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# Breaking language barriers with AI

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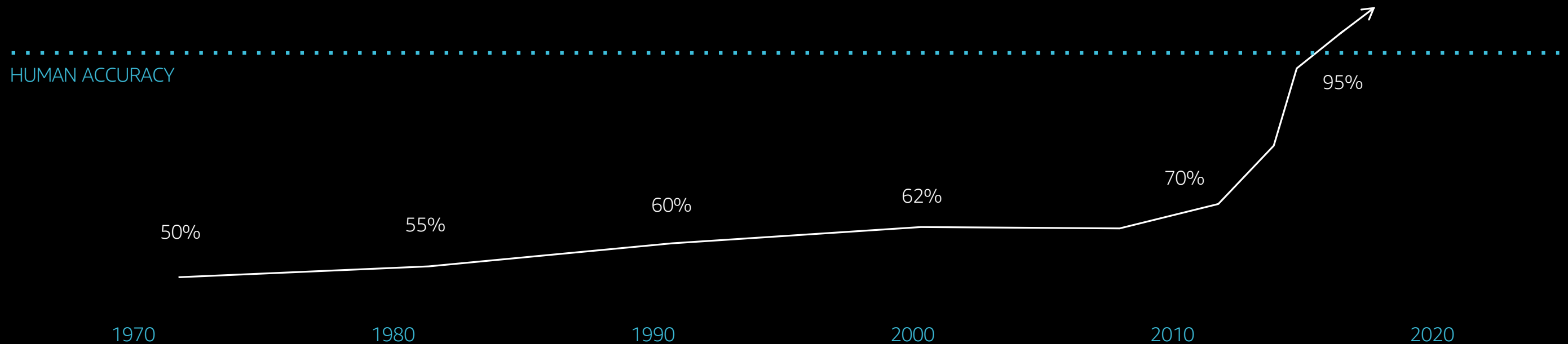


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Source: MindMeld

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100,000+



# Use cases for common language



Voice of customer applications



Knowledge management



Education



Customer service/  
Call centers



Semantic search



Accessibility



Enterprise  
digital assistant



Captioning workflows



Information bots



Personalization

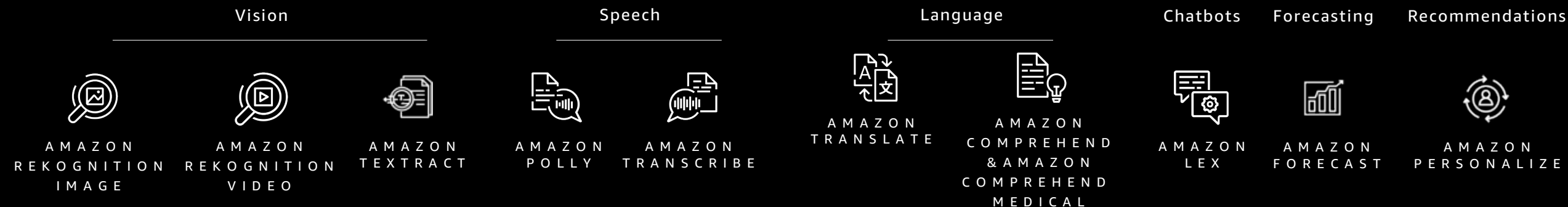


Localization



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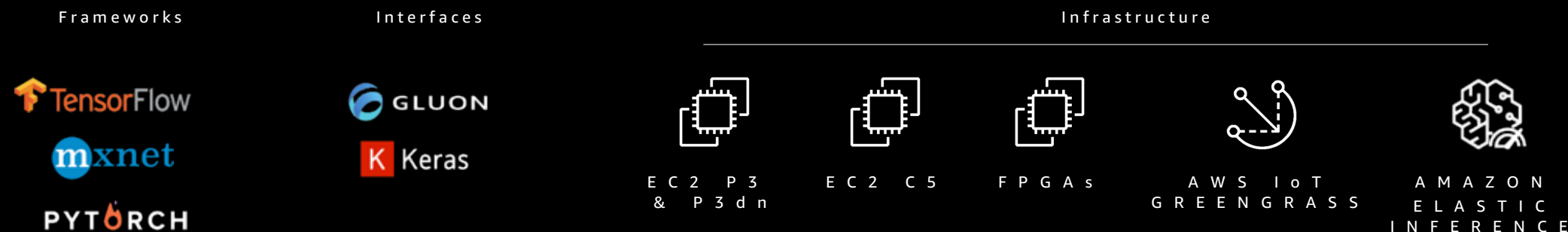
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## ML SERVICES



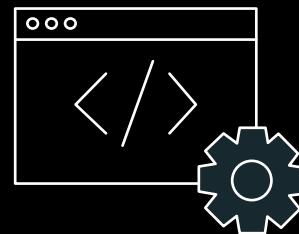
## ML FRAMEWORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE



