

Visual Editor Guides



How to Connect MiniApps Bot to Google Calendar



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1 Introduction

Google Calendar is in demand by organisations and businesses who receive clients by appointment, like barber shops, doctors, service centres etc. Having MiniApps connected with Google Calendar your client chatting with the bot can set the desired date and time of the visit and this information is automatically added to the organisation's Google Calendar.

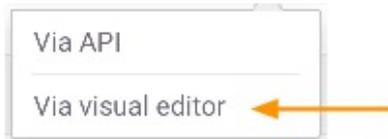
To integrate with Google Calendar you need:

1. Valid Google account;
2. MiniApps premium account.

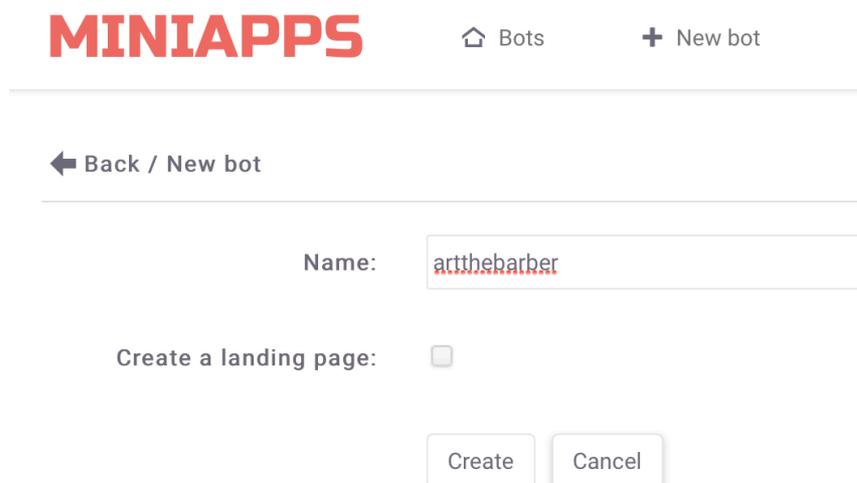
2 Creating a Bot Connected with Google Calendar

In this example we will create a new bot for making appointments with a barber. If you already have a bot and wish to connect it with Google Calendar, open it. On the page with your list of

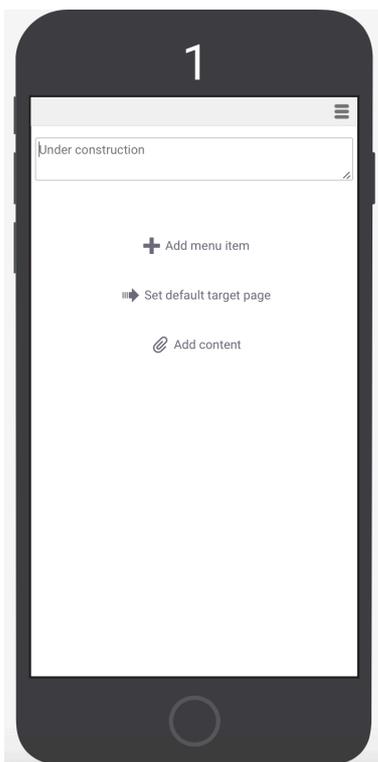
bots click on **+ New bot** in the upper part of the page and choose Via visual editor.



