



Step by Step Video Video Tutorial

Building a FB Messenger Chat Bot in 1hr



Part 1: Putting Bot on in the Cloud



Part 2: Connecting your Bot with FB Messenger



Part 3: Manipulating Your Bot











Download Node.js

We will be using JavaScript and Node. js for this tutorial.

You do not need to know node.js or be a coder. Sample code is provided.

<u>Download Node.js</u>: https://nodejs.org



Visual Studio IDE

Visual Studios is a very simple and fund IDE that supports js.

Visual Studios is Free and you can Download it from Microsoft.

<u>Download: https://code.</u> visualstudio.com/Download



GitHub Repository

Github is a Great repository for your code. You can also collaborate with developers and get sample code.

You can download project sample code here:

Sign up at: https://github.com/



1. Heroku Hosting

Heroku offers free accounts and is a great place to host your chat bot.

Sign up at: https://www.heroku.

2. Heroku Toolbelt

Download Heroku toolbelt to be able to launch, stop and monitor instances.

<u>Download: https://toolbelt.heroku.com</u>



Setting up NPM & Dependencies

1. Open Up Terminal / Command Line ,



2. Create
Project
Folder

3. In Command Line:

Make Sure you have latest npm: sudo npm install npm --global

To Initialize npm in Project: npm init

Install Node Dependency for sending and requesting messages:

npm install express request body-parser --save

Index.js

This is the main working file for your app. If you don't have an index.js file or code you can do one of the following:

- Use our Parrot Bot Code
- 2. Create own Bot App
- 3. Get Sample Bot Code from online repository

Using Parrot Bot Index.js File

Step 1: Join FB Chat Bot Group:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/aichatbots

Step 2: Get Files from Group:

https://www.facebook.
com/groups/aichatbots/files/

Step 3: Copy & Past or Download File Named, "Sample Code for Parrot Bot" and save it as an index.js file in your Project Folder

OR Get Parrot index.js via email: click here

Procfile

Procfile lets Heroku know what files to run. Creating a Procfile takes one line of code:

web: node index.js

Save it as 'Procfile' in your project.

You can also use procfile sample in https://www.facebook.com/groups/aichatbots/files/

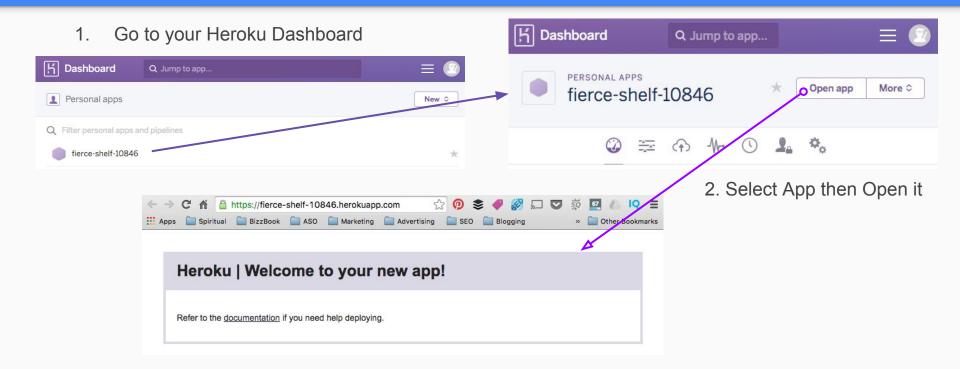
OR Get Parrot Procfile via email: click here

Deploy Code to Heroku

In Terminal type:

- 1. git status //this will show you all of the files not yet committed to server
- 2. git add . //this will add new/updated files
- 3. git commit -message 'your message'//this commits code
- 4. git push heroku master //this pushes your code to heroku and deploys it

Congrats, Your App is Alive!!!

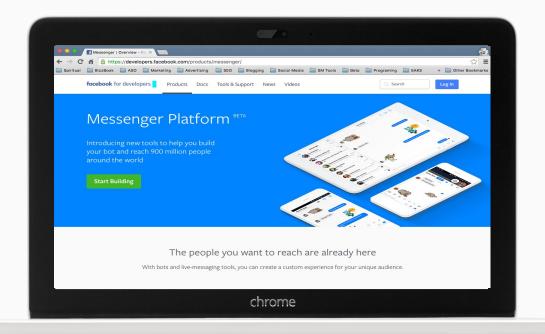




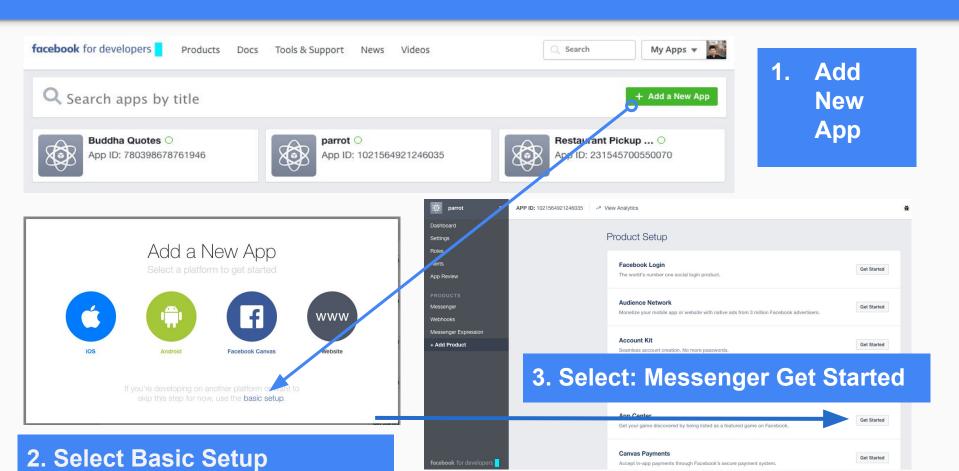
FB Developer

Sign up to Facebook Developer Program

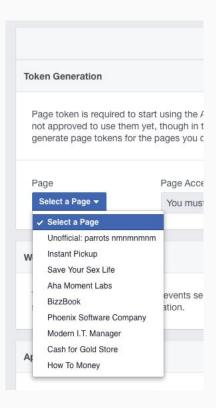
Sign up: https://developers. facebook. com/products/messenger/



