/1.1
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

**botName (p. 275)**

The name of the bot.


Pattern: `^[A-Za-z_]+$`

**maxResults (p. 275)**

The maximum number of aliases to return in the response. The default is 50.


**nameContains (p. 275)**

Substring to match in bot alias names. An alias will be returned if any part of its name matches the substring. For example, "xyz" matches both "xyzabc" and "abcxyz."

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: `^[A-Za-z_]+$`

**nextToken (p. 275)**

A pagination token for fetching the next page of aliases. If the response to this call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of aliases, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
   "BotAliases": [
      {
         "botName": "string",
         "botVersion": "string",
      }
   ]
}
```
"checksum": "string",
"conversationLogs": {
   "iamRoleArn": "string",
   "logSettings": [
      {
         "destination": "string",
         "kmsKeyArn": "string",
         "logType": "string",
         "resourceArn": "string",
         "resourcePrefix": "string"
      }
   ],
   "createdDate": number,
   "description": "string",
   "lastUpdatedDate": number,
   "name": "string"
 },
"nextToken": "string"

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

BotAliases (p. 275)

An array of BotAliasMetadata objects, each describing a bot alias.

Type: Array of BotAliasMetadata (p. 395) objects

nextToken (p. 275)

A pagination token for fetching next page of aliases. If the response to this call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of aliases, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Type: String

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceeded Exception

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429
See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetBotChannelAssociation
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Returns information about the association between an Amazon Lex bot and a messaging platform.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:GetBotChannelAssociation action.

Request Syntax

GET /bots/botName/aliases/aliasName/channels/name HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

aliasName (p. 278)

An alias pointing to the specific version of the Amazon Lex bot to which this association is being made.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_?]+)$

botName (p. 278)

The name of the Amazon Lex bot.


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_?]+)$

name (p. 278)

The name of the association between the bot and the channel. The name is case sensitive.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_?]+)$

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
    "botAlias": "string",
    "botConfiguration": {
        "string" : "string"
    },
    "botName": "string",
    "createdDate": number,
    "description": "string",
    "failureReason": "string",
    "name": "string",
    "status": "string",
}
"type": "string"
}

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**botAlias (p. 278)**

An alias pointing to the specific version of the Amazon Lex bot to which this association is being made.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

**botConfiguration (p. 278)**

Provides information that the messaging platform needs to communicate with the Amazon Lex bot.

Type: String to string map

**botName (p. 278)**

The name of the Amazon Lex bot.

Type: String


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

**createdDate (p. 278)**

The date that the association between the bot and the channel was created.

Type: Timestamp

**description (p. 278)**

A description of the association between the bot and the channel.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

**failureReason (p. 278)**

If status is FAILED, Amazon Lex provides the reason that it failed to create the association.

Type: String

**name (p. 278)**

The name of the association between the bot and the channel.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$
status (p. 278)

The status of the bot channel.
- CREATED - The channel has been created and is ready for use.
- IN_PROGRESS - Channel creation is in progress.
- FAILED - There was an error creating the channel. For information about the reason for the failure, see the failureReason field.

Type: String

Valid Values: IN_PROGRESS | CREATED | FAILED

type (p. 278)

The type of the messaging platform.

Type: String

Valid Values: Facebook | Slack | Twilio-Sms | Kik

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

NotFoundException

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetBotChannelAssociations
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Returns a list of all of the channels associated with the specified bot.

The GetBotChannelAssociations operation requires permissions for the lex:GetBotChannelAssociations action.

Request Syntax

```
GET /bots/botName/aliases/aliasName/channels/?
maxResults=maxResults&nameContains=nameContains&nextToken=nextToken  HTTP/1.1
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

**aliasName (p. 282)**

An alias pointing to the specific version of the Amazon Lex bot to which this association is being made.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: `^(-|^([A-Za-z_?]+)$)`

**botName (p. 282)**

The name of the Amazon Lex bot in the association.


Pattern: `^([A-Za-z_?]+)$`

**maxResults (p. 282)**

The maximum number of associations to return in the response. The default is 50.


**nameContains (p. 282)**

Substring to match in channel association names. An association will be returned if any part of its name matches the substring. For example, "xyz" matches both "xyzabc" and "abcxyz." To return all bot channel associations, use a hyphen ("-" as the nameContains parameter.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: `^([-]+([A-Za-z_?]+)$)`

**nextToken (p. 282)**

A pagination token for fetching the next page of associations. If the response to this call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of associations, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.
Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
  "botChannelAssociations": [
    {
      "botAlias": "string",
      "botConfiguration": {
        "string": "string"
      },
      "botName": "string",
      "createdDate": number,
      "description": "string",
      "failureReason": "string",
      "name": "string",
      "status": "string",
      "type": "string"
    }
  ],
  "nextToken": "string"
}

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

botChannelAssociations (p. 283)

An array of objects, one for each association, that provides information about the Amazon Lex bot and its association with the channel.

Type: Array of BotChannelAssociation (p. 397) objects

nextToken (p. 283)

A pagination token that fetches the next page of associations. If the response to this call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of associations, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Type: String

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceeded Exception

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 429

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetBots
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Returns bot information as follows:

- If you provide the nameContains field, the response includes information for the $LATEST version of all bots whose name contains the specified string.
- If you don't specify the nameContains field, the operation returns information about the $LATEST version of all of your bots.

This operation requires permission for the lex:GetBots action.

Request Syntax

GET /bots/?maxResults=maxResults&nameContains=nameContains&nextToken=nextToken HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

maxResults (p. 285)

The maximum number of bots to return in the response that the request will return. The default is 10.


nameContains (p. 285)

Substring to match in bot names. A bot will be returned if any part of its name matches the substring. For example, "xyz" matches both "xyzabc" and "abcxyz."


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_]+)?+$

nextToken (p. 285)

A pagination token that fetches the next page of bots. If the response to this call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of bots, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

```json
{
    "bots": [
        {
            "createdDate": number,
            "description": "string",
            "lastUpdatedDate": number,
            "name": "string",
```

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Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**bots (p. 285)**

An array of *botMetadata* objects, with one entry for each bot.

Type: Array of *BotMetadata* (p. 399) objects

**nextToken (p. 285)**

If the response is truncated, it includes a pagination token that you can specify in your next request to fetch the next page of bots.

Type: String

Errors

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for JavaScript
• AWS SDK for PHP V3
• AWS SDK for Python
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetBotVersions
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Gets information about all of the versions of a bot.

The GetBotVersions operation returns a BotMetadata object for each version of a bot. For example, if a bot has three numbered versions, the GetBotVersions operation returns four BotMetadata objects in the response, one for each numbered version and one for the $LATEST version.

The GetBotVersions operation always returns at least one version, the $LATEST version.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:GetBotVersions action.

Request Syntax

GET /bots/name/versions/?maxResults=maxResults&nextToken=nextToken HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

maxResults (p. 288)

The maximum number of bot versions to return in the response. The default is 10.


name (p. 288)

The name of the bot for which versions should be returned.


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_?]+)$

nextToken (p. 288)

A pagination token for fetching the next page of bot versions. If the response to this call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of versions, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
  "bots": [
    {
      "createdDate": number,
      "description": "string",
      "lastUpdatedDate": number,
      "name": "string",
      "status": "string",
      "version": "string"
    }
  ]
}
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**bots (p. 288)**

An array of BotMetadata objects, one for each numbered version of the bot plus one for the $LATEST version.

Type: Array of BotMetadata (p. 399) objects

**nextToken (p. 288)**

A pagination token for fetching the next page of bot versions. If the response to this call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of versions, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Type: String

Errors

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for JavaScript
• AWS SDK for PHP V3
• AWS SDK for Python
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetBuiltInIntent
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Returns information about a built-in intent.

This operation requires permission for the lex:GetBuiltinIntent action.

Request Syntax
GET /builtins/intents/\$signature HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters
The request requires the following URI parameters.

signature (p. 291)
The unique identifier for a built-in intent. To find the signature for an intent, see Standard Built-in Intents in the Alexa Skills Kit.

Request Body
The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{  "signature": "string",
   "slots": [
      {  "name": "string"
      },
   ],
   "supportedLocales": [ "string" ]
}

Response Elements
If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

signature (p. 291)
The unique identifier for a built-in intent.
Type: String

slots (p. 291)
An array of BuiltinIntentSlot objects, one entry for each slot type in the intent.
Type: Array of BuiltinIntentSlot (p. 402) objects

supportedLocales (p. 291)
A list of locales that the intent supports.
Type: Array of strings
Valid Values: en-US

Errors

BadRequestException
The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException
An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException
The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 429

NotFoundException
The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetBuiltInIntents
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Gets a list of built-in intents that meet the specified criteria.

This operation requires permission for the lex:GetBuiltInIntents action.

**Request Syntax**

```
GET /builtins/intents/?
locale=locale&maxResults=maxResults&nextToken=nextToken&signatureContains=signatureContains
HTTP/1.1
```

**URI Request Parameters**

The request requires the following URI parameters.

- **locale** (p. 293)
  - A list of locales that the intent supports.
  - Valid Values: en-US

- **maxResults** (p. 293)
  - The maximum number of intents to return in the response. The default is 10.

- **nextToken** (p. 293)
  - A pagination token that fetches the next page of intents. If this API call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of intents, use the pagination token in the next request.

- **signatureContains** (p. 293)
  - Substring to match in built-in intent signatures. An intent will be returned if any part of its signature matches the substring. For example, "xyz" matches both "xyzabc" and "abcxyz." To find the signature for an intent, see Standard Built-in Intents in the Alexa Skills Kit.

**Request Body**

The request does not have a request body.

**Response Syntax**

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
  "intents": [
    {
      "signature": "string",
      "supportedLocales": [ "string" ]
    }
  ],
  "nextToken": "string"
}
```
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

intents (p. 293)

An array of builtinIntentMetadata objects, one for each intent in the response.

Type: Array of BuiltinIntentMetadata (p. 401) objects

nextToken (p. 293)

A pagination token that fetches the next page of intents. If the response to this API call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of intents, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Type: String

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetBuiltinSlotTypes
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Gets a list of built-in slot types that meet the specified criteria.

For a list of built-in slot types, see Slot Type Reference in the Alexa Skills Kit.

This operation requires permission for the lex:GetBuiltInSlotTypes action.

Request Syntax

```
GET /builtins/slottypes/?
locale=locale&maxResults=maxResults&nextToken=nextToken&signatureContains=signatureContains
HTTP/1.1
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

locale (p. 295)
A list of locales that the slot type supports.

Valid Values:  en-US

maxResults (p. 295)
The maximum number of slot types to return in the response. The default is 10.


nextToken (p. 295)
A pagination token that fetches the next page of slot types. If the response to this API call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of slot types, specify the pagination token in the next request.

signatureContains (p. 295)
Substring to match in built-in slot type signatures. A slot type will be returned if any part of its signature matches the substring. For example, "xyz" matches both "xyzabc" and "abcxyz."

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json
{
   "nextToken": "string",
   "slotTypes": [
   {
      "signature": "string",
      "supportedLocales": [ "string" ]
   }
   ]
}
```
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

nextToken (p. 295)

If the response is truncated, the response includes a pagination token that you can use in your next request to fetch the next page of slot types.

Type: String

slotTypes (p. 295)

An array of BuiltInSlotTypeMetadata objects, one entry for each slot type returned.

Type: Array of BuiltInSlotTypeMetadata (p. 403) objects

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetExport
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service
Exports the contents of a Amazon Lex resource in a specified format.

Request Syntax

```
GET /exports/?exportType=exportType&name=name&resourceType=resourceType&version=version
HTTP/1.1
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

**exportType (p. 297)**
The format of the exported data.
- Valid Values: ALEXA_SKILLS_KIT | LEX

**name (p. 297)**
The name of the bot to export.
- Pattern: [a-zA-Z_]+

**resourceType (p. 297)**
The type of resource to export.
- Valid Values: BOT | INTENT | SLOT_TYPE

**version (p. 297)**
The version of the bot to export.
- Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
- Pattern: [0-9]+

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json
{
    "exportStatus": "string",
    "exportType": "string",
    "failureReason": "string",
    "name": "string",
    "resourceType": "string",
    "url": "string",
    "version": "string"
}
```
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**exportStatus (p. 297)**

The status of the export.
- **IN_PROGRESS** - The export is in progress.
- **READY** - The export is complete.
- **FAILED** - The export could not be completed.

Type: String

Valid Values: **IN_PROGRESS** | **READY** | **FAILED**

**exportType (p. 297)**

The format of the exported data.

Type: String

Valid Values: **ALEXA_SKILLS_KIT** | **LEX**

**failureReason (p. 297)**

If **status** is **FAILED**, Amazon Lex provides the reason that it failed to export the resource.

Type: String

**name (p. 297)**

The name of the bot being exported.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: \[a-zA-Z\_]+

**resourceType (p. 297)**

The type of the exported resource.

Type: String

Valid Values: **BOT** | **INTENT** | **SLOT_TYPE**

**url (p. 297)**

An S3 pre-signed URL that provides the location of the exported resource. The exported resource is a ZIP archive that contains the exported resource in JSON format. The structure of the archive may change. Your code should not rely on the archive structure.

Type: String

**version (p. 297)**

The version of the bot being exported.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
Pattern: [0-9]+

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

NotFoundException

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetImport
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Gets information about an import job started with the StartImport operation.

Request Syntax

GET /imports/importId HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

importId (p. 300)

The identifier of the import job information to return.

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
  "createdDate": number,
  "failureReason": [ "string" ],
  "importId": "string",
  "importStatus": "string",
  "mergeStrategy": "string",
  "name": "string",
  "resourceType": "string"
}

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

createdDate (p. 300)

A timestamp for the date and time that the import job was created.

Type: Timestamp

failureReason (p. 300)

A string that describes why an import job failed to complete.

Type: Array of strings

importId (p. 300)

The identifier for the specific import job.

Type: String
importStatus (p. 300)

The status of the import job. If the status is FAILED, you can get the reason for the failure from the failureReason field.

Type: String

Valid Values: IN_PROGRESS | COMPLETE | FAILED

mergeStrategy (p. 300)

The action taken when there was a conflict between an existing resource and a resource in the import file.

Type: String

Valid Values: OVERWRITE_LATEST | FAIL_ON_CONFLICT

name (p. 300)

The name given to the import job.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: [a-zA-Z_]+

resourceType (p. 300)

The type of resource imported.

Type: String

Valid Values: BOT | INTENT | SLOT_TYPE

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceeded Exception

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

NotFoundException

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404
See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetIntent
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Returns information about an intent. In addition to the intent name, you must specify the intent version.

This operation requires permissions to perform the lex:GetIntent action.

Request Syntax

GET /intents/name/versions/version HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

name (p. 303)
The name of the intent. The name is case sensitive.
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.
Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

version (p. 303)
The version of the intent.
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
Pattern: \$LATEST|[0-9]+

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{  "checksum": "string",
  "conclusionStatement": {
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number
      }
    ],
  "responseCard": "string"
},
  "confirmationPrompt": {
    "maxAttempts": number,
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number
      }
    ]
  }
}
"responseCard": "string",
"createdDate": number,
"description": "string",
"dialogCodeHook": {
  "messageVersion": "string",
  "uri": "string"
},
"followUpPrompt": {
  "prompt": {
    "maxAttempts": number,
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number
      }
    ],
    "responseCard": "string"
  },
  "rejectionStatement": {
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number
      }
    ],
    "responseCard": "string"
  }
},
"fulfillmentActivity": {
  "codeHook": {
    "messageVersion": "string",
    "uri": "string"
  },
  "type": "string"
},
"lastUpdatedDate": number,
"name": "string",
"parentIntentSignature": "string",
"rejectionStatement": {
  "messages": [
    {
      "content": "string",
      "contentType": "string",
      "groupNumber": number
    }
  ],
  "responseCard": "string"
},
"sampleUtterances": [ "string" ],
"slots": [
  {
    "description": "string",
    "name": "string",
    "obfuscationSetting": "string",
    "priority": number,
    "responseCard": "string",
    "sampleUtterances": [ "string" ],
    "slotConstraint": "string",
    "slotType": "string",
    "slotTypeVersion": "string",
    "valueElicitationPrompt": {
      "maxAttempts": number,
      "prompt": {
        "maxAttempts": number,
        "messages": [
          {
            "content": "string",
            "contentType": "string",
            "groupNumber": number
          }
        ],
        "responseCard": "string"
      },
      "rejectionStatement": {
        "messages": [
          {
            "content": "string",
            "contentType": "string",
            "groupNumber": number
          }
        ],
        "responseCard": "string"
      }
    }
  }]}
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**checksum (p. 303)**

Checksum of the intent.

Type: String

**conclusionStatement (p. 303)**

After the Lambda function specified in the fulfillmentActivity element fulfills the intent, Amazon Lex conveys this statement to the user.

Type: Statement (p. 427) object

**confirmationPrompt (p. 303)**

If defined in the bot, Amazon Lex uses prompt to confirm the intent before fulfilling the user's request. For more information, see PutIntent (p. 343).

Type: Prompt (p. 418) object

**createdDate (p. 303)**

The date that the intent was created.

Type: Timestamp

**description (p. 303)**

A description of the intent.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

**dialogCodeHook (p. 303)**

If defined in the bot, Amazon Amazon Lex invokes this Lambda function for each user input. For more information, see PutIntent (p. 343).

Type: CodeHook (p. 404) object

**followUpPrompt (p. 303)**

If defined in the bot, Amazon Lex uses this prompt to solicit additional user activity after the intent is fulfilled. For more information, see PutIntent (p. 343).
Type: **FollowUpPrompt (p. 408)** object

**fulfillmentActivity (p. 303)**

Describes how the intent is fulfilled. For more information, see *PutIntent (p. 343).*

Type: **FulfillmentActivity (p. 409)** object

**lastUpdatedDate (p. 303)**

The date that the intent was updated. When you create a resource, the creation date and the last updated date are the same.

Type: **Timestamp**

**name (p. 303)**

The name of the intent.

Type: **String**

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: `^[A-Za-z\_]?+$`

**parentIntentSignature (p. 303)**

A unique identifier for a built-in intent.

Type: **String**

**rejectionStatement (p. 303)**

If the user answers "no" to the question defined in **confirmationPrompt**, Amazon Lex responds with this statement to acknowledge that the intent was canceled.

Type: **Statement (p. 427)** object

**sampleUtterances (p. 303)**

An array of sample utterances configured for the intent.

Type: **Array of strings**

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 1500 items.


**slots (p. 303)**

An array of intent slots configured for the intent.

Type: **Array of Slot (p. 420)** objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 100 items.

**version (p. 303)**

The version of the intent.

Type: **String**

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: `\$LATEST|\d+$`
Errors

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetIntents
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Returns intent information as follows:

- If you specify the nameContains field, returns the $LATEST version of all intents that contain the specified string.
- If you don't specify the nameContains field, returns information about the $LATEST version of all intents.

The operation requires permission for the lex:GetIntents action.

Request Syntax