# AI services



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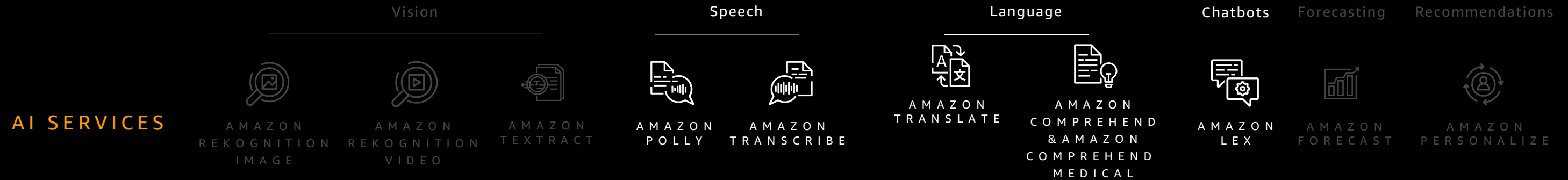


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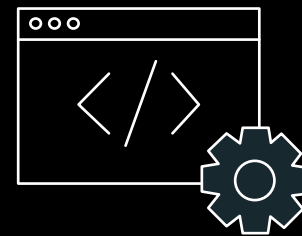


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# Amazon Polly

Turn text into lifelike speech using deep learning



# Amazon Polly: Text in, lifelike speech out

"Today in Seattle, WA,  
it's 11°F"



Amazon Polly



"Today in Seattle, Washington,  
it's 11 degrees Fahrenheit"



29 languages



# Amazon Polly: Text in, lifelike speech out

“Genießt ihr den Rest  
des Tages”



Amazon Polly



29 languages



# Add semantic meaning to text

<https://www.w3.org/TR/speech-synthesis/>

< speak >

The spelling of my name is

< prosody rate='x-slow' >

< say-as interpret-as="characters" > Boaz < /say-as >

< /prosody >

< /speak >



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<https://www.w3.org/TR/speech-synthesis/>

"Richard's number is 2125550123"



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```
<say-as interpret-as="telephone">2125550123</say-as>
```

Richard's number is