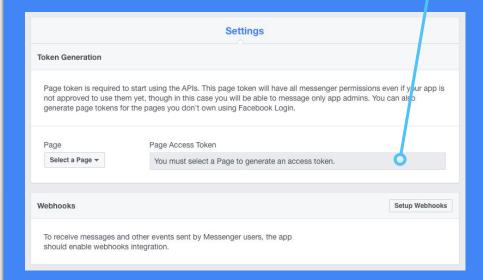
Creating App in FB



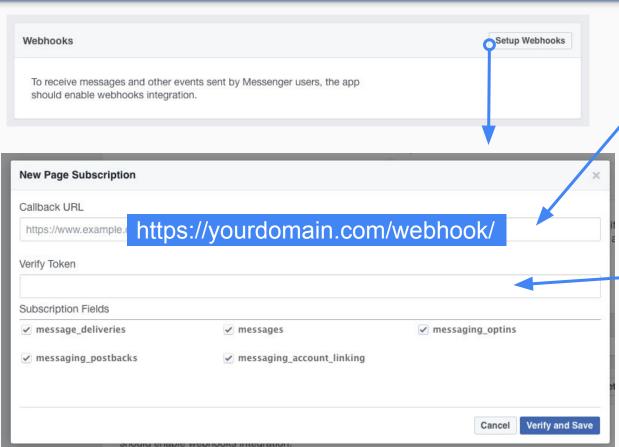
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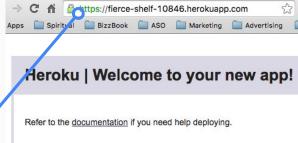


Save Page Token to your index.js file



Setting up Webhooks

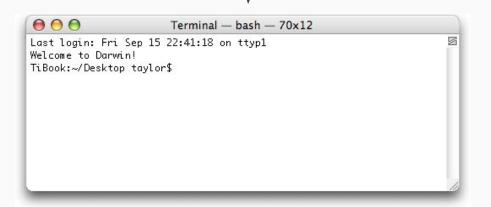




Get Verify Token from Index.js file

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Trigger FB to Send Messages:

curl -X POST "https://graph.facebook.

com/v2.6/me/subscribed_apps?

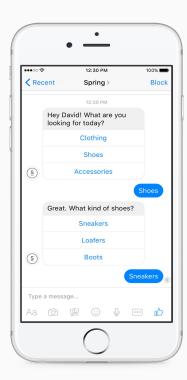
access_token=<PAGE_ACCESS_TOKEN>"

Quick Checklist

- 1. Added New FB App
- **2.** Linked it to FB Page
- 3. Set up Webook
- Input Access Token in index file
- 5. Curl command?
- 6. Saved and Pushed changes to Heroku?

It's Alive!!!

Go to your Bot's Corresponding FB Page and Send your Bot a Message. Try typing 'hi' then type 'yo'.





Interactions

People can interact with you bot via text and structured messages.

Trigger words can be programed so each time a trigger word is used, your bot respond with a specific type of message. For example your bot can respond with a text, photo, or structured message.

Check out: wit.ai

Text

The simplest and most familiar way to interact. This message type relies solely on words to communicate.

Your yearly subscription will expire on January 1st, 2017.

Your order has been placed. If there is anything else we can help you with please let us know.

Hi David, I'll send you weather forecasts every day.

What location you would like weather forecasts for?

Photo

Make your message visually engaging. Try adding an image to your interaction to complement your text.







FB Cards

FB provides templates so you can create the Generic Cards. This template is included in the sample parrot bot.

You can easily manipulate the Parrot Bot's trigger words and generic cards in the index.js file.

Here is a Video Tutorial That Can Help: *Video Tutorial*

Generic

With a combination of text, images and buttons, this template is ideal for messages that have a structured information hierarchy.

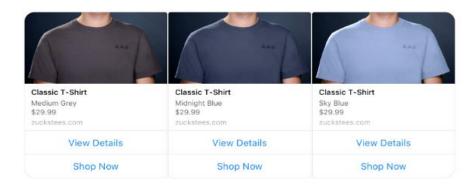






Carousels

Configure the generic template to create a horizontal row of bubbles when you want to send multiple, similar messages (ex: product selections, weather forecasts or news articles).



Bot Discovery

Discovery is currently a problem for Chat bots. Here are a few communities that can help with this:

Reddit Community

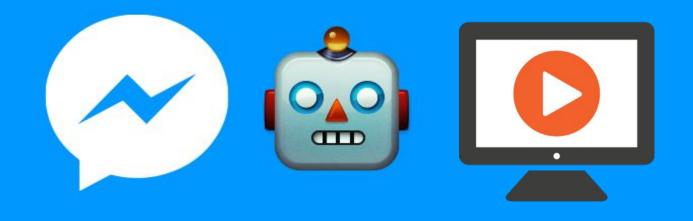
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