```
GET /intents/?maxResults=maxResults&nameContains=nameContains&nextToken=nextToken HTTP/1.1
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

maxResults (p. 308)
The maximum number of intents to return in the response. The default is 10.


nameContains (p. 308)
Substring to match in intent names. An intent will be returned if any part of its name matches the substring. For example, "xyz" matches both "xyzabc" and "abcxyz."

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_]_?)+$

nextToken (p. 308)
A pagination token that fetches the next page of intents. If the response to this API call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of intents, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
  "intents": [
    {
      "createdDate": number,
      "description": "string",
      "lastUpdatedDate": number,
      "name": "string",
      "version": "string"
    }
  ]
}
```
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**intents (p. 308)**

An array of Intent objects. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).

Type: Array of IntentMetadata (p. 411) objects

**nextToken (p. 308)**

If the response is truncated, the response includes a pagination token that you can specify in your next request to fetch the next page of intents.

Type: String

Errors

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for JavaScript
• AWS SDK for PHP V3
• AWS SDK for Python
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetIntentVersions
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Gets information about all of the versions of an intent.

The GetIntentVersions operation returns an IntentMetadata object for each version of an intent. For example, if an intent has three numbered versions, the GetIntentVersions operation returns four IntentMetadata objects in the response, one for each numbered version and one for the $LATEST version.

The GetIntentVersions operation always returns at least one version, the $LATEST version.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:GetIntentVersions action.

Request Syntax

GET /intents/name/versions/?maxResults=maxResults&nextToken=nextToken HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

maxResults (p. 311)

The maximum number of intent versions to return in the response. The default is 10.


name (p. 311)

The name of the intent for which versions should be returned.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

nextToken (p. 311)

A pagination token for fetching the next page of intent versions. If the response to this call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of versions, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{  "intents": [  
    {  "createdDate": number,  
      "description": "string",  
      "lastUpdatedDate": number,  
      "name": "string",  
      "version": "string"  
    }  
  ]}
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**intents (p. 311)**

An array of `IntentMetadata` objects, one for each numbered version of the intent plus one for the `$LATEST` version.

Type: Array of `IntentMetadata` (p. 411) objects

**nextToken (p. 311)**

A pagination token for fetching the next page of intent versions. If the response to this call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of versions, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Type: String

Errors

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for JavaScript
• AWS SDK for PHP V3
• AWS SDK for Python
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetSlotType
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Returns information about a specific version of a slot type. In addition to specifying the slot type name, you must specify the slot type version.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:GetSlotType action.

Request Syntax

GET /slottypes/name/versions/version HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

name (p. 314)

The name of the slot type. The name is case sensitive.
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.
Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_]?)+$

version (p. 314)

The version of the slot type.
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
Pattern: \$LATEST|\[0-9\]+

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{  
  "checksum": "string",
  "createdDate": number,
  "description": "string",
  "enumerationValues": [
    
    
  ],
  "lastUpdatedDate": number,
  "name": "string",
  "parentSlotTypeSignature": "string",
  "slotTypeConfigurations": [
    
    {  
      "regexConfiguration": {
        "pattern": "string"
      }
    }
  ]
}
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

checksum (p. 314)

Checksum of the \$LATEST version of the slot type.

Type: String

createdDate (p. 314)

The date that the slot type was created.

Type: Timestamp

description (p. 314)

A description of the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

enumerationValues (p. 314)

A list of EnumerationValue objects that defines the values that the slot type can take.

Type: Array of EnumerationValue (p. 407) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 10000 items.

lastUpdatedDate (p. 314)

The date that the slot type was updated. When you create a resource, the creation date and last update date are the same.

Type: Timestamp

name (p. 314)

The name of the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$  

parentSlotTypeSignature (p. 314)

The built-in slot type used as a parent for the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^((AMAZON\.)_?|[A-Za-z]_?)+
**slotTypeConfigurations (p. 314)**

Configuration information that extends the parent built-in slot type.

Type: Array of [SlotTypeConfiguration (p. 423)] objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 10 items.

**valueSelectionStrategy (p. 314)**

The strategy that Amazon Lex uses to determine the value of the slot. For more information, see [PutSlotType (p. 353)].

Type: String

Valid Values: ORIGINAL_VALUE | TOP_RESOLUTION

**version (p. 314)**

The version of the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: \$LATEST|\d+

**Errors**

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- [AWS Command Line Interface](#)
- [AWS SDK for .NET](#)
- [AWS SDK for C++](#)
- [AWS SDK for Go](#)
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for JavaScript
• AWS SDK for PHP V3
• AWS SDK for Python
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetSlotTypes
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Returns slot type information as follows:

- If you specify the nameContains field, returns the $LATEST version of all slot types that contain the specified string.
- If you don't specify the nameContains field, returns information about the $LATEST version of all slot types.

The operation requires permission for the lex:GetSlotTypes action.

Request Syntax

```
GET /slottypes/?maxResults=maxResults&nameContains=nameContains&nextToken=nextToken
HTTP/1.1
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

maxResults (p. 318)

The maximum number of slot types to return in the response. The default is 10.


nameContains (p. 318)

Substring to match in slot type names. A slot type will be returned if any part of its name matches the substring. For example, "xyz" matches both "xyzabc" and "abcxyz."

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z\_]?)+$

nextToken (p. 318)

A pagination token that fetches the next page of slot types. If the response to this API call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch next page of slot types, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
   "nextToken": "string",
   "slotTypes": [
      {
         "createdDate": number,
         "description": "string",
         "lastUpdatedDate": number,
      }
   ]
}
```
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

nextToken (p. 318)

If the response is truncated, it includes a pagination token that you can specify in your next request to fetch the next page of slot types.

Type: String

slotTypes (p. 318)

An array of objects, one for each slot type, that provides information such as the name of the slot type, the version, and a description.

Type: Array of SlotTypeMetadata (p. 424) objects

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

NotFoundException

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetSlotTypeVersions
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Gets information about all versions of a slot type.

The GetSlotTypeVersions operation returns a SlotTypeMetadata object for each version of a slot type. For example, if a slot type has three numbered versions, the GetSlotTypeVersions operation returns four SlotTypeMetadata objects in the response, one for each numbered version and one for the $LATEST version.

The GetSlotTypeVersions operation always returns at least one version, the $LATEST version.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:GetSlotTypeVersions action.

Request Syntax

GET /slottypes/name/versions/?maxResults=maxResults&nextToken=nextToken HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

maxResults (p. 321)

The maximum number of slot type versions to return in the response. The default is 10.


name (p. 321)

The name of the slot type for which versions should be returned.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

nextToken (p. 321)

A pagination token for fetching the next page of slot type versions. If the response to this call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of versions, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
  "nextToken": "string",
  "slotTypes": [
    {
      "createdDate": number,
      "description": "string",
      "lastUpdatedDate": number,
      "name": "string",
      "version": "string"
    }
  ]
}
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**nextToken (p. 321)**

A pagination token for fetching the next page of slot type versions. If the response to this call is truncated, Amazon Lex returns a pagination token in the response. To fetch the next page of versions, specify the pagination token in the next request.

Type: String

**slotTypes (p. 321)**

An array of SlotTypeMetadata objects, one for each numbered version of the slot type plus one for the $LATEST version.

Type: Array of SlotTypeMetadata (p. 424) objects

Errors

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for JavaScript
• AWS SDK for PHP V3
• AWS SDK for Python
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetUtterancesView
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Use the GetUtterancesView operation to get information about the utterances that your users have made to your bot. You can use this list to tune the utterances that your bot responds to.

For example, say that you have created a bot to order flowers. After your users have used your bot for a while, use the GetUtterancesView operation to see the requests that they have made and whether they have been successful. You might find that the utterance "I want flowers" is not being recognized. You could add this utterance to the OrderFlowers intent so that your bot recognizes that utterance.

After you publish a new version of a bot, you can get information about the old version and the new so that you can compare the performance across the two versions.

Utterance statistics are generated once a day. Data is available for the last 15 days. You can request information for up to 5 versions of your bot in each request. Amazon Lex returns the most frequent utterances received by the bot in the last 15 days. The response contains information about a maximum of 100 utterances for each version.

If you set childDirected field to true when you created your bot, or if you opted out of participating in improving Amazon Lex, utterances are not available.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:GetUtterancesView action.

Request Syntax

```plaintext
GET /bots/botname/utterances?
view=aggregation&bot_versions=botVersions&status_type=statusType HTTP/1.1
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

botname (p. 324)

The name of the bot for which utterance information should be returned.


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_\-]+)$

botVersions (p. 324)

An array of bot versions for which utterance information should be returned. The limit is 5 versions per request.

Array Members: Minimum number of 1 item. Maximum number of 5 items.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: \$LATEST|\[0-9]+

statusType (p. 324)

To return utterances that were recognized and handled, use Detected. To return utterances that were not recognized, use Missed.

Valid Values: Detected | Missed
Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{  
  "botName": "string",
  "utterances": [
    {  
      "botVersion": "string",
      "utterances": [
        {  
          "count": number,
          "distinctUsers": number,
          "firstUtteredDate": number,
          "lastUtteredDate": number,
          "utteranceString": "string"
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**botName** (p. 325)

The name of the bot for which utterance information was returned.

Type: String


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_]+)?$  

**utterances** (p. 325)

An array of **UtteranceList** (p. 430) objects, each containing a list of **UtteranceData** (p. 429) objects describing the utterances that were processed by your bot. The response contains a maximum of 100 **UtteranceData** objects for each version. Amazon Lex returns the most frequent utterances received by the bot in the last 15 days.

Type: Array of **UtteranceList** (p. 430) objects

Errors

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400
InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
ListTagsForResource
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Gets a list of tags associated with the specified resource. Only bots, bot aliases, and bot channels can have tags associated with them.

Request Syntax

GET /tags/resourceArn HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

resourceArn (p. 327)

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the resource to get a list of tags for.
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 1011.

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
  "tags": [
    {
      "key": "string",
      "value": "string"
    }
  ]
}

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.
The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

tags (p. 327)

The tags associated with a resource.
Type: Array of Tag (p. 428) objects
Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 50 items.

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 400
**InternalFailureException**
An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500
**LimitExceededException**
The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429
**NotFoundException**
The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also
For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
PutBot
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Creates an Amazon Lex conversational bot or replaces an existing bot. When you create or update a bot you are only required to specify a name, a locale, and whether the bot is directed toward children under age 13. You can use this to add intents later, or to remove intents from an existing bot. When you create a bot with the minimum information, the bot is created or updated but Amazon Lex returns the response FAILED. You can build the bot after you add one or more intents. For more information about Amazon Lex bots, see Amazon Lex: How It Works (p. 3).

If you specify the name of an existing bot, the fields in the request replace the existing values in the $LATEST version of the bot. Amazon Lex removes any fields that you don’t provide values for in the request, except for the idleTTLInSeconds and privacySettings fields, which are set to their default values. If you don’t specify values for required fields, Amazon Lex throws an exception.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:PutBot action. For more information, see Identity and Access Management for Amazon Lex (p. 197).