```
</say-as>
```

# Standard vs. neural TTS

Text

Sentence to synthesize.



'sɛntəns tə 'sɪnθəsaɪz.

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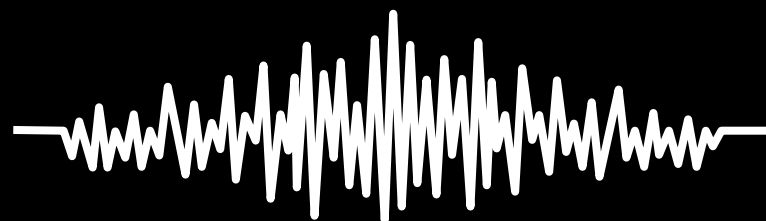
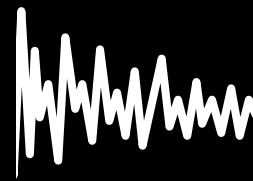
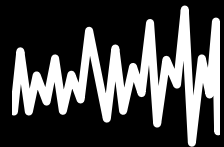
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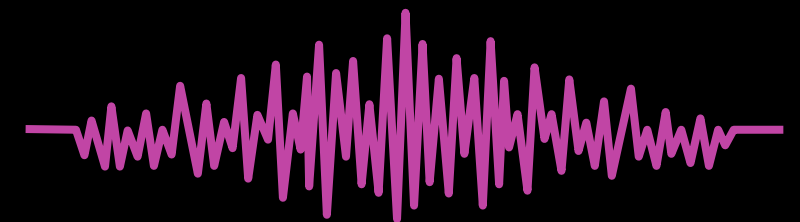
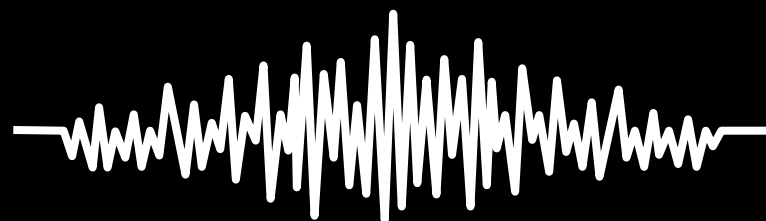
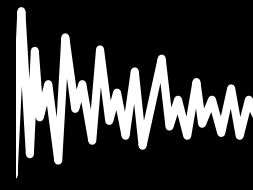
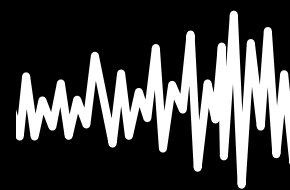
**Neural TTS**

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# Neural TTS with Polly

## Standard vs. neural

“Hi. My name is Boaz, and I will be your host today during this Innovate online session.”



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Standard



Neural TTS



Newscaster NTTS

## Styles with neural TTS

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# The Washington Post

## Add voice to your app

“This is a new technology that can give users more choice and better accessibility to our content, so we wanted to create an experiment to dive deeper into the user experience. After a month, we’ll take what we’ve learned about how users engage with this feature to develop our first iteration of a product with **Amazon Polly**.”

**Joseph Price, Product Manager**  
The Washington Post

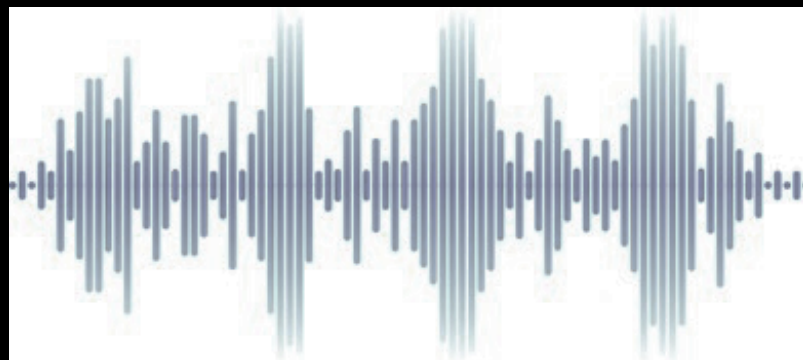


# Amazon Transcribe

Automatic speech recognition



# Automatic speech recognition service



Amazon Transcribe



“Hello. This is Allan speaking.”



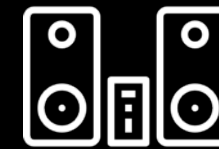
# Amazon Transcribe: Key features



Custom  
vocabulary



Speaker  
identification



Channel  
identification



Punctuation and  
capitalization



Word-level  
time stamps



Word-level  
confidence scores

# Amazon Transcribe: Streaming transcription

Bi-directional stream over:

HTTP/2 protocol

OR

WebSocket (WSS) protocol

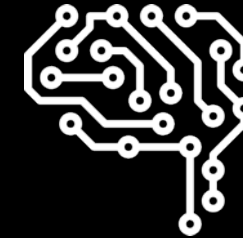


Source file or  
microphone

Audio stream



Text stream



Amazon Transcribe



## Speech to text

RingDNA is an end-to-end communications platform for sales teams.

Hundreds of enterprise organizations use RingDNA to increase productivity, engage in smarter sales conversations, gain predictive sales insights, and improve their win rate.

*"A critical component of RingDNA's Conversation AI requires best-of-breed speech-to-text to deliver transcriptions of every phone call. RingDNA is excited about **Amazon Transcribe** since it provides high-quality speech recognition at scale, helping us to better transcribe every call to text."*

**Howard Brown, CEO & Founder**  
RingDNA

# Amazon Translate

Natural and accurate language translation



## Key Features



### 32 Languages

987 Combinations



### Real-time

< 500ms / sentence on average

< 150ms / conversational / short form



### Data Security

Data ownership

Encryption

Access Management



### \$15/1M characters

Or \$0.000075 per word;  
Pay as you go, 2M characters  
monthly free tier



### Tag Handling

XML tags placement maintains  
styling and formatting through  
translation



### Ease of Use

Simple API calls and partner  
solutions

## HIPAA Eligible

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# Amazon Translate

## Natural and fluent language translation

"Hello, what's up? Do you want to go see a movie tonight?"



Amazon Translate



"Hallo, wat is er? Wil je vanavond naar de film gaan?"

# Translate API example

```
boazz: ~$ aws translate translate-text \
--text "Hello, what's up? Do you want to go see a movie tonight?" \
--source-language-code auto --target-language-code nl

{
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# Translate API example

```
import boto3
translate = boto3.client("translate")
lang_flag_pairs = [
    ("fr", "🇫🇷"), ("de", "🇩🇪"), ("es", "🇪🇸"),
    ("pt", "🇵🇹"), ("zh", "🇨🇳"), ("ja", "🇯🇵"),
    ("ru", "🇷🇺"), ("it", "🇮🇹"), ("zh-TW", "🇹🇼"),
    ("tr", "🇹🇷"), ("cs", "🇨🇪"), ("he", "🇮🇱")]

for lang, flag in lang_flag_pairs:
    print(flag)
    print(translate.translate_text(
        Text="Hello, World",
        SourceLanguageCode="en",
        TargetLanguageCode=lang
    )['TranslatedText'])
```

# Translate API example

 <https://github.com/ziniman/aws-translate-demo>



Bonjour, Monde



Hallo, Welt



Hola, Mundo



Olá, Mundo



您好, 世界



ハローワールド



Привет, Мир



Ciao, Mondo



大家好, 世界



Merhaba, Dünya.



Ahoj, světe.



