Setting up a Flash Briefing

Overview

Types of Alexa Skills

The flash briefing skill

Building a flash briefing skill

|	Custom	Smart Home	Flash Briefing	Video
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Intent	Developer	Developer	amazon alexa	Developer
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Uses	Anything	Smart Home Devices	Short Content	Video Content

Custom Skill

Invocation, utterances and intents are all specified by developer - most general type of app

Custom Skill

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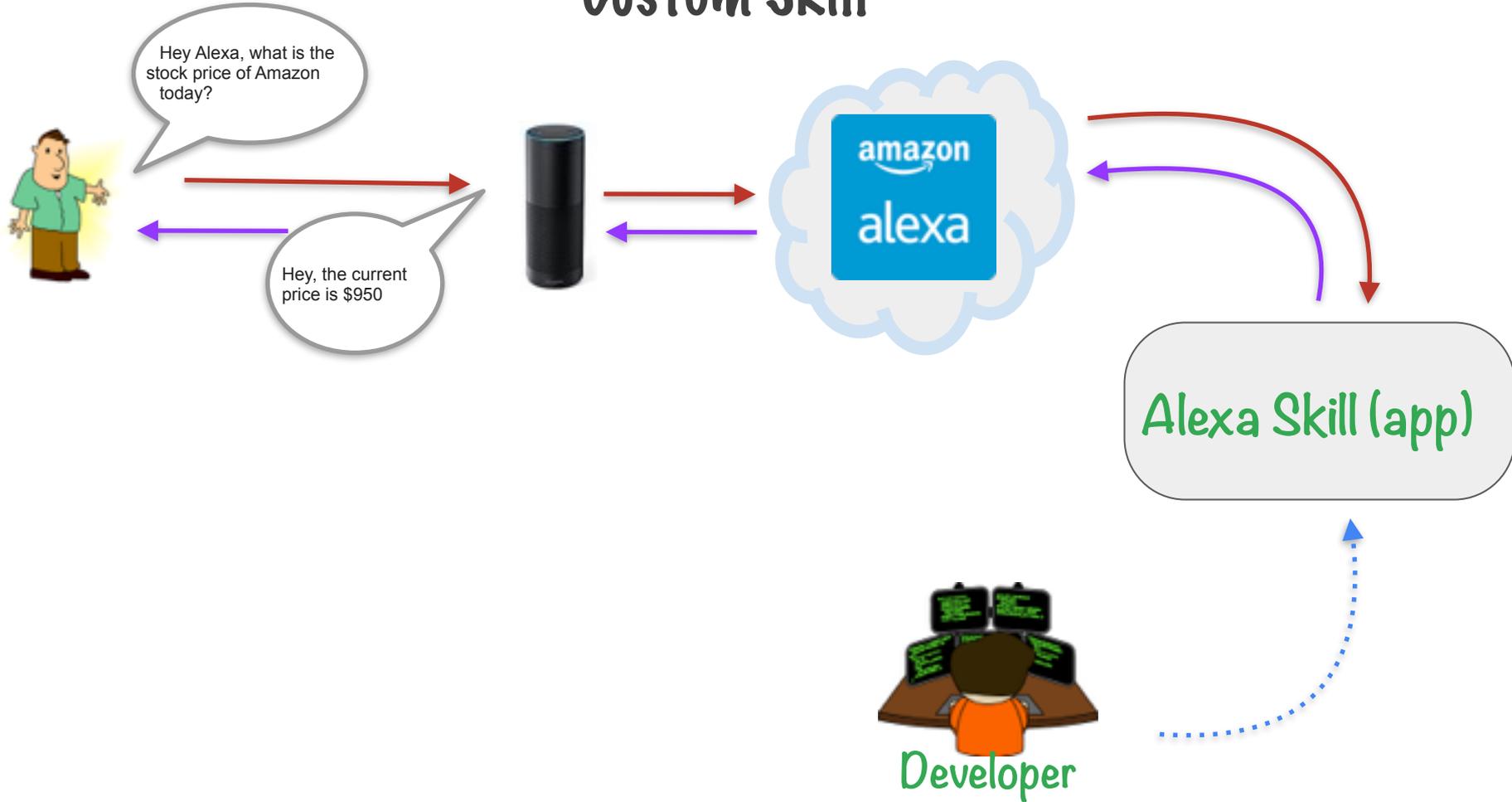
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What's my Flash Briefing?

"Utterance"

This is a standard utterance to access all flash briefings that a user has registered for

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You get flash briefings only from those sources you explicitly register with

Flash Briefing Skills

Invoked by users saying something like "tell me the news" - the skill simply defines the content (audio/video/text from RSS feed) that gets added to the briefing - developer merely provides content

Flash Briefing Skills

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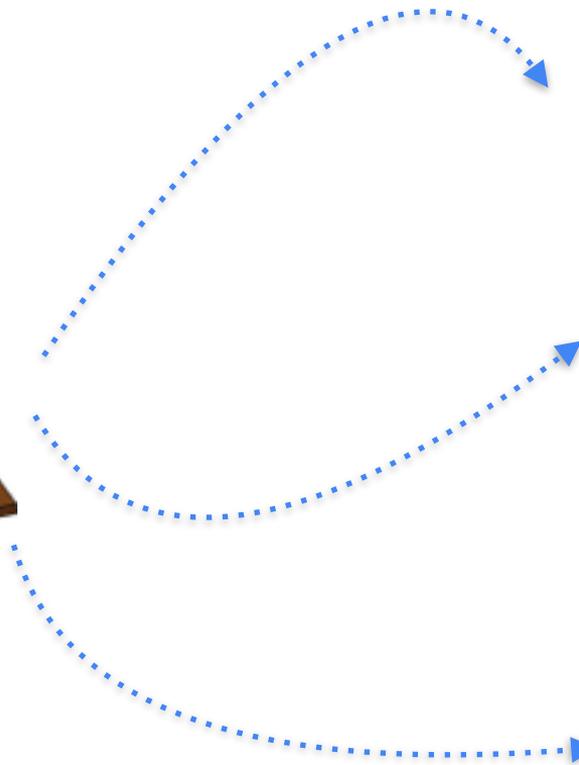
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The content can be in the form of an

RSS feed e.g. a Twitter RSS feed

RSS (Really Simple Syndication)

Data Format for providing frequently updated content

TwitRSS

Get Twitter Content as RSS Feed

Demo

Set up tweets from a Twitter account as an RSS feed using TwitRSS

Demo

Use the Twitter RSS feed to set up a Flash Briefing skill

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Smart Home Skills

Specifically for controlling smart home devices such as lights or thermostats - invocations are standardised by Alexa (e.g. "dim the lights"), developer just implements the intents

Video Skills

Invoked by users saying something like "change to BBC" - the skill implements the intent and defines the video content that gets served up in response