Request Syntax

```
PUT /bots/name/versions/$LATEST HTTP/1.1
Content-type: application/json

{
    "abortStatement": {
        "messages": [
            {
                "content": "string",
                "contentType": "string",
                "groupNumber": number
            }
        ],
        "responseCard": "string"
    },
    "checksum": "string",
    "childDirected": boolean,
    "clarificationPrompt": {
        "maxAttempts": number,
        "messages": [
            {
                "content": "string",
                "contentType": "string",
                "groupNumber": number
            }
        ],
        "responseCard": "string"
    },
    "createVersion": boolean,
    "description": "string",
    "detectSentiment": boolean,
    "idleSessionTTLInSeconds": number,
    "intents": [
        {
            "intentName": "string",
            "intentVersion": "string"
        }
    ],
    "locale": "string",
    "processBehavior": "string",
    "tags": [
        {
            "key": "string",
            },
URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

name (p. 329)

The name of the bot. The name is not case sensitive.


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_\-]+)?$  

Request Body

The request accepts the following data in JSON format.

abortStatement (p. 329)

When Amazon Lex can’t understand the user’s input in context, it tries to elicit the information a few times. After that, Amazon Lex sends the message defined in abortStatement to the user, and then aborts the conversation. To set the number of retries, use the valueElicitationPrompt field for the slot type.

For example, in a pizza ordering bot, Amazon Lex might ask a user "What type of crust would you like?" If the user's response is not one of the expected responses (for example, "thin crust," "deep dish," etc.), Amazon Lex tries to elicit a correct response a few more times.

For example, in a pizza ordering application, OrderPizza might be one of the intents. This intent might require the CrustType slot. You specify the valueElicitationPrompt field when you create the CrustType slot.

If you have defined a fallback intent the abort statement will not be sent to the user, the fallback intent is used instead. For more information, see AMAZON.FallbackIntent.

Type: Statement (p. 427) object

Required: No

checksum (p. 329)

Identifies a specific revision of the $LATEST version.

When you create a new bot, leave the checksum field blank. If you specify a checksum you get a BadRequestException exception.

When you want to update a bot, set the checksum field to the checksum of the most recent revision of the $LATEST version. If you don’t specify the checksum field, or if the checksum does not match the $LATEST version, you get a PreconditionFailedException exception.

Type: String

Required: No

childDirected (p. 329)

For each Amazon Lex bot created with the Amazon Lex Model Building Service, you must specify whether your use of Amazon Lex is related to a website, program, or other application that is
directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) by specifying `true` or `false` in the `childDirected` field. By specifying `true` in the `childDirected` field, you confirm that your use of Amazon Lex is related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA. By specifying `false` in the `childDirected` field, you confirm that your use of Amazon Lex is not related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA. You may not specify a default value for the `childDirected` field that does not accurately reflect whether your use of Amazon Lex is related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA.

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Type: Boolean

Required: Yes

clarificationPrompt (p. 329)

When Amazon Lex doesn't understand the user's intent, it uses this message to get clarification. To specify how many times Amazon Lex should repeat the clarification prompt, use the `maxAttempts` field. If Amazon Lex still doesn't understand, it sends the message in the `abortStatement` field.

When you create a clarification prompt, make sure that it suggests the correct response from the user. For example, for a bot that orders pizza and drinks, you might create this clarification prompt: "What would you like to do? You can say 'Order a pizza' or 'Order a drink.'"

If you have defined a fallback intent, it will be invoked if the clarification prompt is repeated the number of times defined in the `maxAttempts` field. For more information, see AMAZON.FallbackIntent.

If you don't define a clarification prompt, at runtime Amazon Lex will return a 400 Bad Request exception in three cases:

- Follow-up prompt - When the user responds to a follow-up prompt but does not provide an intent. For example, in response to a follow-up prompt that says "Would you like anything else today?" the user says "Yes." Amazon Lex will return a 400 Bad Request exception because it does not have a clarification prompt to send to the user to get an intent.
- Lambda function - When using a Lambda function, you return an `ElicitIntent` dialog type. Since Amazon Lex does not have a clarification prompt to get an intent from the user, it returns a 400 Bad Request exception.
- PutSession operation - When using the `PutSession` operation, you send an `ElicitIntent` dialog type. Since Amazon Lex does not have a clarification prompt to get an intent from the user, it returns a 400 Bad Request exception.

Type: `Prompt` (p. 418) object

Required: No

createVersion (p. 329)

When set to `true` a new numbered version of the bot is created. This is the same as calling the `CreateBotVersion` operation. If you don't specify `createVersion`, the default is `false`.

Type: Boolean

Required: No
description (p. 329)

A description of the bot.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

Required: No

detectSentiment (p. 329)

When set to true user utterances are sent to Amazon Comprehend for sentiment analysis. If you don't specify detectSentiment, the default is false.

Type: Boolean

Required: No

idleSessionTTLInSeconds (p. 329)

The maximum time in seconds that Amazon Lex retains the data gathered in a conversation.

A user interaction session remains active for the amount of time specified. If no conversation occurs during this time, the session expires and Amazon Lex deletes any data provided before the timeout.

For example, suppose that a user chooses the OrderPizza intent, but gets sidetracked halfway through placing an order. If the user doesn't complete the order within the specified time, Amazon Lex discards the slot information that it gathered, and the user must start over.

If you don't include the idleSessionTTLInSeconds element in a PutBot operation request, Amazon Lex uses the default value. This is also true if the request replaces an existing bot.

The default is 300 seconds (5 minutes).

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 60. Maximum value of 86400.

Required: No

intents (p. 329)

An array of Intent objects. Each intent represents a command that a user can express. For example, a pizza ordering bot might support an OrderPizza intent. For more information, see Amazon Lex: How It Works (p. 3).

Type: Array of Intent (p. 410) objects

Required: No

locale (p. 329)

Specifies the target locale for the bot. Any intent used in the bot must be compatible with the locale of the bot.

The default is en-US.

Type: String

Valid Values: en-US

Required: Yes
**processBehavior (p. 329)**

If you set the `processBehavior` element to `BUILD`, Amazon Lex builds the bot so that it can be run. If you set the element to `SAVE` Amazon Lex saves the bot, but doesn't build it.

If you don't specify this value, the default value is `BUILD`.

Type: String

Valid Values: `SAVE` | `BUILD`

Required: No

**tags (p. 329)**

A list of tags to add to the bot. You can only add tags when you create a bot, you can't use the `PutBot` operation to update the tags on a bot. To update tags, use the `TagResource` operation.

Type: Array of Tag (p. 428) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 1 item. Maximum number of 50 items.

Required: No

**voiceId (p. 329)**

The Amazon Polly voice ID that you want Amazon Lex to use for voice interactions with the user. The locale configured for the voice must match the locale of the bot. For more information, see Voices in Amazon Polly in the Amazon Polly Developer Guide.

Type: String

Required: No

**Response Syntax**

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
  "abortStatement": {
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number
      }
    ],
    "responseCard": "string"
  },
  "checksum": "string",
  "childDirected": boolean,
  "clarificationPrompt": {
    "maxAttempts": number,
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number
      }
    ],
    "responseCard": "string"
  }
}
```
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

`abortStatement (p. 333)`

The message that Amazon Lex uses to abort a conversation. For more information, see `PutBot (p. 329)`.

Type: `Statement (p. 427)` object

`checksum (p. 333)`

Checksum of the bot that you created.

Type: `String`

`childDirected (p. 333)`

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By specifying `true` in the `childDirected` field, you confirm that your use of Amazon Lex is related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA. By specifying `false` in the `childDirected` field, you confirm that your use of Amazon Lex is not related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA. You may not specify a default value for the `childDirected` field that does not accurately reflect whether your use of Amazon Lex is related to a website, program, or other application that is directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13 and subject to COPPA.

If your use of Amazon Lex relates to a website, program, or other application that is directed in whole or in part, to children under age 13, you must obtain any required verifiable parental consent under COPPA. For information regarding the use of Amazon Lex in connection with websites,
programs, or other applications that are directed or targeted, in whole or in part, to children under age 13, see the Amazon Lex FAQ.

Type: Boolean

clarificationPrompt (p. 333)

The prompts that Amazon Lex uses when it doesn’t understand the user’s intent. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).

Type: Prompt (p. 418) object

createdDate (p. 333)

The date that the bot was created.

Type: Timestamp

createVersion (p. 333)

True if a new version of the bot was created. If the createVersion field was not specified in the request, the createVersion field is set to false in the response.

Type: Boolean

description (p. 333)

A description of the bot.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

detectSentiment (p. 333)

true if the bot is configured to send user utterances to Amazon Comprehend for sentiment analysis. If the detectSentiment field was not specified in the request, the detectSentiment field is false in the response.

Type: Boolean

failureReason (p. 333)

If status is FAILED, Amazon Lex provides the reason that it failed to build the bot.

Type: String

idleSessionTTLInSeconds (p. 333)

The maximum length of time that Amazon Lex retains the data gathered in a conversation. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 60. Maximum value of 86400.

intents (p. 333)

An array of Intent objects. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).

Type: Array of Intent (p. 410) objects

lastUpdatedDate (p. 333)

The date that the bot was updated. When you create a resource, the creation date and last updated date are the same.
locale (p. 333)
The target locale for the bot.
Type: String
Valid Values: en-US

name (p. 333)
The name of the bot.
Type: String
Pattern: ^([A-Za-z][A-Za-z]+)$

status (p. 333)
When you send a request to create a bot with processBehavior set to BUILD, Amazon Lex sets the status response element to BUILDING.

In the READY_BASIC_TESTING state you can test the bot with user inputs that exactly match the utterances configured for the bot's intents and values in the slot types.

If Amazon Lex can't build the bot, Amazon Lex sets status to FAILED. Amazon Lex returns the reason for the failure in the failureReason response element.

When you set processBehavior to SAVE, Amazon Lex sets the status code to NOT_BUILT.

When the bot is in the READY state you can test and publish the bot.
Type: String
Valid Values: BUILDING | READY | READY_BASIC_TESTING | FAILED | NOT_BUILT

tags (p. 333)
A list of tags associated with the bot.
Type: Array of Tag (p. 428) objects
Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 50 items.

version (p. 333)
The version of the bot. For a new bot, the version is always $LATEST.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
Pattern: ^[$LATEST][0-9]+$

voiceId (p. 333)
The Amazon Polly voice ID that Amazon Lex uses for voice interaction with the user. For more information, see PutBot (p. 329).
Type: String
Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

ConflictException

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 409

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

PreconditionFailedException

The checksum of the resource that you are trying to change does not match the checksum in the request. Check the resource's checksum and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 412

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
PutBotAlias
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Creates an alias for the specified version of the bot or replaces an alias for the specified bot. To change the version of the bot that the alias points to, replace the alias. For more information about aliases, see Versioning and Aliases (p. 116).

This operation requires permissions for the lex:PutBotAlias action.

Request Syntax

```
PUT /bots/botName/aliases/name HTTP/1.1
Content-type: application/json

{
    "botVersion": "string",
    "checksum": "string",
    "conversationLogs": {
        "iamRoleArn": "string",
        "logSettings": [
            {
                "destination": "string",
                "kmsKeyArn": "string",
                "logType": "string",
                "resourceArn": "string"
            }
        ]
    },
    "description": "string",
    "tags": [
        {
            "key": "string",
            "value": "string"
        }
    ]
}
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

botName (p. 338)

The name of the bot.


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_]*)+$

name (p. 338)

The name of the alias. The name is not case sensitive.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_]*)+$

Request Body

The request accepts the following data in JSON format.
**botVersion (p. 338)**

The version of the bot.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: `\$LATEST|[0-9]+`

Required: Yes

**checksum (p. 338)**

Identifies a specific revision of the $LATEST version.

When you create a new bot alias, leave the checksum field blank. If you specify a checksum you get a BadRequestException exception.

When you want to update a bot alias, set the checksum field to the checksum of the most recent revision of the $LATEST version. If you don't specify the checksum field, or if the checksum does not match the $LATEST version, you get a PreconditionFailedException exception.

Type: String

Required: No

**conversationLogs (p. 338)**

Settings for conversation logs for the alias.

Type: ConversationLogsRequest (p. 405) object

Required: No

**description (p. 338)**

A description of the alias.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

Required: No

**tags (p. 338)**

A list of tags to add to the bot alias. You can only add tags when you create an alias, you can't use the PutBotAlias operation to update the tags on a bot alias. To update tags, use the TagResource operation.

Type: Array of Tag (p. 428) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 1 item. Maximum number of 50 items.

Required: No

**Response Syntax**

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json
```
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**botName** (p. 339)

The name of the bot that the alias points to.

Type: String


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

**botVersion** (p. 339)

The version of the bot that the alias points to.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: \$LATEST|[0-9]+$

**checksum** (p. 339)

The checksum for the current version of the alias.

Type: String

**conversationLogs** (p. 339)

The settings that determine how Amazon Lex uses conversation logs for the alias.

Type: ConversationLogsResponse (p. 406) object
createdDate (p. 339)
The date that the bot alias was created.
Type: Timestamp
description (p. 339)
A description of the alias.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.
lastUpdatedDate (p. 339)
The date that the bot alias was updated. When you create a resource, the creation date and the last updated date are the same.
Type: Timestamp
name (p. 339)
The name of the alias.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.
Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_]+)$
tags (p. 339)
A list of tags associated with a bot.
Type: Array of Tag (p. 428) objects
Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 50 items.

Errors
BadRequestException
The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 400
ConflictException
There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 409
InternalFailureException
An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 500
LimitExceededException
The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 429
PreconditionFailedException

The checksum of the resource that you are trying to change does not match the checksum in the request. Check the resource's checksum and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 412

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

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- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
**PutIntent**

Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Creates an intent or replaces an existing intent.

To define the interaction between the user and your bot, you use one or more intents. For a pizza ordering bot, for example, you would create an **OrderPizza** intent.

To create an intent or replace an existing intent, you must provide the following:

- Intent name. For example, **OrderPizza**.
- Sample utterances. For example, "Can I order a pizza, please." and "I want to order a pizza."
- Information to be gathered. You specify slot types for the information that your bot will request from the user. You can specify standard slot types, such as a date or a time, or custom slot types such as the size and crust of a pizza.
- How the intent will be fulfilled. You can provide a Lambda function or configure the intent to return the intent information to the client application. If you use a Lambda function, when all of the intent information is available, Amazon Lex invokes your Lambda function. If you configure your intent to return the intent information to the client application.

You can specify other optional information in the request, such as:

- A confirmation prompt to ask the user to confirm an intent. For example, "Shall I order your pizza?"
- A conclusion statement to send to the user after the intent has been fulfilled. For example, "I placed your pizza order."
- A follow-up prompt that asks the user for additional activity. For example, asking "Do you want to order a drink with your pizza?"

If you specify an existing intent name to update the intent, Amazon Lex replaces the values in the **$LATEST** version of the intent with the values in the request. Amazon Lex removes fields that you don't provide in the request. If you don't specify the required fields, Amazon Lex throws an exception. When you update the **$LATEST** version of an intent, the **status** field of any bot that uses the **$LATEST** version of the intent is set to **NOT_BUILT**.

For more information, see [Amazon Lex: How It Works (p. 3)](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lex/latest/devguide/lex-intents.html).

This operation requires permissions for the **lex:PutIntent** action.

**Request Syntax**

```
PUT /intents/name/versions/$LATEST HTTP/1.1
Content-type: application/json

{
   "checksum": "string",
   "conclusionStatement": {
      "messages": [
         {
            "content": "string",
            "contentType": "string",
            "groupNumber": number
         }
      ],
      "responseCard": "string"
   },
   "confirmationPrompt": {
      "maxAttempts": number,
   
```
"messages": [
  {
    "content": "string",
    "contentType": "string",
    "groupNumber": number
  }
],
"responseCard": "string"
},
"createVersion": boolean,
"description": "string",
"dialogCodeHook": {
  "messageVersion": "string",
  "uri": "string"
},
"followUpPrompt": {
  "prompt": {
    "maxAttempts": number,
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number
      }
    ],
    "responseCard": "string"
  },
  "rejectionStatement": {
    "messages": [
      {
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number
      }
    ],
    "responseCard": "string"
  }
},
"fulfillmentActivity": {
  "codeHook": {
    "messageVersion": "string",
    "uri": "string"
  },
  "type": "string"
},
"parentIntentSignature": "string",
"rejectionStatement": {
  "messages": [
    {
      "content": "string",
      "contentType": "string",
      "groupNumber": number
    }
  ],
  "responseCard": "string"
},
"sampleUtterances": [ "string" ],
"slots": [
  {
    "description": "string",
    "name": "string",
    "obfuscationSetting": "string",
    "priority": number,
    "responseCard": "string",
    "sampleUtterances": [ "string" ],
    "slotConstraint": "string",
    "type": "string"
  }
]
"slotType": "string",
"slotTypeVersion": "string",
"valueElicitationPrompt": {
  "maxAttempts": number,
  "messages": [
    {
      "content": "string",
      "contentType": "string",
      "groupNumber": number
    }
  ],
  "responseCard": "string"
}
}
}

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

name (p. 343)

The name of the intent. The name is not case sensitive.