.םלוע ,םלש





# Lionbridge

## Scaling real-time translation

Using **Amazon Translate**, Lionbridge is able to scale machine translation in order to localize content faster and in more languages. Using Amazon Translate, Lionbridge was able to reduce translation costs by 20 percent.



# Real-time audio transcription & translation

<https://voice.boaz.cloud/>

 <https://github.com/ziniman/amazon-transcribe-websocket-static>





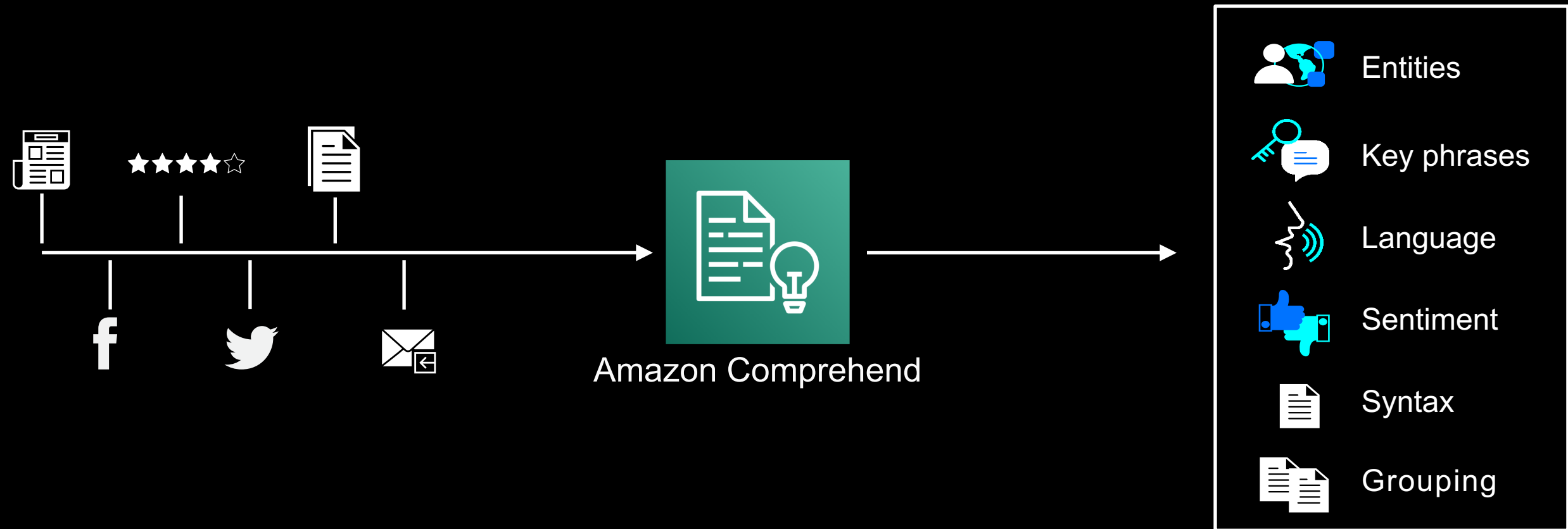
# Amazon Comprehend

Discover insights and relationships in text



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English, Spanish, German, French, Italian, Portuguese

# Run Amazon Comprehend on an S3 bucket

```
import boto3
import json

s3 = boto3.resource('s3')
bucket_name = 'my_bucket'
region_name = 'us-east-1'
bucket = s3.Bucket(bucket_name)

comprehend = boto3.client(service_name='comprehend', region_name=region)

for obj in bucket.objects.all():
    body = obj.get()['Body'].read()
    text = body

    sentiment_response = comprehend.detect_sentiment(Text=text, LanguageCode='en')
    print(json.dumps(sentiment_response, sort_keys=True, indent=4))
```

# Amazon Lex

Conversational interfaces for your applications  
powered by the same deep learning technologies as  
Alexa



# Amazon Lex: Use cases

A service for building conversational interfaces into your applications using voice and text