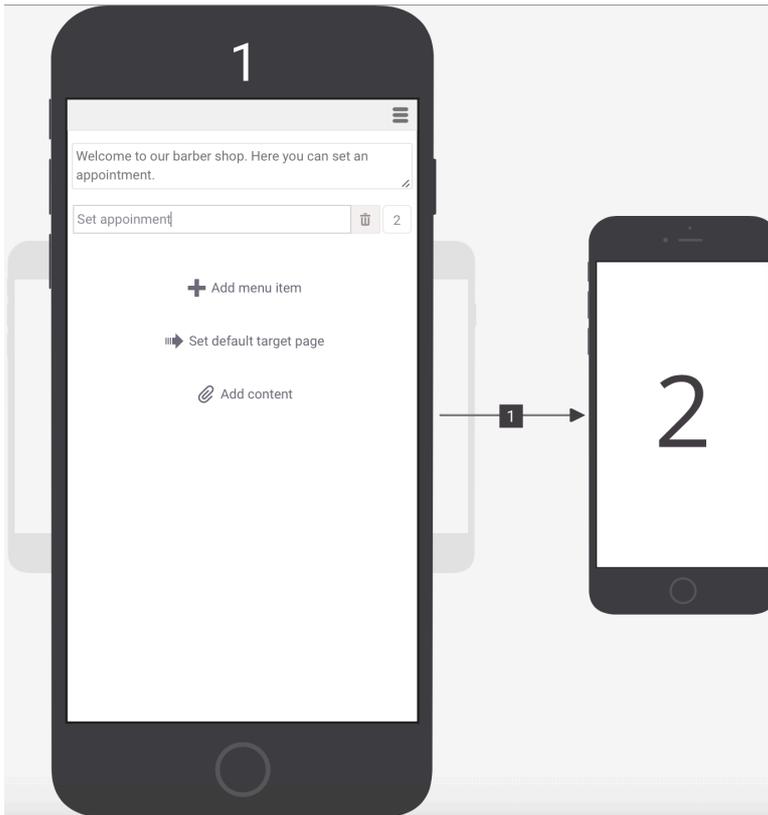
Call your bot "artthebarber" or whatever name you like and press **Create**.


 A screenshot of the MiniApps interface for creating a new bot. At the top left is the "MINIAPPS" logo. To its right are "Bots" and "+ New bot" links. Below is a "Back / New bot" link. The main form has a "Name:" label and a text input field containing "artthebarber". Below that is a "Create a landing page:" label with an unchecked checkbox. At the bottom are "Create" and "Cancel" buttons.

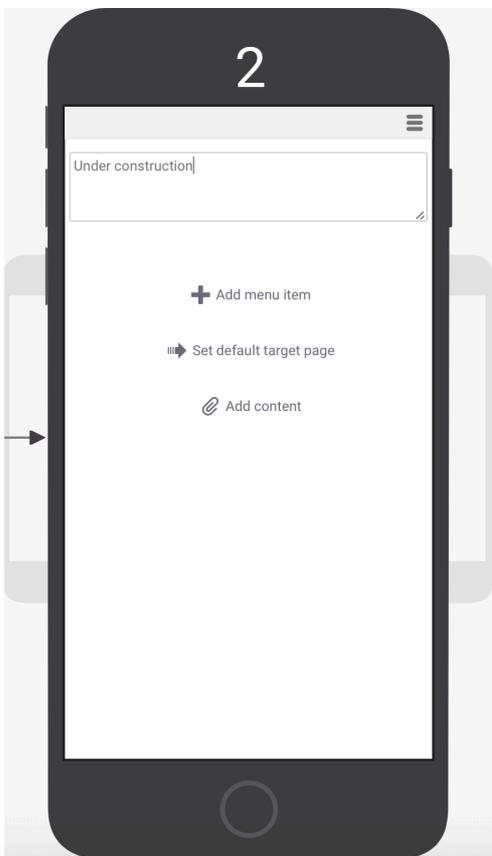
Bot editor opens showing the first page of your bot dialog.



This is the title page. Add here some greeting text and transition to the next page. The welcome text is entered in the uppermost text box of the phone screen. To make transition to the next page click at **+ Add menu item**.



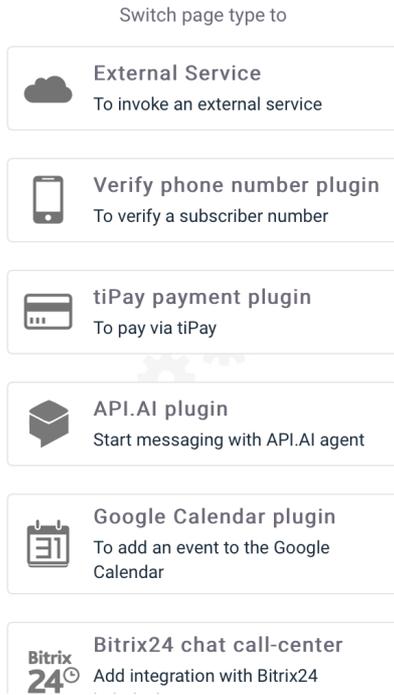
As you add a new menu item the editor automatically creates the next page corresponding to that menu item. This is the page where the calendar is to be placed. Open it.