The name can't match a built-in intent name, or a built-in intent name with "AMAZON." removed. For example, because there is a built-in intent called `AMAZON.HelpIntent`, you can't create a custom intent called `HelpIntent`.

For a list of built-in intents, see Standard Built-in Intents in the Alexa Skills Kit.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$ 

Request Body

The request accepts the following data in JSON format.

checksum (p. 343)

Identifies a specific revision of the $LATEST version.

When you create a new intent, leave the checksum field blank. If you specify a checksum you get a BadRequestException exception.

When you want to update a intent, set the checksum field to the checksum of the most recent revision of the $LATEST version. If you don't specify the checksum field, or if the checksum does not match the $LATEST version, you get a PreconditionFailedException exception.

Type: String

Required: No

conclusionStatement (p. 343)

The statement that you want Amazon Lex to convey to the user after the intent is successfully fulfilled by the Lambda function.

This element is relevant only if you provide a Lambda function in the fulfillmentActivity. If you return the intent to the client application, you can't specify this element.
Note
The followUpPrompt and conclusionStatement are mutually exclusive. You can specify only one.

Type: Statement (p. 427) object
Required: No

confirmationPrompt (p. 343)

Prompts the user to confirm the intent. This question should have a yes or no answer.

Amazon Lex uses this prompt to ensure that the user acknowledges that the intent is ready for fulfillment. For example, with the OrderPizza intent, you might want to confirm that the order is correct before placing it. For other intents, such as intents that simply respond to user questions, you might not need to ask the user for confirmation before providing the information.

Note
You must provide both the rejectionStatement and the confirmationPrompt, or neither.

Type: Prompt (p. 418) object
Required: No

createVersion (p. 343)

When set to true a new numbered version of the intent is created. This is the same as calling the CreateIntentVersion operation. If you do not specify createVersion, the default is false.

Type: Boolean
Required: No

description (p. 343)

A description of the intent.

Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

Required: No

dialogCodeHook (p. 343)

Specifies a Lambda function to invoke for each user input. You can invoke this Lambda function to personalize user interaction.

For example, suppose your bot determines that the user is John. Your Lambda function might retrieve John’s information from a backend database and prepopulate some of the values. For example, if you find that John is gluten intolerant, you might set the corresponding intent slot, GlutenIntolerant, to true. You might find John’s phone number and set the corresponding session attribute.

Type: CodeHook (p. 404) object
Required: No

followUpPrompt (p. 343)

Amazon Lex uses this prompt to solicit additional activity after fulfilling an intent. For example, after the OrderPizza intent is fulfilled, you might prompt the user to order a drink.

The action that Amazon Lex takes depends on the user’s response, as follows:
• If the user says "Yes" it responds with the clarification prompt that is configured for the bot.
• If the user says "Yes" and continues with an utterance that triggers an intent it starts a conversation for the intent.
• If the user says "No" it responds with the rejection statement configured for the the follow-up prompt.
• If it doesn't recognize the utterance it repeats the follow-up prompt again.

The followUpPrompt field and the conclusionStatement field are mutually exclusive. You can specify only one.

Type: FollowUpPrompt (p. 408) object

Required: No

fulfillmentActivity (p. 343)

Required. Describes how the intent is fulfilled. For example, after a user provides all of the information for a pizza order, fulfillmentActivity defines how the bot places an order with a local pizza store.

You might configure Amazon Lex to return all of the intent information to the client application, or direct it to invoke a Lambda function that can process the intent (for example, place an order with a pizzeria).

Type: FulfillmentActivity (p. 409) object

Required: No

parentIntentSignature (p. 343)

A unique identifier for the built-in intent to base this intent on. To find the signature for an intent, see Standard Built-in Intents in the Alexa Skills Kit.

Type: String

Required: No

rejectionStatement (p. 343)

When the user answers "no" to the question defined in confirmationPrompt, Amazon Lex responds with this statement to acknowledge that the intent was canceled.

Note
You must provide both the rejectionStatement and the confirmationPrompt, or neither.

Type: Statement (p. 427) object

Required: No

sampleUtterances (p. 343)

An array of utterances (strings) that a user might say to signal the intent. For example, "I want {PizzaSize} pizza", "Order {Quantity} {PizzaSize} pizzas".

In each utterance, a slot name is enclosed in curly braces.

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 1500 items.

Required: No

slots (p. 343)

An array of intent slots. At runtime, Amazon Lex elicits required slot values from the user using prompts defined in the slots. For more information, see Amazon Lex: How It Works (p. 3).

Type: Array of Slot (p. 420) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 100 items.

Required: No

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{  
  "checksum": "string",
  "conclusionStatement": {  
    "messages": [  
      {  
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number  
      }  
    ],
    "responseCard": "string"
  },
  "confirmationPrompt": {  
    "maxAttempts": number,
    "messages": [  
      {  
        "content": "string",
        "contentType": "string",
        "groupNumber": number  
      }  
    ],
    "responseCard": "string"
  },
  "createdDate": number,
  "createVersion": boolean,
  "description": "string",
  "dialogCodeHook": {  
    "messageVersion": "string",
    "uri": "string"
  },
  "followUpPrompt": {  
    "prompt": {  
      "maxAttempts": number,
      "messages": [  
        {  
          "content": "string",
          "contentType": "string",
          "groupNumber": number  
        }  
      ],
      "responseCard": "string"
    },
    "rejectionStatement": {  
      "messages": [  
        {  
          "content": "string",
          "contentType": "string",
          "groupNumber": number  
        }  
      ],
      "responseCard": "string"
    }
  }
}
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

checksum (p. 348)

Checksum of the $LATEST$ version of the intent created or updated.
**conclusionStatement (p. 348)**

After the Lambda function specified in the fulfillmentActivity intent fulfills the intent, Amazon Lex conveys this statement to the user.

Type: Statement (p. 427) object

**confirmationPrompt (p. 348)**

If defined in the intent, Amazon Lex prompts the user to confirm the intent before fulfilling it.

Type: Prompt (p. 418) object

**createdDate (p. 348)**

The date that the intent was created.

Type: Timestamp

**createVersion (p. 348)**

True if a new version of the intent was created. If the createVersion field was not specified in the request, the createVersion field is set to false in the response.

Type: Boolean

**description (p. 348)**

A description of the intent.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

**dialogCodeHook (p. 348)**

If defined in the intent, Amazon Lex invokes this Lambda function for each user input.

Type: CodeHook (p. 404) object

**followUpPrompt (p. 348)**

If defined in the intent, Amazon Lex uses this prompt to solicit additional user activity after the intent is fulfilled.

Type: FollowUpPrompt (p. 408) object

**fulfillmentActivity (p. 348)**

If defined in the intent, Amazon Lex invokes this Lambda function to fulfill the intent after the user provides all of the information required by the intent.

Type: FulfillmentActivity (p. 409) object

**lastUpdatedDate (p. 348)**

The date that the intent was updated. When you create a resource, the creation date and last update dates are the same.

Type: Timestamp

**name (p. 348)**

The name of the intent.

Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

**parentIntentSignature (p. 348)**

A unique identifier for the built-in intent that this intent is based on.

Type: String

**rejectionStatement (p. 348)**

If the user answers "no" to the question defined in confirmationPrompt Amazon Lex responds with this statement to acknowledge that the intent was canceled.

Type: **Statement (p. 427) object**

**sampleUtterances (p. 348)**

An array of sample utterances that are configured for the intent.

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 1500 items.


**slots (p. 348)**

An array of intent slots that are configured for the intent.

Type: Array of **Slot (p. 420) objects**

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 100 items.

**version (p. 348)**

The version of the intent. For a new intent, the version is always $LATEST.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: \$LATEST\([0-9]+\)

**Errors**

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**ConflictException**

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 409

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500
LimitExceededException

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

PreconditionFailedException

The checksum of the resource that you are trying to change does not match the checksum in the request. Check the resource's checksum and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 412

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
**PutSlotType**  
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Creates a custom slot type or replaces an existing custom slot type.

To create a custom slot type, specify a name for the slot type and a set of enumeration values, which are the values that a slot of this type can assume. For more information, see *Amazon Lex: How It Works (p. 3).*

If you specify the name of an existing slot type, the fields in the request replace the existing values in the $LATEST version of the slot type. Amazon Lex removes the fields that you don't provide in the request. If you don't specify required fields, Amazon Lex throws an exception. When you update the $LATEST version of a slot type, if a bot uses the $LATEST version of an intent that contains the slot type, the bot's status field is set to NOT_BUILT.

This operation requires permissions for the lex:PutSlotType action.

**Request Syntax**

```json
PUT /slottypes/name/versions/$LATEST HTTP/1.1
Content-type: application/json

{
    "checksum": "string",
    "createVersion": boolean,
    "description": "string",
    "enumerationValues": [
        {
            "synonyms": [ "string" ],
            "value": "string"
        }
    ],
    "parentSlotTypeSignature": "string",
    "slotTypeConfigurations": [
        {
            "regexConfiguration": {
                "pattern": "string"
            }
        }
    ],
    "valueSelectionStrategy": "string"
}
```

**URI Request Parameters**

The request requires the following URI parameters.

**name (p. 353)**

The name of the slot type. The name is not case sensitive.

The name can't match a built-in slot type name, or a built-in slot type name with "AMAZON." removed. For example, because there is a built-in slot type called AMzn.DATE, you can’t create a custom slot type called DATE.

For a list of built-in slot types, see Slot Type Reference in the Alexa Skills Kit.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_\(\)?)+$
Request Body

The request accepts the following data in JSON format.

**checksum (p. 353)**

Identifies a specific revision of the $LATEST version.

When you create a new slot type, leave the checksum field blank. If you specify a checksum you get a BadRequestException exception.

When you want to update a slot type, set the checksum field to the checksum of the most recent revision of the $LATEST version. If you don't specify the checksum field, or if the checksum does not match the $LATEST version, you get a PreconditionFailedException exception.

Type: String

Required: No

**createVersion (p. 353)**

When set to true a new numbered version of the slot type is created. This is the same as calling the CreateSlotTypeVersion operation. If you do not specify createVersion, the default is false.

Type: Boolean

Required: No

**description (p. 353)**

A description of the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

Required: No

**enumerationValues (p. 353)**

A list of EnumerationValue objects that defines the values that the slot type can take. Each value can have a list of synonyms, which are additional values that help train the machine learning model about the values that it resolves for a slot.

When Amazon Lex resolves a slot value, it generates a resolution list that contains up to five possible values for the slot. If you are using a Lambda function, this resolution list is passed to the function. If you are not using a Lambda function you can choose to return the value that the user entered or the first value in the resolution list as the slot value. The valueSelectionStrategy field indicates the option to use.

Type: Array of EnumerationValue (p. 407) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 10000 items.

Required: No

**parentSlotTypeSignature (p. 353)**

The built-in slot type used as the parent of the slot type. When you define a parent slot type, the new slot type has all of the same configuration as the parent.

Only AMAZON.AlphaNumeric is supported.

Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^((AMAZON\.\.)?|[A-Za-z\._]+)

Required: No

slotTypeConfigurations (p. 353)

Configuration information that extends the parent built-in slot type. The configuration is added to the settings for the parent slot type.

Type: Array of SlotTypeConfiguration (p. 423) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 10 items.

Required: No

valueSelectionStrategy (p. 353)

Determines the slot resolution strategy that Amazon Lex uses to return slot type values. The field can be set to one of the following values:
- ORIGINAL_VALUE - Returns the value entered by the user, if the user value is similar to the slot value.
- TOP_RESOLUTION - If there is a resolution list for the slot, return the first value in the resolution list as the slot type value. If there is no resolution list, null is returned.

If you don't specify the valueSelectionStrategy, the default is ORIGINAL_VALUE.

Type: String

Valid Values: ORIGINAL_VALUE | TOP_RESOLUTION

Required: No

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{  
  "checksum": "string",
  "createdDate": number,
  "createVersion": boolean,
  "description": "string",
  "enumerationValues": [
    {  
      "synonyms": [ "string" ],
      "value": "string"
    }
  ],
  "lastUpdatedDate": number,
  "name": "string",
  "parentSlotTypeSignature": "string",
  "slotTypeConfigurations": [
    {  
      "regexConfiguration": {
        "pattern": "string"
      }
    }
  ],
  "valueSelectionStrategy": "string",
  "version": "string"  
}
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

checksum (p. 355)

Checksum of the $LATEST version of the slot type.

Type: String

createdDate (p. 355)

The date that the slot type was created.

Type: Timestamp

createVersion (p. 355)

True if a new version of the slot type was created. If the createVersion field was not specified in the request, the createVersion field is set to false in the response.

Type: Boolean

description (p. 355)

A description of the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

enumerationValues (p. 355)

A list of EnumerationValue objects that defines the values that the slot type can take.

Type: Array of EnumerationValue (p. 407) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 10000 items.

lastUpdatedDate (p. 355)

The date that the slot type was updated. When you create a slot type, the creation date and last update date are the same.

Type: Timestamp

name (p. 355)

The name of the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

parentSlotTypeSignature (p. 355)

The built-in slot type used as the parent of the slot type.

Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: \^((AMAZON\.)\_\?|[A-Za-z]\_\?)+

**slotTypeConfigurations (p. 355)**

Configuration information that extends the parent built-in slot type.

Type: Array of SlotTypeConfiguration (p. 423) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 10 items.

**valueSelectionStrategy (p. 355)**

The slot resolution strategy that Amazon Lex uses to determine the value of the slot. For more information, see PutSlotType (p. 353).

Type: String

Valid Values: ORIGINAL_VALUE | TOP_RESOLUTION

**version (p. 355)**

The version of the slot type. For a new slot type, the version is always $LATEST.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: \$LATEST|\d+\d+

**Errors**

**BadRequestException**

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**ConflictException**

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 409

**InternalFailureException**

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**PreconditionFailedException**

The checksum of the resource that you are trying to change does not match the checksum in the request. Check the resource's checksum and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 412
See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
StartImport
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Starts a job to import a resource to Amazon Lex.

Request Syntax

```plaintext
POST /imports/ HTTP/1.1
Content-type: application/json

{
    "mergeStrategy": "string",
    "payload": blob,
    "resourceType": "string",
    "tags": [
        {
            "key": "string",
            "value": "string"
        }
    ]
}
```

URI Request Parameters

The request does not use any URI parameters.

Request Body

The request accepts the following data in JSON format.

mergeStrategy (p. 359)

Specifies the action that the StartImport operation should take when there is an existing resource with the same name.

- **FAIL_ON_CONFLICT** - The import operation is stopped on the first conflict between a resource in the import file and an existing resource. The name of the resource causing the conflict is in the failureReason field of the response to the GetImport operation.

- **OVERWRITE_LATEST** - The import operation proceeds even if there is a conflict with an existing resource. The $LASTEST version of the existing resource is overwritten with the data from the import file.

Type: String

Valid Values: OVERWRITE_LATEST | FAIL_ON_CONFLICT

Required: Yes

payload (p. 359)

A zip archive in binary format. The archive should contain one file, a JSON file containing the resource to import. The resource should match the type specified in the resourceType field.

Type: Base64-encoded binary data object

Required: Yes

resourceType (p. 359)

Specifies the type of resource to export. Each resource also exports any resources that it depends on.
• A bot exports dependent intents.
• An intent exports dependent slot types.

Type: String

Valid Values: BOT | INTENT | SLOT_TYPE

Required: Yes

**tags (p. 359)**

A list of tags to add to the imported bot. You can only add tags when you import a bot, you can't add tags to an intent or slot type.

Type: Array of Tag (p. 428) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 1 item. Maximum number of 50 items.