## CONTACT CENTER BOTS

### Customer service IVR



Account inquiries  
Bill payments  
Service updates

## APPLICATION BOTS

### Conversational interfaces



Book tickets  
Order food  
Manage bank accounts

## IoT BOTS

### Device interactions



Kiosks  
Appliances  
Auto

## INFORMATIONAL BOTS

### Answer questions



News updates  
Weather information  
Game scores

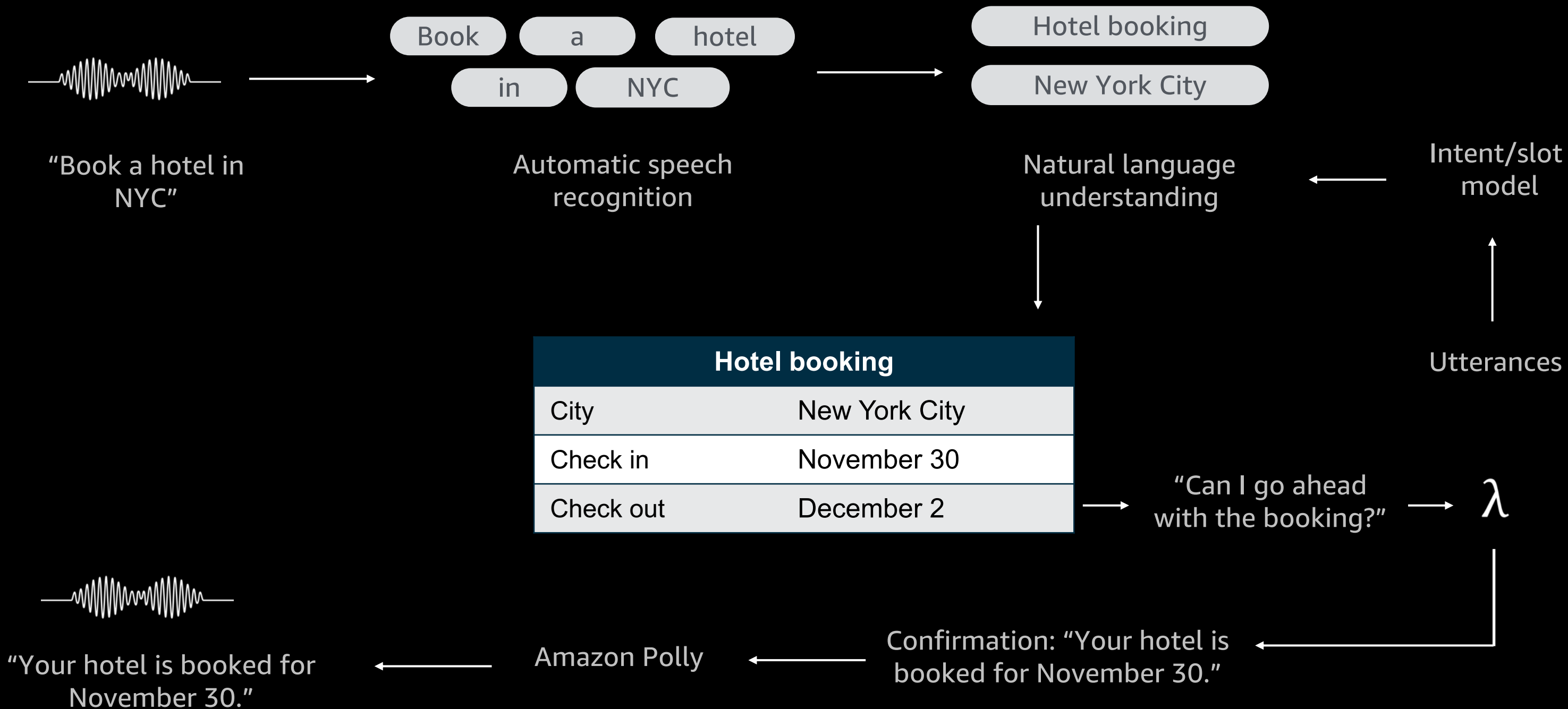
## PRODUCTIVITY BOTS

### Enterprise efficiencies



Check sales numbers  
Inventory status  
Expense reports

# Amazon Lex use case: Digital assistant to book a hotel





# Put AI to work for your business

## Modernize your contact center to improve customer service

conversational chat bots | call transcription | intelligent routing | sentiment analysis | VoC analytics  
text-to-speech | multilingual omni-channel communication



AMAZON POLLY



AMAZON  
TRANSCRIBE



AMAZON  
TRANSLATE



AMAZON  
COMPREHEND



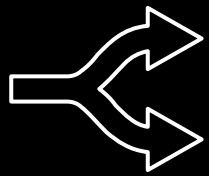
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# Amazon Connect

Easy to use, cloud-based contact center solution  
that scales to support businesses of any size

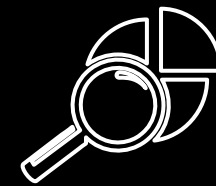
With tools that grow with your needs



Skills-based routing  
[Automatic Call Distribution (ACD)]