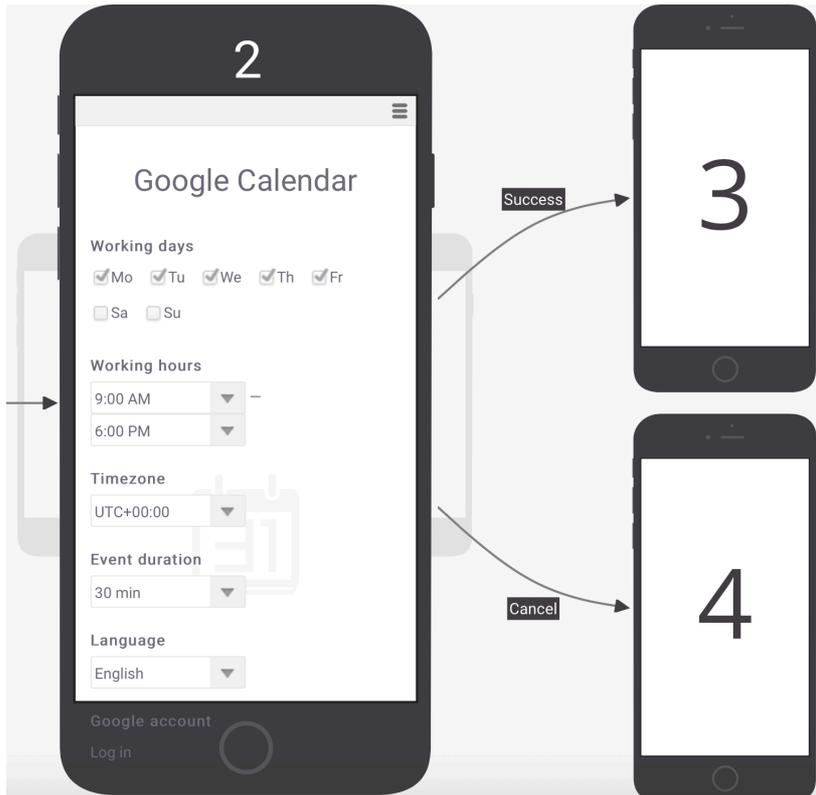
To add Google Calendar click on  in the upper right corner and choose **Page type**.



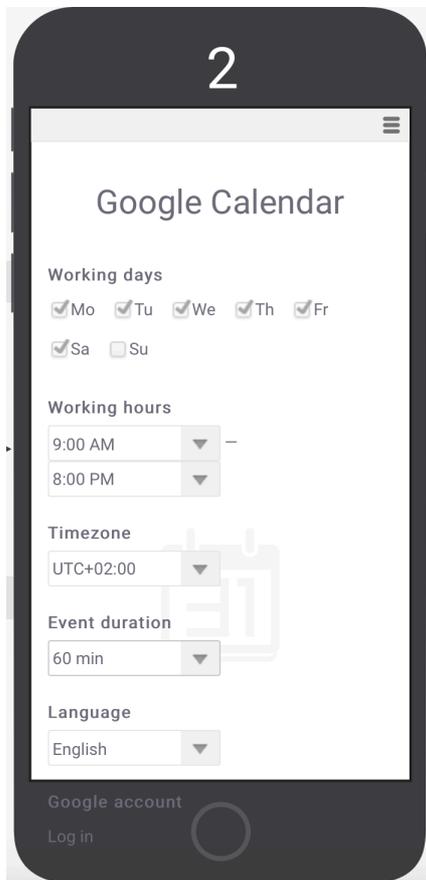
Now choose **Google Calendar plugin** from the list of available options.