Required: No

**Response Syntax**

HTTP/1.1 201
Content-type: application/json

```json
{
    "createdDate": number,
    "importId": "string",
    "importStatus": "string",
    "mergeStrategy": "string",
    "name": "string",
    "resourceType": "string",
    "tags": [
        {
            "key": "string",
            "value": "string"
        }
    ]
}
```

**Response Elements**

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 201 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

**createdDate (p. 360)**

A timestamp for the date and time that the import job was requested.

Type: Timestamp

**importId (p. 360)**

The identifier for the specific import job.

Type: String

**importStatus (p. 360)**

The status of the import job. If the status is FAILED, you can get the reason for the failure using the GetImport operation.
Type: String

Valid Values: IN_PROGRESS | COMPLETE | FAILED

mergeStrategy (p. 360)

The action to take when there is a merge conflict.

Type: String

Valid Values: OVERWRITE_LATEST | FAIL_ON_CONFLICT

name (p. 360)

The name given to the import job.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: [a-zA-Z_]+

resourceType (p. 360)

The type of resource to import.

Type: String

Valid Values: BOT | INTENT | SLOT_TYPE

tags (p. 360)

A list of tags added to the imported bot.

Type: Array of Tag (p. 428) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 50 items.

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
• AWS SDK for .NET
• AWS SDK for C++
• AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for JavaScript
• AWS SDK for PHP V3
• AWS SDK for Python
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
TagResource
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Adds the specified tags to the specified resource. If a tag key already exists, the existing value is replaced with the new value.

Request Syntax

```
POST /tags/resourceArn HTTP/1.1
Content-type: application/json

{  
  "tags": [  
    {  
      "key": "string",  
      "value": "string"  
    }  
  ]
}
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

resourceArn (p. 363)

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the bot, bot alias, or bot channel to tag.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 1011.

Request Body

The request accepts the following data in JSON format.

tags (p. 363)

A list of tag keys to add to the resource. If a tag key already exists, the existing value is replaced with the new value.

Type: Array of Tag (p. 428) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 1 item. Maximum number of 50 items.

Required: Yes

Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 204
```

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 204 response with an empty HTTP body.

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.
HTTP Status Code: 400

ConflictException

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 409

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

NotFoundException

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
UntagResource
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Removes tags from a bot, bot alias or bot channel.

Request Syntax

```
DELETE /tags/resourceArn?tagKeys=tagKeys HTTP/1.1
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

resourceArn (p. 365)

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the resource to remove the tags from.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 1011.

tagKeys (p. 365)

A list of tag keys to remove from the resource. If a tag key does not exist on the resource, it is ignored.

Array Members: Minimum number of 1 item. Maximum number of 50 items.


Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

```
HTTP/1.1 204
```

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 204 response with an empty HTTP body.

Errors

BadRequestException

The request is not well formed. For example, a value is invalid or a required field is missing. Check the field values, and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 400

ConflictException

There was a conflict processing the request. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 409

InternalFailureException

An internal Amazon Lex error occurred. Try your request again.
HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

The request exceeded a limit. Try your request again.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource specified in the request was not found. Check the resource and try again.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3

**Amazon Lex Runtime Service**

The following actions are supported by Amazon Lex Runtime Service:

- DeleteSession (p. 367)
- GetSession (p. 370)
- PostContent (p. 373)
- PostText (p. 381)
- PutSession (p. 388)
**DeleteSession**
Service: Amazon Lex Runtime Service

Removes session information for a specified bot, alias, and user ID.

**Request Syntax**

```
DELETE /bot/botName/alias/botAlias/user/userId/session HTTP/1.1
```

**URI Request Parameters**

The request requires the following URI parameters.

- **botAlias** (p. 367)
  
  The alias in use for the bot that contains the session data.

- **botName** (p. 367)
  
  The name of the bot that contains the session data.

- **userId** (p. 367)
  
  The identifier of the user associated with the session data.


  Pattern: [0-9a-zA-Z._:-]+

**Request Body**

The request does not have a request body.

**Response Syntax**

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
    "botAlias": "string",
    "botName": "string",
    "sessionId": "string",
    "userId": "string"
}
```

**Response Elements**

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

- **botAlias** (p. 367)
  
  The alias in use for the bot associated with the session data.

  Type: String

- **botName** (p. 367)
  
  The name of the bot associated with the session data.
Type: String

**sessionId (p. 367)**

The unique identifier for the session.

Type: String

**userId (p. 367)**

The ID of the client application user.

Type: String


Pattern: `[0-9a-zA-Z._:-]+`

**Errors**

**BadRequestException**

Request validation failed, there is no usable message in the context, or the bot build failed, is still in progress, or contains unbuilt changes.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**ConflictException**

Two clients are using the same AWS account, Amazon Lex bot, and user ID.

HTTP Status Code: 409

**InternalFailureException**

Internal service error. Retry the call.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

Exceeded a limit.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotFoundException**

The resource (such as the Amazon Lex bot or an alias) that is referred to is not found.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
GetSession
Service: Amazon Lex Runtime Service

Returns session information for a specified bot, alias, and user ID.

Request Syntax

GET /bot/botName/alias/botAlias/user/userId/session/?
checkpointLabelFilter=checkpointLabelFilter HTTP/1.1

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

**botAlias (p. 370)**

The alias in use for the bot that contains the session data.

**botName (p. 370)**

The name of the bot that contains the session data.

**checkpointLabelFilter (p. 370)**

A string used to filter the intents returned in the recentIntentSummaryView structure.

When you specify a filter, only intents with their checkpointLabel field set to that string are returned.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Pattern: [a-zA-Z0-9-]+

**userId (p. 370)**

The ID of the client application user. Amazon Lex uses this to identify a user's conversation with your bot.


Pattern: [0-9a-zA-Z._:-]+

Request Body

The request does not have a request body.

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
  "dialogAction": {
    "fulfillmentState": "string",
    "intentName": "string",
    "message": "string",
    "messageFormat": "string",
    "slots": {
      "string" : "string"
    },
    "slotToElicit": "string",
    "type": "string"
  }
}
Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

dialogAction (p. 370)

Describes the current state of the bot.

Type: DialogAction (p. 432) object

recentIntentSummaryView (p. 370)

An array of information about the intents used in the session. The array can contain a maximum of three summaries. If more than three intents are used in the session, the recentIntentSummaryView operation contains information about the last three intents used.

If you set the checkpointLabelFilter parameter in the request, the array contains only the intents with the specified label.

Type: Array of IntentSummary (p. 436) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 3 items.

sessionAttributes (p. 370)

Map of key/value pairs representing the session-specific context information. It contains application information passed between Amazon Lex and a client application.

Type: String to string map

sessionId (p. 370)

A unique identifier for the session.

Type: String

Errors

BadRequestException

Request validation failed, there is no usable message in the context, or the bot build failed, is still in progress, or contains unbuilt changes.
HTTP Status Code: 400
**InternalFailureException**
Internal service error. Retry the call.

HTTP Status Code: 500
**LimitExceededException**
Exceeded a limit.

HTTP Status Code: 429
**NotFoundException**
The resource (such as the Amazon Lex bot or an alias) that is referred to is not found.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**See Also**
For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
PostContent
Service: Amazon Lex Runtime Service

Sends user input (text or speech) to Amazon Lex. Clients use this API to send text and audio requests to Amazon Lex at runtime. Amazon Lex interprets the user input using the machine learning model that it built for the bot.

The PostContent operation supports audio input at 8kHz and 16kHz. You can use 8kHz audio to achieve higher speech recognition accuracy in telephone audio applications.

In response, Amazon Lex returns the next message to convey to the user. Consider the following example messages:

- For a user input "I would like a pizza," Amazon Lex might return a response with a message eliciting slot data (for example, PizzaSize): "What size pizza would you like?".
- After the user provides all of the pizza order information, Amazon Lex might return a response with a message to get user confirmation: "Order the pizza?".
- After the user replies "Yes" to the confirmation prompt, Amazon Lex might return a conclusion statement: "Thank you, your cheese pizza has been ordered."

Not all Amazon Lex messages require a response from the user. For example, conclusion statements do not require a response. Some messages require only a yes or no response. In addition to the message, Amazon Lex provides additional context about the message in the response that you can use to enhance client behavior, such as displaying the appropriate client user interface. Consider the following examples:

- If the message is to elicit slot data, Amazon Lex returns the following context information:
  - x-amz-lex-dialog-state header set to ElicitSlot
  - x-amz-lex-intent-name header set to the intent name in the current context
  - x-amz-lex-slot-to-elicit header set to the slot name for which the message is eliciting information
  - x-amz-lex-slots header set to a map of slots configured for the intent with their current values
- If the message is a confirmation prompt, the x-amz-lex-dialog-state header is set to Confirmation and the x-amz-lex-slot-to-elicit header is omitted.
- If the message is a clarification prompt configured for the intent, indicating that the user intent is not understood, the x-amz-dialog-state header is set to ElicitIntent and the x-amz-slot-to-elicit header is omitted.

In addition, Amazon Lex also returns your application-specific sessionAttributes. For more information, see Managing Conversation Context.

Request Syntax

```
POST /bot/botName/alias/botAlias/user/userId/content HTTP/1.1
x-amz-lex-session-attributes: sessionAttributes
x-amz-lex-request-attributes: requestAttributes
Content-Type: contentType
Accept: accept

inputStream
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.
accept (p. 373)

You pass this value as the `Accept` HTTP header.

The message Amazon Lex returns in the response can be either text or speech based on the `Accept` HTTP header value in the request.

- If the value is `text/plain; charset=utf-8`, Amazon Lex returns text in the response.
- If the value begins with `audio/`, Amazon Lex returns speech in the response. Amazon Lex uses Amazon Polly to generate the speech (using the configuration you specified in the `Accept` header). For example, if you specify `audio/mpeg` as the value, Amazon Lex returns speech in the MPEG format.
- If the value is `audio/pcm`, the speech returned is `audio/pcm` in 16-bit, little endian format.

The following are the accepted values:
- `audio/mpeg`
- `audio/ogg`
- `audio/pcm`
- `text/plain; charset=utf-8`
- `audio/*` (defaults to mpeg)

botAlias (p. 373)

Alias of the Amazon Lex bot.

botName (p. 373)

Name of the Amazon Lex bot.

contentType (p. 373)

You pass this value as the `Content-Type` HTTP header.

Indicates the audio format or text. The header value must start with one of the following prefixes:
- PCM format, audio data must be in little-endian byte order.
  - `audio/l16; rate=16000; channels=1`
  - `audio/x-l16; sample-rate=16000; channel-count=1`
  - `audio/lpcm; sample-rate=8000; sample-size-bits=16; channel-count=1; is-big-endian=false`
- Opus format
  - `audio/x-cbr-opus-with-preamble; preamble-size=0; bit-rate=256000; frame-size-milliseconds=4`
- Text format
  - `text/plain; charset=utf-8`

requestAttributes (p. 373)

You pass this value as the `x-amz-lex-request-attributes` HTTP header.

Request-specific information passed between Amazon Lex and a client application. The value must be a JSON serialized and base64 encoded map with string keys and values. The total size of the `requestAttributes` and `sessionAttributes` headers is limited to 12 KB.

The namespace `x-amz-lex:` is reserved for special attributes. Don’t create any request attributes with the prefix `x-amz-lex:`.

For more information, see Setting Request Attributes.

sessionAttributes (p. 373)

You pass this value as the `x-amz-lex-session-attributes` HTTP header.
Application-specific information passed between Amazon Lex and a client application. The value must be a JSON serialized and base64 encoded map with string keys and values. The total size of the sessionAttributes and requestAttributes headers is limited to 12 KB.

For more information, see Setting Session Attributes.

**userId (p. 373)**

The ID of the client application user. Amazon Lex uses this to identify a user's conversation with your bot. At runtime, each request must contain the userID field.

To decide the user ID to use for your application, consider the following factors.

- The userID field must not contain any personally identifiable information of the user, for example, name, personal identification numbers, or other end user personal information.
- If you want a user to start a conversation on one device and continue on another device, use a user-specific identifier.
- If you want the same user to be able to have two independent conversations on two different devices, choose a device-specific identifier.
- A user can't have two independent conversations with two different versions of the same bot. For example, a user can't have a conversation with the PROD and BETA versions of the same bot. If you anticipate that a user will need to have conversation with two different versions, for example, while testing, include the bot alias in the user ID to separate the two conversations.


Pattern: [0-9a-zA-Z._:-]+

**Request Body**

The request accepts the following binary data.

**inputStream (p. 373)**

User input in PCM or Opus audio format or text format as described in the Content-Type HTTP header.

You can stream audio data to Amazon Lex or you can create a local buffer that captures all of the audio data before sending. In general, you get better performance if you stream audio data rather than buffering the data locally.

**Response Syntax**

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-Type: contentType
x-amz-lex-intent-name: intentName
x-amz-lex-slots: slots
x-amz-lex-session-attributes: sessionAttributes
x-amz-lex-sentiment: sentimentResponse
x-amz-lex-message: message
x-amz-lex-message-format: messageFormat
x-amz-lex-dialog-state: dialogState
x-amz-lex-slot-to-elicit: slotToElicit
x-amz-lex-input-transcript: inputTranscript
x-amz-lex-session-id: sessionId
```

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Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The response returns the following HTTP headers.

**contentType (p. 375)**

Content type as specified in the Accept HTTP header in the request.

**dialogState (p. 375)**

Identifies the current state of the user interaction. Amazon Lex returns one of the following values as dialogState. The client can optionally use this information to customize the user interface.

- **ElicitIntent** - Amazon Lex wants to elicit the user's intent. Consider the following examples:
  
  For example, a user might utter an intent (“I want to order a pizza”). If Amazon Lex cannot infer the user intent from this utterance, it will return this dialog state.

- **ConfirmIntent** - Amazon Lex is expecting a "yes" or "no" response.
  
  For example, Amazon Lex wants user confirmation before fulfilling an intent. Instead of a simple "yes" or "no" response, a user might respond with additional information. For example, "yes, but make it a thick crust pizza" or "no, I want to order a drink." Amazon Lex can process such additional information (in these examples, update the crust type slot or change the intent from OrderPizza to OrderDrink).

- **ElicitSlot** - Amazon Lex is expecting the value of a slot for the current intent.
  
  For example, suppose that in the response Amazon Lex sends this message: "What size pizza would you like?". A user might reply with the slot value (e.g., "medium"). The user might also provide additional information in the response (e.g., "medium thick crust pizza"). Amazon Lex can process such additional information appropriately.

- **Fulfilled** - Conveys that the Lambda function has successfully fulfilled the intent.

- **ReadyForFulfillment** - Conveys that the client has to fulfill the request.

- **Failed** - Conveys that the conversation with the user failed.

  This can happen for various reasons, including that the user does not provide an appropriate response to prompts from the service (you can configure how many times Amazon Lex can prompt a user for specific information), or if the Lambda function fails to fulfill the intent.

**Valid Values:** ElicitIntent | ConfirmIntent | ElicitSlot | Fulfilled | ReadyForFulfillment | Failed

**inputTranscript (p. 375)**

The text used to process the request.

If the input was an audio stream, the inputTranscript field contains the text extracted from the audio stream. This is the text that is actually processed to recognize intents and slot values. You can use this information to determine if Amazon Lex is correctly processing the audio that you send.

**intentName (p. 375)**

Current user intent that Amazon Lex is aware of.

**message (p. 375)**

The message to convey to the user. The message can come from the bot's configuration or from a Lambda function.

If the intent is not configured with a Lambda function, or if the Lambda function returned Delegate as the dialogAction.type in its response, Amazon Lex decides on the next course
of action and selects an appropriate message from the bot's configuration based on the current interaction context. For example, if Amazon Lex isn't able to understand user input, it uses a clarification prompt message.

When you create an intent you can assign messages to groups. When messages are assigned to groups Amazon Lex returns one message from each group in the response. The message field is an escaped JSON string containing the messages. For more information about the structure of the JSON string returned, see Supported Message Formats (p. 15).