Call  
recording

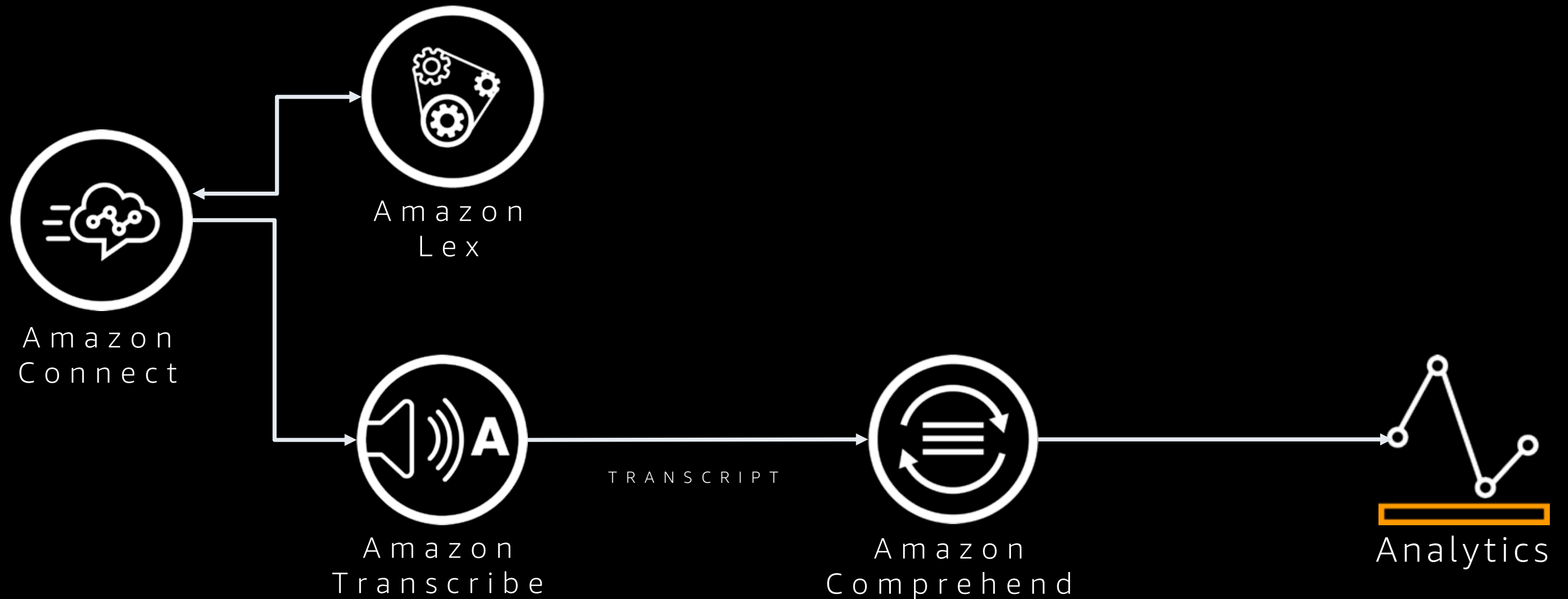


Real time and  
historical analytics



High-quality  
voice capability

# Improving Contact Centers with Artificial Intelligence



# Demo: Amazon Connect



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## Reduce localization costs & improve accuracy

Custom vocabulary | Timestamp generation | Secure real-time translation | Language identification



AMAZON  
POLLY



AMAZON  
TRANSCRIBE



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TRANSLATE



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COMPREHEND



Hotels.com



Lionbridge



# Babel fish

"The Babel fish is small, yellow, leech-like—and probably the oddest thing in the universe. It feeds on brain wave energy, absorbing all unconscious frequencies and then excreting telepathically a matrix formed from the conscious frequencies and nerve signals picked up from the speech centres of the brain, the practical upshot of which is that if **you stick one in your ear, you can instantly understand anything said to you in any form of language**: the speech you hear decodes the brain wave matrix."