If the Lambda function returns a message, Amazon Lex passes it to the client in its response.


**messageFormat (p. 375)**

The format of the response message. One of the following values:

- **PlainText** - The message contains plain UTF-8 text.
- **CustomPayload** - The message is a custom format for the client.
- **SSML** - The message contains text formatted for voice output.
- **Composite** - The message contains an escaped JSON object containing one or more messages from the groups that messages were assigned to when the intent was created.

Valid Values: PlainText | CustomPayload | SSML | Composite

**sentimentResponse (p. 375)**

The sentiment expressed in and utterance.

When the bot is configured to send utterances to Amazon Comprehend for sentiment analysis, this field contains the result of the analysis.

**sessionAttributes (p. 375)**

Map of key/value pairs representing the session-specific context information.

**sessionId (p. 375)**

The unique identifier for the session.

**slots (p. 375)**

Map of zero or more intent slots (name/value pairs) Amazon Lex detected from the user input during the conversation. The field is base-64 encoded.

Amazon Lex creates a resolution list containing likely values for a slot. The value that it returns is determined by the `valueSelectionStrategy` selected when the slot type was created or updated. If `valueSelectionStrategy` is set to **ORIGINAL_VALUE**, the value provided by the user is returned, if the user value is similar to the slot values. If `valueSelectionStrategy` is set to **TOP_RESOLUTION** Amazon Lex returns the first value in the resolution list or, if there is no resolution list, null. If you don't specify a `valueSelectionStrategy`, the default is **ORIGINAL_VALUE**.

**slotToElicit (p. 375)**

If the `dialogState` value is **ElicitSlot**, returns the name of the slot for which Amazon Lex is eliciting a value.

The response returns the following as the HTTP body.

**audioStream (p. 375)**

The prompt (or statement) to convey to the user. This is based on the bot configuration and context. For example, if Amazon Lex did not understand the user intent, it sends the
clarificationPrompt configured for the bot. If the intent requires confirmation before taking
the fulfillment action, it sends the confirmationPrompt. Another example: Suppose that the
Lambda function successfully fulfilled the intent, and sent a message to convey to the user. Then
Amazon Lex sends that message in the response.

Errors

BadGatewayException

Either the Amazon Lex bot is still building, or one of the dependent services (Amazon Polly, AWS
Lambda) failed with an internal service error.

HTTP Status Code: 502

BadRequestException

Request validation failed, there is no usable message in the context, or the bot build failed, is still in
progress, or contains unbuilt changes.

HTTP Status Code: 400

ConflictException

Two clients are using the same AWS account, Amazon Lex bot, and user ID.

HTTP Status Code: 409

DependencyFailedException

One of the dependencies, such as AWS Lambda or Amazon Polly, threw an exception. For example,
• If Amazon Lex does not have sufficient permissions to call a Lambda function.
• If a Lambda function takes longer than 30 seconds to execute.
• If a fulfillment Lambda function returns a Delegate dialog action without removing any slot
  values.

HTTP Status Code: 424

InternalFailureException

Internal service error. Retry the call.

HTTP Status Code: 500

LimitExceededException

Exceeded a limit.

HTTP Status Code: 429

LoopDetectedException

This exception is not used.

HTTP Status Code: 508

NotAcceptableException

The accept header in the request does not have a valid value.

HTTP Status Code: 406

NotFoundException

The resource (such as the Amazon Lex bot or an alias) that is referred to is not found.
HTTP Status Code: 404
RequestTimeoutException

The input speech is too long.

HTTP Status Code: 408
UnsupportedMediaTypeException

The Content-Type header (for PostContent API) has an invalid value.

HTTP Status Code: 415

Example

Example 1

In this request, the URI identifies a bot (Traffic), bot version (latest), and end user name (someuser). The Content-Type header identifies the format of the audio in the body. Amazon Lex also supports other formats. To convert audio from one format to another, if necessary, you can use SoX open source software. You specify the format in which you want to get the response by adding the Accept HTTP header.

In the response, the x-amz-lex-message header shows the response that Amazon Lex returned. The client can then send this response to the user. The same message is sent in audio/MPEG format through chunked encoding (as requested).

Sample Request

```
"POST /bot/Traffic/alias/$LATEST/user/someuser/content HTTP/1.1\[\r\n\]
"x-amzn-lex-session-attributes: eyJ1c2VyTmFtZSI6IkJvYiJ9\[\r\n\]
"Content-Type: audio/x-l16; channel-count=1; sample-rate=16000f\[\r\n\n"
"Accept: audio/mpeg\[\r\n\n"
"Host: runtime.lex.us-east-1.amazonaws.com\[\r\n\n"
"Authorization: AWS4-HMAC-SHA256 Credential=BLANKED_OUT/20161230/us-east-1/lex/aws4_request, SignedHeaders=accept;content-type;host;x-amz-content-sha256;x-amz-date;x-amz-lex-session-attributes, Signature=78ca5b54ea3f64a17ff7522de02cd90a9acdd365b45a9e9b96e105bb17ec2[\r
"X-Amz-Date: 20161230T181426Z[\r\n\n"
"X-Amz-Content-Sha256: e3b0c44298fc1c149afbf4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855[\r
"Transfer-Encoding: chunked[\r\n"
"Connection: Keep-Alive[\r\n"
"User-Agent: Apache-HttpClient/4.5.x (Java/1.8.0_112)[\r\n"
"Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate[\r\n"
"[\r\n"
"1000[\r\n"
"[0x7][0x0][0x7][0x0][\n"
"[0x0][0x7][0x0][0xff][0xff][\n"
"[0x0][\n"
```

Sample Response

```
"HTTP/1.1 200 OK[\r]\n"
"x-amzn-RequestId: cc8b34af-cebb-11e6-a35c-55f3a992f28d[\r]\n"
"x-amzn-lex-message: Sorry, can you repeat that?[\r]\n"
"x-amzn-lex-dialog-state: ElicitIntent[\r]\n"
"x-amzn-lex-session-attributes: eyJ1c2VyTmFtZSI6IkJvYiJ9\[\r\n\n"
"Content-Type: audio/mpeg\[\r\n\n"
```
See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
PostText
Service: Amazon Lex Runtime Service

Sends user input to Amazon Lex. Client applications can use this API to send requests to Amazon Lex at runtime. Amazon Lex then interprets the user input using the machine learning model it built for the bot.

In response, Amazon Lex returns the next message to convey to the user an optional responseCard to display. Consider the following example messages:

- For a user input "I would like a pizza", Amazon Lex might return a response with a message eliciting slot data (for example, PizzaSize): "What size pizza would you like?"
- After the user provides all of the pizza order information, Amazon Lex might return a response with a message to obtain user confirmation "Proceed with the pizza order?".
- After the user replies to a confirmation prompt with a "yes", Amazon Lex might return a conclusion statement: "Thank you, your cheese pizza has been ordered."

Not all Amazon Lex messages require a user response. For example, a conclusion statement does not require a response. Some messages require only a "yes" or "no" user response. In addition to the message, Amazon Lex provides additional context about the message in the response that you might use to enhance client behavior, for example, to display the appropriate client user interface. These are the slotToElicit, dialogState, intentName, and slots fields in the response. Consider the following examples:

- If the message is to elicit slot data, Amazon Lex returns the following context information:
  - dialogState set to ElicitSlot
  - intentName set to the intent name in the current context
  - slotToElicit set to the slot name for which the message is eliciting information
  - slots set to a map of slots, configured for the intent, with currently known values
- If the message is a confirmation prompt, the dialogState is set to ConfirmIntent and slotToElicit is set to null.
- If the message is a clarification prompt (configured for the intent) that indicates that user intent is not understood, the dialogState is set to ElicitIntent and slotToElicit is set to null.

In addition, Amazon Lex also returns your application-specific sessionAttributes. For more information, see Managing Conversation Context.

Request Syntax

```
POST /bot/botName/alias/botAlias/user/userId/text HTTP/1.1
Content-type: application/json

{
  "inputText": "string",
  "requestAttributes": {
    "string": "string"
  },
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "string": "string"
  }
}
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.
botAlias (p. 381)

The alias of the Amazon Lex bot.

botName (p. 381)

The name of the Amazon Lex bot.

userId (p. 381)

The ID of the client application user. Amazon Lex uses this to identify a user's conversation with your bot. At runtime, each request must contain the userID field.

To decide the user ID to use for your application, consider the following factors.

• The userID field must not contain any personally identifiable information of the user, for example, name, personal identification numbers, or other end user personal information.
• If you want a user to start a conversation on one device and continue on another device, use a user-specific identifier.
• If you want the same user to be able to have two independent conversations on two different devices, choose a device-specific identifier.
• A user can't have two independent conversations with two different versions of the same bot. For example, a user can't have a conversation with the PROD and BETA versions of the same bot. If you anticipate that a user will need to have conversation with two different versions, for example, while testing, include the bot alias in the user ID to separate the two conversations.


Pattern: [0-9a-zA-Z._:-]+

Request Body

The request accepts the following data in JSON format.

inputText (p. 381)

The text that the user entered (Amazon Lex interprets this text).

When you are using the AWS CLI, you can't pass a URL in the --input-text parameter. Pass the URL using the --cli-input-json parameter instead.

Type: String


Required: Yes

requestAttributes (p. 381)

Request-specific information passed between Amazon Lex and a client application.

The namespace x-amz-lex is reserved for special attributes. Don't create any request attributes with the prefix x-amz-lex:.

For more information, see Setting Request Attributes.

Type: String to string map

Required: No

sessionAttributes (p. 381)

Application-specific information passed between Amazon Lex and a client application.
For more information, see Setting Session Attributes.

Type: String to string map

Required: No

Response Syntax

HTTP/1.1 200
Content-type: application/json

{
  "dialogState": "string",
  "intentName": "string",
  "message": "string",
  "messageFormat": "string",
  "responseCard": {
    "contentType": "string",
    "genericAttachments": [
      {
        "attachmentLinkUrl": "string",
        "buttons": [
          {
            "text": "string",
            "value": "string"
          }
        ],
        "imageUrl": "string",
        "subTitle": "string",
        "title": "string"
      }
    ],
    "version": "string"
  },
  "sentimentResponse": {
    "sentimentLabel": "string",
    "sentimentScore": "string"
  },
  "sessionAttributes": {
    "String": "string"
  },
  "sessionId": "string",
  "slots": {
    "String": "string"
  },
  "slotToElicit": "string"
}

Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The following data is returned in JSON format by the service.

dialogState (p. 383)

Identifies the current state of the user interaction. Amazon Lex returns one of the following values as dialogState. The client can optionally use this information to customize the user interface.

- ElicitIntent - Amazon Lex wants to elicit user intent.

  For example, a user might utter an intent ("I want to order a pizza"). If Amazon Lex cannot infer the user intent from this utterance, it will return this dialogState.
- **ConfirmIntent** - Amazon Lex is expecting a "yes" or "no" response.

  For example, Amazon Lex wants user confirmation before fulfilling an intent.

  Instead of a simple "yes" or "no," a user might respond with additional information. For example, "yes, but make it thick crust pizza" or "no, I want to order a drink". Amazon Lex can process such additional information (in these examples, update the crust type slot value, or change intent from OrderPizza to OrderDrink).

- **ElicitSlot** - Amazon Lex is expecting a slot value for the current intent.

  For example, suppose that in the response Amazon Lex sends this message: "What size pizza would you like?". A user might reply with the slot value (e.g., "medium"). The user might also provide additional information in the response (e.g., "medium thick crust pizza"). Amazon Lex can process such additional information appropriately.

- **Fulfilled** - Conveys that the Lambda function configured for the intent has successfully fulfilled the intent.

- **ReadyForFulfillment** - Conveys that the client has to fulfill the intent.

- **Failed** - Conveys that the conversation with the user failed.

  This can happen for various reasons including that the user did not provide an appropriate response to prompts from the service (you can configure how many times Amazon Lex can prompt a user for specific information), or the Lambda function failed to fulfill the intent.

  Type: String

  Valid Values: ElicitIntent | ConfirmIntent | ElicitSlot | Fulfilled | ReadyForFulfillment | Failed

**intentName (p. 383)**

The current user intent that Amazon Lex is aware of.

Type: String

**message (p. 383)**

The message to convey to the user. The message can come from the bot's configuration or from a Lambda function.

If the intent is not configured with a Lambda function, or if the Lambda function returned Delegate as the dialogAction.type its response, Amazon Lex decides on the next course of action and selects an appropriate message from the bot's configuration based on the current interaction context. For example, if Amazon Lex isn't able to understand user input, it uses a clarification prompt message.

When you create an intent you can assign messages to groups. When messages are assigned to groups Amazon Lex returns one message from each group in the response. The message field is an escaped JSON string containing the messages. For more information about the structure of the JSON string returned, see Supported Message Formats (p. 15).

If the Lambda function returns a message, Amazon Lex passes it to the client in its response.

Type: String


**messageFormat (p. 383)**

The format of the response message. One of the following values:

- **PlainText** - The message contains plain UTF-8 text.
- **CustomPayload** - The message is a custom format defined by the Lambda function.
• **SSML** - The message contains text formatted for voice output.
• **Composite** - The message contains an escaped JSON object containing one or more messages from the groups that messages were assigned to when the intent was created.

Type: String

Valid Values: PlainText | CustomPayload | SSML | Composite

**responseCard (p. 383)**

Represents the options that the user has to respond to the current prompt. Response Card can come from the bot configuration (in the Amazon Lex console, choose the settings button next to a slot) or from a code hook (Lambda function).

Type: `ResponseCard (p. 438)` object

**sentimentResponse (p. 383)**

The sentiment expressed in and utterance.

When the bot is configured to send utterances to Amazon Comprehend for sentiment analysis, this field contains the result of the analysis.

Type: `SentimentResponse (p. 439)` object

**sessionAttributes (p. 383)**

A map of key-value pairs representing the session-specific context information.

Type: String to string map

**sessionId (p. 383)**

A unique identifier for the session.

Type: String

**slots (p. 383)**

The intent slots that Amazon Lex detected from the user input in the conversation.

Amazon Lex creates a resolution list containing likely values for a slot. The value that it returns is determined by the `valueSelectionStrategy` selected when the slot type was created or updated. If `valueSelectionStrategy` is set to `ORIGINAL_VALUE`, the value provided by the user is returned, if the user value is similar to the slot values. If `valueSelectionStrategy` is set to `TOP_RESOLUTION` Amazon Lex returns the first value in the resolution list or, if there is no resolution list, null. If you don't specify a `valueSelectionStrategy`, the default is `ORIGINAL_VALUE`.

Type: String to string map

**slotToElicit (p. 383)**

If the `dialogState` value is `ElicitSlot`, returns the name of the slot for which Amazon Lex is eliciting a value.

Type: String

**Errors**

**BadGatewayException**

Either the Amazon Lex bot is still building, or one of the dependent services (Amazon Polly, AWS Lambda) failed with an internal service error.
HTTP Status Code: 502

**BadRequestException**

Request validation failed, there is no usable message in the context, or the bot build failed, is still in progress, or contains unbuilt changes.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**ConflictException**

Two clients are using the same AWS account, Amazon Lex bot, and user ID.

HTTP Status Code: 409

**DependencyFailedException**

One of the dependencies, such as AWS Lambda or Amazon Polly, threw an exception. For example,

- If Amazon Lex does not have sufficient permissions to call a Lambda function.
- If a Lambda function takes longer than 30 seconds to execute.
- If a fulfillment Lambda function returns a `Delegate` dialog action without removing any slot values.

HTTP Status Code: 424

**InternalFailureException**

Internal service error. Retry the call.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

Exceeded a limit.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**LoopDetectedException**

This exception is not used.

HTTP Status Code: 508

**NotFoundException**

The resource (such as the Amazon Lex bot or an alias) that is referred to is not found.

HTTP Status Code: 404

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
PutSession
Service: Amazon Lex Runtime Service

Creates a new session or modifies an existing session with an Amazon Lex bot. Use this operation to enable your application to set the state of the bot.

For more information, see Managing Sessions.

Request Syntax

POST /bot/botName/alias/botAlias/user/userId/session HTTP/1.1
Accept: accept
Content-type: application/json