*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Douglas Adams

# Build your own Babel fish



Person speaks in  
**English**

# Build your own Babel fish



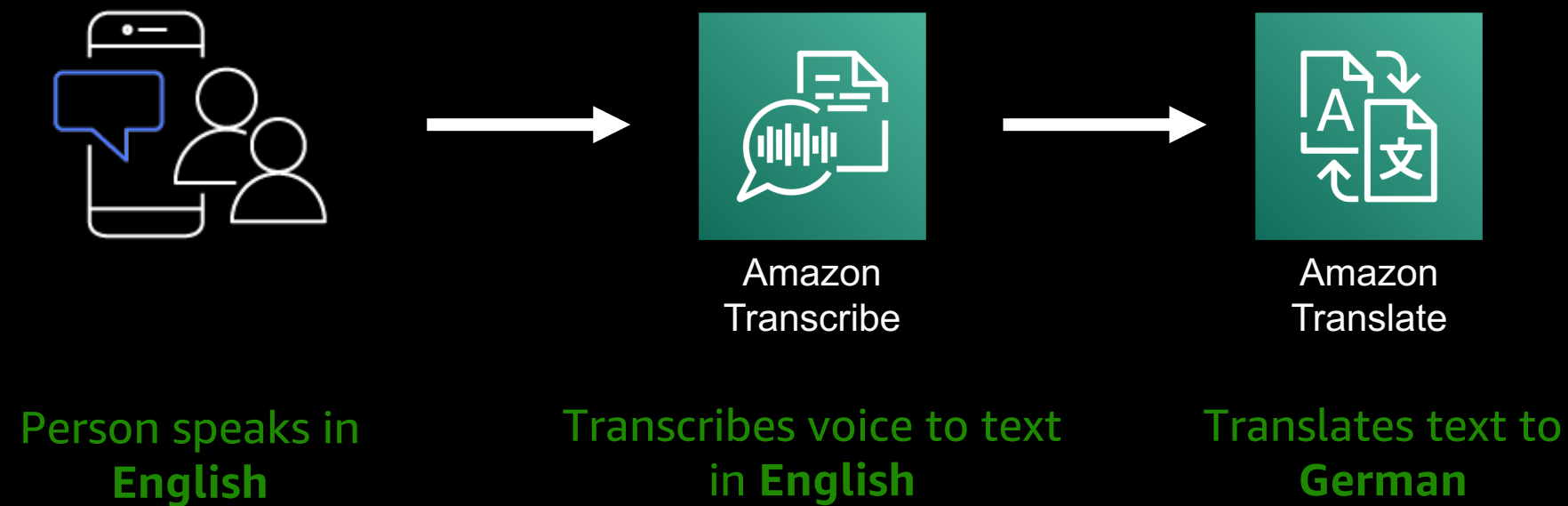
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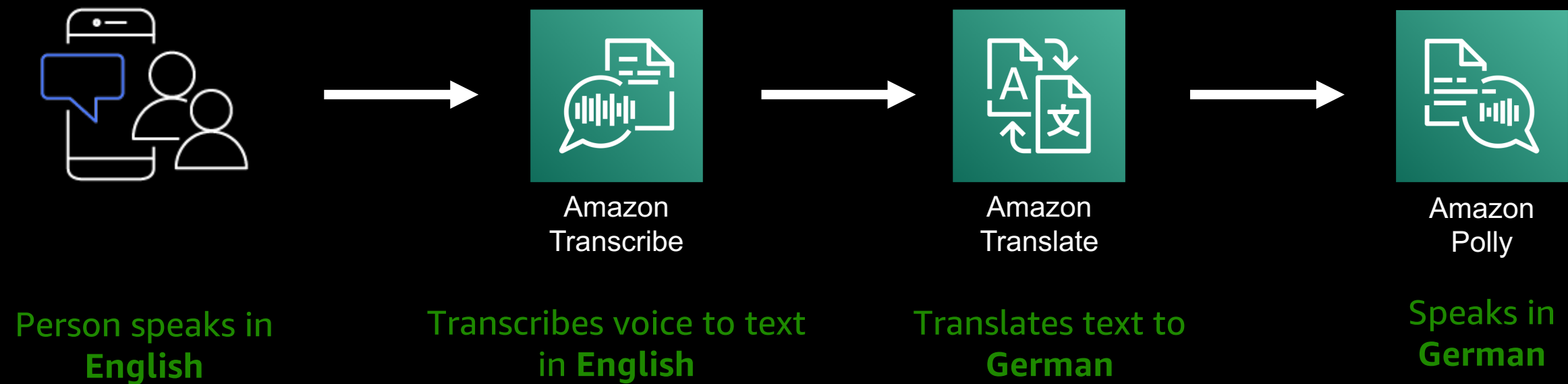
Amazon  
Transcribe