```json
{
    "dialogAction": {
        "fulfillmentState": "string",
        "intentName": "string",
        "message": "string",
        "messageFormat": "string",
        "slots": {
            "string": "string"
        },
        "slotToElicit": "string",
        "type": "string"
    },
    "recentIntentSummaryView": [
        {
            "checkpointLabel": "string",
            "confirmationStatus": "string",
            "dialogActionType": "string",
            "fulfillmentState": "string",
            "intentName": "string",
            "slots": {
                "string": "string"
            },
            "slotToElicit": "string"
        }
    ],
    "sessionAttributes": {
        "string": "string"
    }
}
```

URI Request Parameters

The request requires the following URI parameters.

accept (p. 388)

The message that Amazon Lex returns in the response can be either text or speech based depending on the value of this field.

- If the value is text/plain; charset=utf-8, Amazon Lex returns text in the response.
- If the value begins with audio/, Amazon Lex returns speech in the response. Amazon Lex uses Amazon Polly to generate the speech in the configuration that you specify. For example, if you specify audio/mpeg as the value, Amazon Lex returns speech in the MPEG format.
- If the value is audio/pcm, the speech is returned as audio/pcm in 16-bit, little endian format.
- The following are the accepted values:
  - audio/mpeg
- audio/ogg
- audio/pcm
- audio/* (defaults to mpeg)
- text/plain; charset=utf-8

**botAlias (p. 388)**

The alias in use for the bot that contains the session data.

**botName (p. 388)**

The name of the bot that contains the session data.

**userId (p. 388)**

The ID of the client application user. Amazon Lex uses this to identify a user's conversation with your bot.


Pattern: `[0-9a-zA-Z._:-]+`

**Request Body**

The request accepts the following data in JSON format.

**dialogAction (p. 388)**

Sets the next action that the bot should take to fulfill the conversation.

Type: `DialogAction (p. 432)` object

Required: No

**recentIntentSummaryView (p. 388)**

A summary of the recent intents for the bot. You can use the intent summary view to set a checkpoint label on an intent and modify attributes of intents. You can also use it to remove or add intent summary objects to the list.

An intent that you modify or add to the list must make sense for the bot. For example, the intent name must be valid for the bot. You must provide valid values for:

- `intentName`
- `slot names`
- `slotToElicit`

If you send the `recentIntentSummaryView` parameter in a `PutSession` request, the contents of the new summary view replaces the old summary view. For example, if a `GetSession` request returns three intents in the summary view and you call `PutSession` with one intent in the summary view, the next call to `GetSession` will only return one intent.

Type: Array of `IntentSummary (p. 436)` objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 3 items.

Required: No

**sessionAttributes (p. 388)**

Map of key/value pairs representing the session-specific context information. It contains application information passed between Amazon Lex and a client application.
Type: String to string map

Required: No

Response Syntax

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>HTTP/1.1 200</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Content-Type: contentType</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>x-amz-lex-intent-name: intentName</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>x-amz-lex-slots: slots</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>x-amz-lex-session-attributes: sessionAttributes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>x-amz-lex-message: message</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>x-amz-lex-message-format: messageFormat</td>
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Response Elements

If the action is successful, the service sends back an HTTP 200 response.

The response returns the following HTTP headers.

**contentType (p. 390)**

Content type as specified in the Accept HTTP header in the request.

**dialogState (p. 390)**

- ConfirmIntent - Amazon Lex is expecting a "yes" or "no" response to confirm the intent before fulfilling an intent.
- ElicitIntent - Amazon Lex wants to elicit the user's intent.
- ElicitSlot - Amazon Lex is expecting the value of a slot for the current intent.
- Failed - Conveys that the conversation with the user has failed. This can happen for various reasons, including the user does not provide an appropriate response to prompts from the service, or if the Lambda function fails to fulfill the intent.
- Fulfilled - Conveys that the Lambda function has successfully fulfilled the intent.
- ReadyForFulfillment - Conveys that the client has to fulfill the intent.

Valid Values: ElicitIntent | ConfirmIntent | ElicitSlot | Fulfilled | ReadyForFulfillment | Failed

**intentName (p. 390)**

The name of the current intent.

**message (p. 390)**

The next message that should be presented to the user.


**messageFormat (p. 390)**

The format of the response message. One of the following values:

- PlainText - The message contains plain UTF-8 text.
- CustomPayload - The message is a custom format for the client.
- SSML - The message contains text formatted for voice output.
- **Composite** - The message contains an escaped JSON object containing one or more messages from the groups that messages were assigned to when the intent was created.

  Valid Values: PlainText | CustomPayload | SSML | Composite

**sessionAttributes (p. 390)**

- Map of key/value pairs representing session-specific context information.

**sessionId (p. 390)**

- A unique identifier for the session.

**slots (p. 390)**

- Map of zero or more intent slots Amazon Lex detected from the user input during the conversation.

  Amazon Lex creates a resolution list containing likely values for a slot. The value that it returns is determined by the valueSelectionStrategy selected when the slot type was created or updated. If valueSelectionStrategy is set to ORIGINAL_VALUE, the value provided by the user is returned, if the user value is similar to the slot values. If valueSelectionStrategy is set to TOP_RESOLUTION Amazon Lex returns the first value in the resolution list or, if there is no resolution list, null. If you don't specify a valueSelectionStrategy the default is ORIGINAL_VALUE.

**slotToElicit (p. 390)**

- If the dialogState is ElicitSlot, returns the name of the slot for which Amazon Lex is eliciting a value.

The response returns the following as the HTTP body.

**audioStream (p. 390)**

- The audio version of the message to convey to the user.

**Errors**

**BadGatewayException**

- Either the Amazon Lex bot is still building, or one of the dependent services (Amazon Polly, AWS Lambda) failed with an internal service error.

  HTTP Status Code: 502

**BadRequestException**

- Request validation failed, there is no usable message in the context, or the bot build failed, is still in progress, or contains unbuilt changes.

  HTTP Status Code: 400

**ConflictException**

- Two clients are using the same AWS account, Amazon Lex bot, and user ID.

  HTTP Status Code: 409

**DependencyFailedException**

- One of the dependencies, such as AWS Lambda or Amazon Polly, threw an exception. For example,
  - If Amazon Lex does not have sufficient permissions to call a Lambda function.
  - If a Lambda function takes longer than 30 seconds to execute.
• If a fulfillment Lambda function returns a Delegate dialog action without removing any slot values.

HTTP Status Code: 424

**InternalFailureException**

Internal service error. Retry the call.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**LimitExceededException**

Exceeded a limit.

HTTP Status Code: 429

**NotAcceptableException**

The accept header in the request does not have a valid value.

HTTP Status Code: 406

**NotFoundException**

The resource (such as the Amazon Lex bot or an alias) that is referred to is not found.

HTTP Status Code: 404

### See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3

### Data Types

The following data types are supported by Amazon Lex Model Building Service:

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The following data types are supported by Amazon Lex Runtime Service:

• Button (p. 431)
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**BotAliasMetadata**
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides information about a bot alias.

**Contents**

*botName*

The name of the bot to which the alias points.

Type: String


Pattern: `^[A-Za-z_]+$`

Required: No

*botVersion*

The version of the Amazon Lex bot to which the alias points.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: `\$LATEST|\[0-9]+`

Required: No

*checksum*

Checksum of the bot alias.

Type: String

Required: No

*conversationLogs*

Settings that determine how Amazon Lex uses conversation logs for the alias.

Type: `ConversationLogsResponse (p. 406)` object

Required: No

*createdDate*

The date that the bot alias was created.

Type: Timestamp

Required: No

*description*

A description of the bot alias.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

Required: No
lastUpdatedDate

The date that the bot alias was updated. When you create a resource, the creation date and last updated date are the same.

Type: Timestamp

Required: No

name

The name of the bot alias.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_\-\_]\_)?$ 

Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
BotChannelAssociation
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Represents an association between an Amazon Lex bot and an external messaging platform.

Contents

botAlias

An alias pointing to the specific version of the Amazon Lex bot to which this association is being made.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]+_?)+$  

Required: No

botConfiguration

Provides information necessary to communicate with the messaging platform.

Type: String to string map

Required: No

botName

The name of the Amazon Lex bot to which this association is being made.

Note

Currently, Amazon Lex supports associations with Facebook and Slack, and Twilio.

Type: String


Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]+_?)+$  

Required: No

createdDate

The date that the association between the Amazon Lex bot and the channel was created.

Type: Timestamp

Required: No

description

A text description of the association you are creating.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.

Required: No

failureReason

If status is FAILED, Amazon Lex provides the reason that it failed to create the association.
Type: String
Required: No

**name**

The name of the association between the bot and the channel.

Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$

Required: No

**status**

The status of the bot channel.

- **CREATED** - The channel has been created and is ready for use.
- **IN_PROGRESS** - Channel creation is in progress.
- **FAILED** - There was an error creating the channel. For information about the reason for the failure, see the failureReason field.

Type: String
Valid Values: IN_PROGRESS | CREATED | FAILED

Required: No

**type**

Specifies the type of association by indicating the type of channel being established between the Amazon Lex bot and the external messaging platform.

Type: String
Valid Values: Facebook | Slack | Twilio-Sms | Kik

Required: No

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
BotMetadata
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides information about a bot.

Contents

createdDate

The date that the bot was created.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No
description

A description of the bot.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.
Required: No
lastUpdatedDate

The date that the bot was updated. When you create a bot, the creation date and last updated date are the same.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No
name

The name of the bot.
Type: String
Pattern: ^([A-Za-z]_?)+$
Required: No
status

The status of the bot.
Type: String
Valid Values: BUILDING | READY | READY_BASIC_TESTING | FAILED | NOT_BUILT
Required: No
version

The version of the bot. For a new bot, the version is always $LATEST.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
Pattern: \$LATEST|\d+$
Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3


**BuiltInIntentMetadata**

Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides metadata for a built-in intent.

**Contents**

`signature`

A unique identifier for the built-in intent. To find the signature for an intent, see Standard Built-in Intents in the Alexa Skills Kit.

- Type: String
- Required: No

`supportedLocales`

A list of identifiers for the locales that the intent supports.

- Type: Array of strings
- Valid Values: en-US
- Required: No

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
BuiltInIntentSlot
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides information about a slot used in a built-in intent.

Contents

name

A list of the slots defined for the intent.

Type: String
Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
BuiltInSlotTypeMetadata
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides information about a built in slot type.

Contents

signature

A unique identifier for the built-in slot type. To find the signature for a slot type, see Slot Type Reference in the Alexa Skills Kit.

Type: String
Required: No

supportedLocales

A list of target locales for the slot.

Type: Array of strings
Valid Values: en-US
Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
CodeHook
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Specifies a Lambda function that verifies requests to a bot or fulfills the user's request to a bot.

Contents

messageVersion

The version of the request-response that you want Amazon Lex to use to invoke your Lambda function. For more information, see Using Lambda Functions (p. 120).

Type: String


Required: Yes

uri

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the Lambda function.

Type: String


Pattern: arn:aws:lambda:[a-z]+-[a-z]+-[0-9]:[0-9](12):function:[a-zA-Z0-9-]+(/[0-9a-f]{8}:[0-9a-f]{4}:[0-9a-f]{4}-[0-9a-f]{4}-[0-9a-f]{12}):?([a-zA-Z0-9-]+)?

Required: Yes

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
**ConversationLogsRequest**  
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides the settings needed for conversation logs.

**Contents**

**iamRoleArn**

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of an IAM role with permission to write to your CloudWatch Logs for text logs and your S3 bucket for audio logs. If audio encryption is enabled, this role also provides access permission for the AWS KMS key used for encrypting audio logs. For more information, see [Creating an IAM Role and Policy for Conversation Logs](#).

Type: String


Pattern: `^arn:[\w\-]+:iam::[\d]{12}:role/[^\w+=,.@\-\{1,64}$`

Required: Yes

**logSettings**

The settings for your conversation logs. You can log the conversation text, conversation audio, or both.

Type: Array of [LogSettingsRequest](#) objects

Required: Yes

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
**ConversationLogsResponse**  
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Contains information about conversation log settings.

**Contents**

**iamRoleArn**

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the IAM role used to write your logs to CloudWatch Logs or an S3 bucket.

Type: String  
Pattern: `^arn:[\w-]+:iam::[\d]{12}:role/[^\w=,\.-]1,64}$`

Required: No

**logSettings**

The settings for your conversation logs. You can log text, audio, or both.

Type: Array of LogSettingsResponse (p. 415) objects

Required: No

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
**EnumerationValue**  
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Each slot type can have a set of values. Each enumeration value represents a value the slot type can take. For example, a pizza ordering bot could have a slot type that specifies the type of crust that the pizza should have. The slot type could include the values

- thick
- thin
- stuffed

**Contents**

**synonyms**

Additional values related to the slot type value.

Type: Array of strings

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 140.

Required: No

**value**

The value of the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 140.

Required: Yes

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
FollowUpPrompt
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

A prompt for additional activity after an intent is fulfilled. For example, after the OrderPizza intent is fulfilled, you might prompt the user to find out whether the user wants to order drinks.

Contents

prompt

Prompts for information from the user.

Type: Prompt (p. 418) object

Required: Yes

rejectionStatement

If the user answers "no" to the question defined in the prompt field, Amazon Lex responds with this statement to acknowledge that the intent was canceled.

Type: Statement (p. 427) object

Required: Yes

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
FulfillmentActivity
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Describes how the intent is fulfilled after the user provides all of the information required for the intent. You can provide a Lambda function to process the intent, or you can return the intent information to the client application. We recommend that you use a Lambda function so that the relevant logic lives in the Cloud and limit the client-side code primarily to presentation. If you need to update the logic, you only update the Lambda function; you don't need to upgrade your client application.

Consider the following examples:

• In a pizza ordering application, after the user provides all of the information for placing an order, you use a Lambda function to place an order with a pizzeria.
• In a gaming application, when a user says "pick up a rock," this information must go back to the client application so that it can perform the operation and update the graphics. In this case, you want Amazon Lex to return the intent data to the client.

Contents

codeHook
A description of the Lambda function that is run to fulfill the intent.

Type: CodeHook (p. 404) object

Required: No

type
How the intent should be fulfilled, either by running a Lambda function or by returning the slot data to the client application.

Type: String

Valid Values: ReturnIntent | CodeHook

Required: Yes

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

• AWS SDK for C++
• AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
Intent
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service
Identifies the specific version of an intent.

Contents

intentName

The name of the intent.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.
Pattern: \^[A-Za-z0-9_]*\$
Required: Yes

intentVersion

The version of the intent.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
Pattern: \$LATEST|[0-9]+\$\nRequired: Yes

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
IntentMetadata
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides information about an intent.

Contents

createdDate

The date that the intent was created.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No

description

A description of the intent.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.
Required: No

lastUpdatedDate

The date that the intent was updated. When you create an intent, the creation date and last updated
date are the same.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No

name

The name of the intent.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.
Pattern: ^([A-Za-z\_]?)+$
Required: No

version

The version of the intent.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
Pattern: \$LATEST|[0-9]+
Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
• AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
LogSettingsRequest

Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Settings used to configure delivery mode and destination for conversation logs.

Contents

destination

Where the logs will be delivered. Text logs are delivered to a CloudWatch Logs log group. Audio logs are delivered to an S3 bucket.

Type: String

Valid Values: CLOUDWATCH_LOGS | S3

Required: Yes

kmsKeyArn