Transcribes voice to text  
in **English**

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# Babel Chat

<https://chat.boaz.cloud>

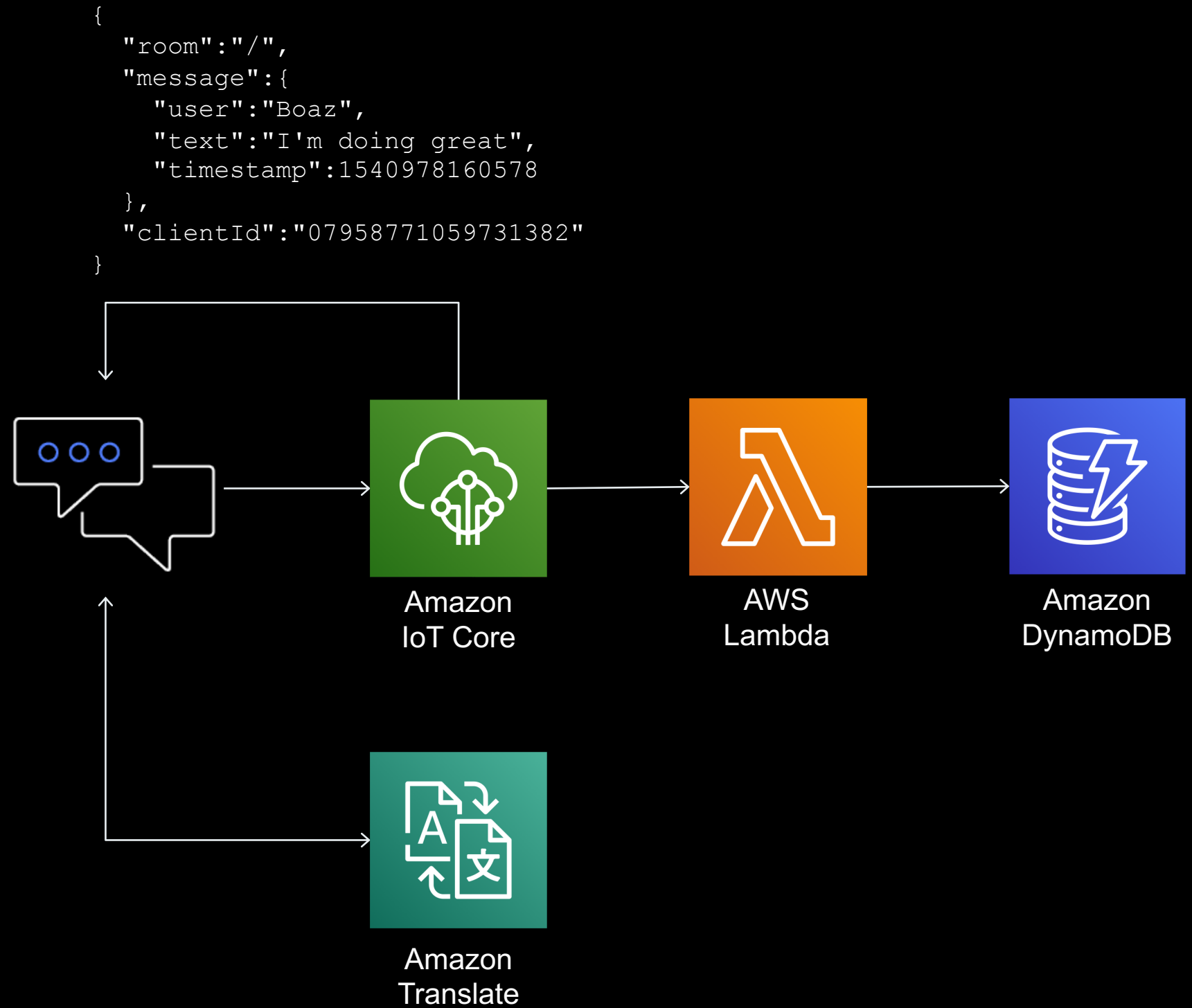


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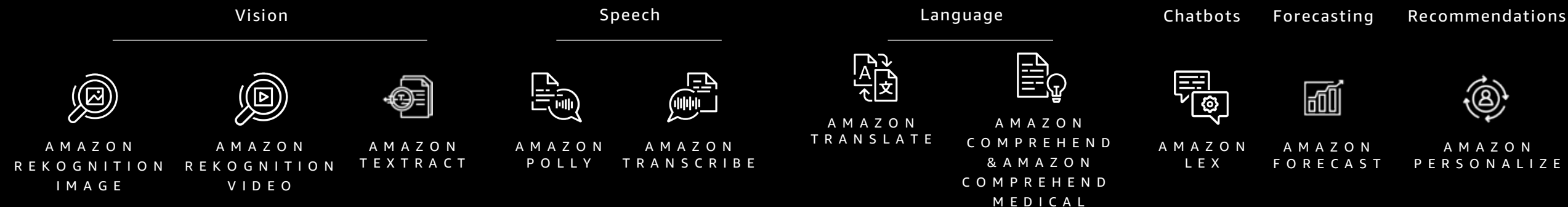
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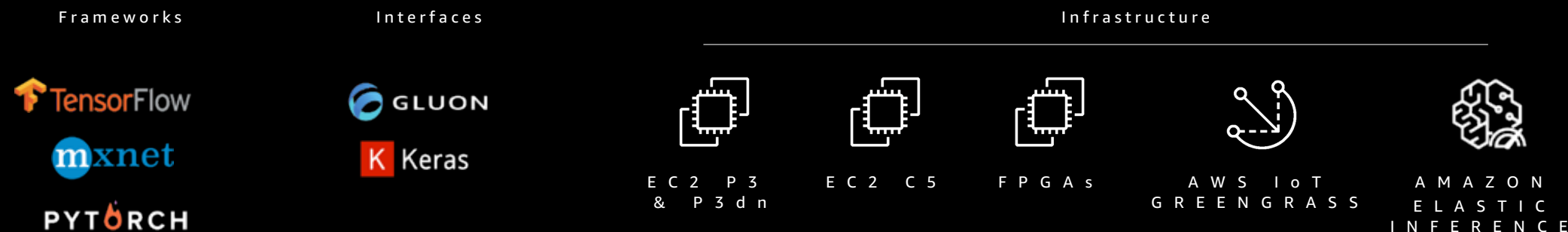
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