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the AWS KMS customer managed key for encrypting audio logs delivered to an S3 bucket. The key does not apply to CloudWatch Logs and is optional for S3 buckets.

Type: String


Pattern: ^arn:\[\w\-]+:kms:\[\w\-]+:\[d\]{12}:\(?:key\)/[\w\-]+|alias\/[a-zA-Z0-9: \/_\-]{1,256}$

Required: No

logType

The type of logging to enable. Text logs are delivered to a CloudWatch Logs log group. Audio logs are delivered to an S3 bucket.

Type: String

Valid Values: AUDIO | TEXT

Required: Yes

resourceArn

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the CloudWatch Logs log group or S3 bucket where the logs should be delivered.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 2048.

Pattern: ^arn:\[\w\-]+:\(?:logs:\[\w\-]+:\[d\]{12}:log-group:\[\\._/\#A-Za-z0-9] {1,512}(?:\*\*)\?|s3:::[a-z0-9]\[\\._/\#A-Za-z0-9] {1,61}[a-z0-9]#$

Required: Yes

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:
• AWS SDK for C++
• AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
LogSettingsResponse
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service
The settings for conversation logs.

Contents

destination
The destination where logs are delivered.
Type: String
Valid Values: CLOUDWATCH_LOGS | S3
Required: No

kmsKeyArn
The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the key used to encrypt audio logs in an S3 bucket.
Type: String
Pattern: ^arn:\[\w\-]+:kms:\[\w\-]+:\[d\]{12}:(?:key\/[\w\-]+|alias\/[a-zA-Z0-9-_]{1,256})$
Required: No

logType
The type of logging that is enabled.
Type: String
Valid Values: AUDIO | TEXT
Required: No

resourceArn
The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the CloudWatch Logs log group or S3 bucket where the logs are delivered.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 2048.
Pattern: ^arn:\[\w\-]+(?::logs:\[\w\-]+:\[d\]{12}:log-group:\[\w\-\-\#A-Za-z0-9\-\]{1,512})(?:\*\*)?|s3:\[a-z0-9\]\[\w\-\-\#A-Za-z0-9\-\]{1,512}$
Required: No

resourcePrefix
The resource prefix is the first part of the S3 object key within the S3 bucket that you specified to contain audio logs. For CloudWatch Logs it is the prefix of the log stream name within the log group that you specified.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Maximum length of 1024.
Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
**Message**
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

The message object that provides the message text and its type.

**Contents**

c**ontent**

The text of the message.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 1000.

Required: Yes

c**ontentType**

The content type of the message string.

Type: String

Valid Values: PlainText | SSML | CustomPayload

Required: Yes

g**roupNumber**

Identifies the message group that the message belongs to. When a group is assigned to a message, Amazon Lex returns one message from each group in the response.

Type: Integer


Required: No

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
Prompt
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Obtains information from the user. To define a prompt, provide one or more messages and specify the number of attempts to get information from the user. If you provide more than one message, Amazon Lex chooses one of the messages to use to prompt the user. For more information, see Amazon Lex: How It Works (p. 3).

Contents

maxAttempts

The number of times to prompt the user for information.

Type: Integer


Required: Yes

messages

An array of objects, each of which provides a message string and its type. You can specify the message string in plain text or in Speech Synthesis Markup Language (SSML).

Type: Array of Message (p. 417) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 1 item. Maximum number of 15 items.

Required: Yes

responseCard

A response card. Amazon Lex uses this prompt at runtime, in the PostText API response. It substitutes session attributes and slot values for placeholders in the response card. For more information, see Example: Using a Response Card (p. 190).

Type: String


Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
**ResourceReference**  
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Describes the resource that refers to the resource that you are attempting to delete. This object is returned as part of the `ResourceInUseException` exception.

**Contents**

**name**

The name of the resource that is using the resource that you are trying to delete.

Type: String  
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.  
Pattern: `[a-zA-Z_]`+  
Required: No

**version**

The version of the resource that is using the resource that you are trying to delete.

Type: String  
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.  
Pattern: `\$LATEST|\[0-9\]+`  
Required: No

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
Slot
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Identifies the version of a specific slot.

Contents

description
   A description of the slot.
   Type: String
   Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.
   Required: No

name
   The name of the slot.
   Type: String
   Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.
   Pattern: ^([A-Za-z](-|_|.)?)+$
   Required: Yes

obfuscationSetting
   Determines whether a slot is obfuscated in conversation logs and stored utterances. When you
   obfuscate a slot, the value is replaced by the slot name in curly braces ({}). For example, if the slot
   name is "full_name", obfuscated values are replaced with "{full_name}". For more information, see
   Slot Obfuscation.
   Type: String
   Valid Values: NONE | DEFAULT_OBFUSCATION
   Required: No

priority
   Directs Lex the order in which to elicit this slot value from the user. For example, if the intent has
   two slots with priorities 1 and 2, AWS Lex first elicits a value for the slot with priority 1.
   If multiple slots share the same priority, the order in which Lex elicits values is arbitrary.
   Type: Integer
   Valid Range: Minimum value of 0. Maximum value of 100.
   Required: No

responseCard
   A set of possible responses for the slot type used by text-based clients. A user chooses an option
   from the response card, instead of using text to reply.
   Type: String
sampleUtterances

If you know a specific pattern with which users might respond to an Amazon Lex request for a slot value, you can provide those utterances to improve accuracy. This is optional. In most cases, Amazon Lex is capable of understanding user utterances.

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 10 items.


Required: No

slotConstraint

Specifies whether the slot is required or optional.

Type: String

Valid Values: Required | Optional

Required: Yes

slotType

The type of the slot, either a custom slot type that you defined or one of the built-in slot types.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Pattern: ^((AMAZON\.)_? | [A-Za-z]_?)+

Required: No

slotTypeVersion

The version of the slot type.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.

Pattern: $LATEST | [0-9]+

Required: No

valueElicitationPrompt

The prompt that Amazon Lex uses to elicit the slot value from the user.

Type: Prompt (p. 418) object

Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
SlotTypeConfiguration
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides configuration information for a slot type.

Contents

regexConfiguration

A regular expression used to validate the value of a slot.

Type: SlotTypeRegexConfiguration (p. 426) object

Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
SlotTypeMetadata
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides information about a slot type.

Contents

createdDate
The date that the slot type was created.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No

description
A description of the slot type.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 200.
Required: No

lastUpdatedDate
The date that the slot type was updated. When you create a resource, the creation date and last updated date are the same.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No

name
The name of the slot type.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.
Pattern: ^([A-Za-z_\-]+)?+$
Required: No

version
The version of the slot type.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
Pattern: \$LATEST|[0-9]+$
Required: No

See Also
For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

• AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
SlotTypeRegexConfiguration
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides a regular expression used to validate the value of a slot.

Contents

pattern

A regular expression used to validate the value of a slot.

Use a standard regular expression. Amazon Lex supports the following characters in the regular expression:
- A-Z, a-z
- 0-9
- Unicode characters ("\ u<Unicode>")

Represent Unicode characters with four digits, for example \u0041 or \u005A.

The following regular expression operators are not supported:
- Infinite repeaters: *, +, or {x,} with no upper bound.
- Wild card (.)

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 100.

Required: Yes

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
Statement
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

A collection of messages that convey information to the user. At runtime, Amazon Lex selects the message to convey.

Contents

messages

A collection of message objects.

Type: Array of Message (p. 417) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 1 item. Maximum number of 15 items.

Required: Yes

responseCard

At runtime, if the client is using the PostText API, Amazon Lex includes the response card in the response. It substitutes all of the session attributes and slot values for placeholders in the response card.

Type: String


Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
Tag
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

A list of key/value pairs that identify a bot, bot alias, or bot channel. Tag keys and values can consist of Unicode letters, digits, white space, and any of the following symbols: _ . : / = + - @.

Contents

key

The key for the tag. Keys are not case-sensitive and must be unique.

Type: String


Required: Yes

value

The value associated with a key. The value may be an empty string but it can't be null.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 256.

Required: Yes

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
UtteranceData
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides information about a single utterance that was made to your bot.

Contents

count
The number of times that the utterance was processed.
Type: Integer
Required: No

distinctUsers
The total number of individuals that used the utterance.
Type: Integer
Required: No

firstUtteredDate
The date that the utterance was first recorded.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No

lastUtteredDate
The date that the utterance was last recorded.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No

utteranceString
The text that was entered by the user or the text representation of an audio clip.
Type: String
Required: No

See Also
For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
UtteranceList
Service: Amazon Lex Model Building Service

Provides a list of utterances that have been made to a specific version of your bot. The list contains a maximum of 100 utterances.

Contents

botVersion

The version of the bot that processed the list.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 64.
Pattern: \$LATEST| [0-9]+
Required: No

utterances

One or more UtteranceData (p. 429) objects that contain information about the utterances that have been made to a bot. The maximum number of object is 100.
Type: Array of UtteranceData (p. 429) objects
Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3

Amazon Lex Runtime Service

The following data types are supported by Amazon Lex Runtime Service:

- Button (p. 431)
- DialogAction (p. 432)
- GenericAttachment (p. 434)
- IntentSummary (p. 436)
- ResponseCard (p. 438)
- SentimentResponse (p. 439)
Button
Service: Amazon Lex Runtime Service

Represents an option to be shown on the client platform (Facebook, Slack, etc.)

Contents

text

Text that is visible to the user on the button.

Type: String


Required: Yes

text

value

The value sent to Amazon Lex when a user chooses the button. For example, consider button text "NYC." When the user chooses the button, the value sent can be "New York City."

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 1000.

Required: Yes

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
DialogAction
Service: Amazon Lex Runtime Service

Describes the next action that the bot should take in its interaction with the user and provides information about the context in which the action takes place. Use the DialogAction data type to set the interaction to a specific state, or to return the interaction to a previous state.

Contents

fulfillmentState

The fulfillment state of the intent. The possible values are:
- Failed - The Lambda function associated with the intent failed to fulfill the intent.
- Fulfilled - The intent has fulfilled by the Lambda function associated with the intent.
- ReadyForFulfillment - All of the information necessary for the intent is present and the intent ready to be fulfilled by the client application.

Type: String

Valid Values: Fulfilled | Failed | ReadyForFulfillment

Required: No

intentName

The name of the intent.

Type: String

Required: No

message

The message that should be shown to the user. If you don't specify a message, Amazon Lex will use the message configured for the intent.

Type: String


Required: No

messageFormat

- PlainText - The message contains plain UTF-8 text.
- CustomPayload - The message is a custom format for the client.
- SSML - The message contains text formatted for voice output.
- Composite - The message contains an escaped JSON object containing one or more messages. For more information, see Message Groups.

Type: String

Valid Values: PlainText | CustomPayload | SSML | Composite

Required: No

slots

Map of the slots that have been gathered and their values.

Type: String to string map
Required: No

`slotToElicit`

The name of the slot that should be elicited from the user.

Type: String

Required: No

`type`

The next action that the bot should take in its interaction with the user. The possible values are:

- `ConfirmIntent` - The next action is asking the user if the intent is complete and ready to be fulfilled. This is a yes/no question such as "Place the order?"
- `Close` - Indicates that there will not be a response from the user. For example, the statement "Your order has been placed" does not require a response.
- `Delegate` - The next action is determined by Amazon Lex.
- `ElicitIntent` - The next action is to determine the intent that the user wants to fulfill.
- `ElicitSlot` - The next action is to elicit a slot value from the user.

Type: String

Valid Values: ElicitIntent | ConfirmIntent | ElicitSlot | Close | Delegate

Required: Yes

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
**GenericAttachment**  
Service: Amazon Lex Runtime Service

Represents an option rendered to the user when a prompt is shown. It could be an image, a button, a link, or text.

**Contents**

**attachmentLinkUrl**

The URL of an attachment to the response card.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 2048.

Required: No

**buttons**

The list of options to show to the user.

Type: Array of Button (p. 431) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 5 items.

Required: No

**imageUrl**

The URL of an image that is displayed to the user.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 2048.

Required: No

**subTitle**

The subtitle shown below the title.

Type: String


Required: No

**title**

The title of the option.

Type: String


Required: No

**See Also**

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
**IntentSummary**

Service: Amazon Lex Runtime Service

Provides information about the state of an intent. You can use this information to get the current state of an intent so that you can process the intent, or so that you can return the intent to its previous state.

**Contents**

**checkpointLabel**

A user-defined label that identifies a particular intent. You can use this label to return to a previous intent.

Use the `checkpointLabelFilter` parameter of the GetSessionRequest operation to filter the intents returned by the operation to those with only the specified label.

- **Type:** String
- **Length Constraints:** Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.
- **Pattern:** `[a-zA-Z0-9-]+`
- **Required:** No

**confirmationStatus**

The status of the intent after the user responds to the confirmation prompt. If the user confirms the intent, Amazon Lex sets this field to Confirmed. If the user denies the intent, Amazon Lex sets this value to Denied. The possible values are:

- **Confirmed** - The user has responded "Yes" to the confirmation prompt, confirming that the intent is complete and that it is ready to be fulfilled.
- **Denied** - The user has responded "No" to the confirmation prompt.
- **None** - The user has never been prompted for confirmation; or, the user was prompted but did not confirm or deny the prompt.

- **Type:** String
- **Valid Values:** None | Confirmed | Denied
- **Required:** No

**dialogActionType**

The next action that the bot should take in its interaction with the user. The possible values are:

- **ConfirmIntent** - The next action is asking the user if the intent is complete and ready to be fulfilled. This is a yes/no question such as "Place the order?"
- **Close** - Indicates that there will not be a response from the user. For example, the statement "Your order has been placed" does not require a response.
- **ElicitIntent** - The next action is to determine the intent that the user wants to fulfill.
- **ElicitSlot** - The next action is to elicit a slot value from the user.

- **Type:** String
- **Valid Values:** ElicitIntent | ConfirmIntent | ElicitSlot | Close | Delegate
- **Required:** Yes

**fulfillmentState**

The fulfillment state of the intent. The possible values are:
• Failed - The Lambda function associated with the intent failed to fulfill the intent.
• Fulfilled - The intent has fulfilled by the Lambda function associated with the intent.
• ReadyForFulfillment - All of the information necessary for the intent is present and the intent ready to be fulfilled by the client application.

Type: String
Valid Values: Fulfilled | Failed | ReadyForFulfillment

Required: No

intentName

The name of the intent.

Type: String
Required: No

slots

Map of the slots that have been gathered and their values.

Type: String to string map
Required: No

slotToElicit

The next slot to elicit from the user. If there is not slot to elicit, the field is blank.

Type: String
Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

• AWS SDK for C++
• AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for Ruby V3
ResponseCard
Service: Amazon Lex Runtime Service

If you configure a response card when creating your bots, Amazon Lex substitutes the session attributes and slot values that are available, and then returns it. The response card can also come from a Lambda function (dialogCodeHook and fulfillmentActivity on an intent).

Contents

cContentType
The content type of the response.

Type: String
Valid Values: application/vnd.amazonaws.card.generic

Required: No
genericAttachments
An array of attachment objects representing options.

Type: Array of GenericAttachment (p. 434) objects

Array Members: Minimum number of 0 items. Maximum number of 10 items.

Required: No

version
The version of the response card format.

Type: String

Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
SentimentResponse
Service: Amazon Lex Runtime Service

The sentiment expressed in an utterance.

When the bot is configured to send utterances to Amazon Comprehend for sentiment analysis, this field structure contains the result of the analysis.

Contents

sentimentLabel

The inferred sentiment that Amazon Comprehend has the highest confidence in.

Type: String

Required: No

sentimentScore

The likelihood that the sentiment was correctly inferred.

Type: String

Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V3
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