Here you see the screen where Google Calendar initial settings are made as well as two new transitions - **Success** and **Cancel**. The first transition leads to the page that appears after a user has set a successful appointment. The second transition leads to the page to be shown if a user has canceled setting the appointment in the process.



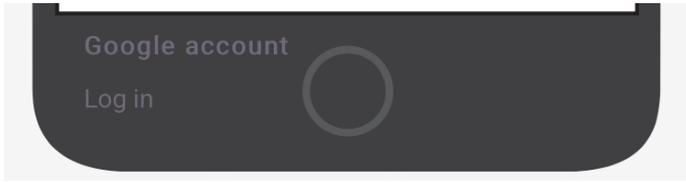
First, make your desirable settings to the calendar. Let us say, your barber shop is open on working days plus Saturdays, the working hours last till 8 PM. Also set your time zone. Make your visit duration 1 hour instead of the default 30 minutes. Leave English as the interface language.



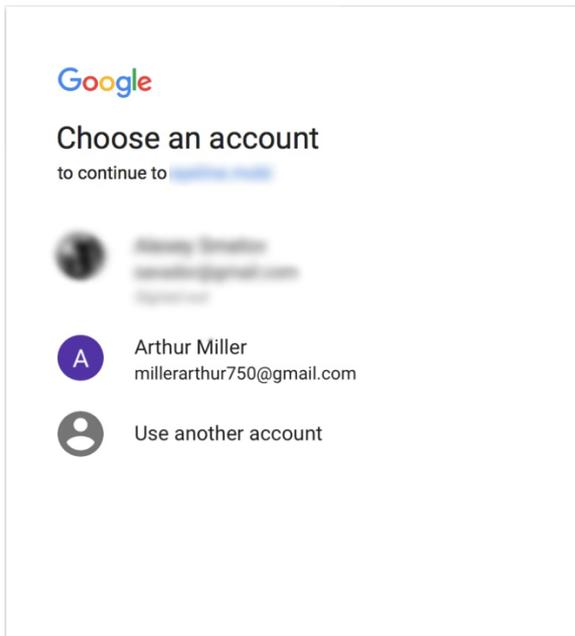


After the properties are all set you can connect the calendar to your Google account, where all client reservations will appear in the real time.

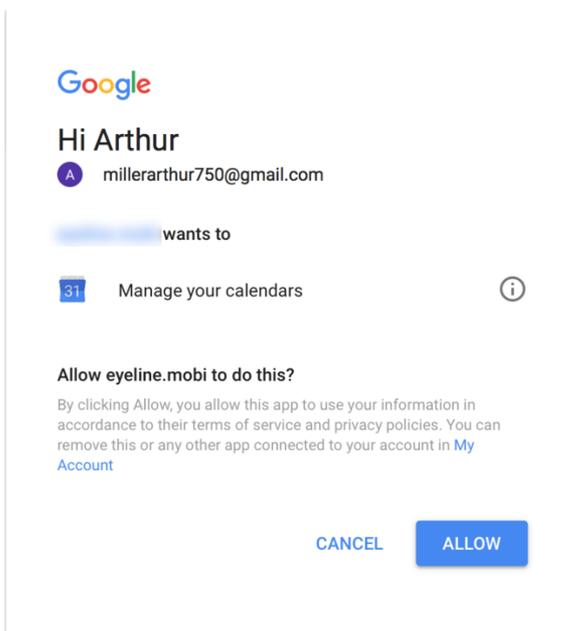
Press **Log in**.



Google pop-up window opens where you can choose from available Google accounts. *Note: your web browser can be set so as to block pop-up windows. If this is the case, go to browser security settings and remove pop-up window blocking.*

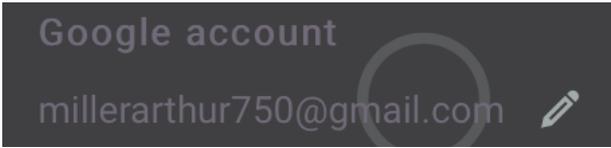


In the next window press **Allow** button.



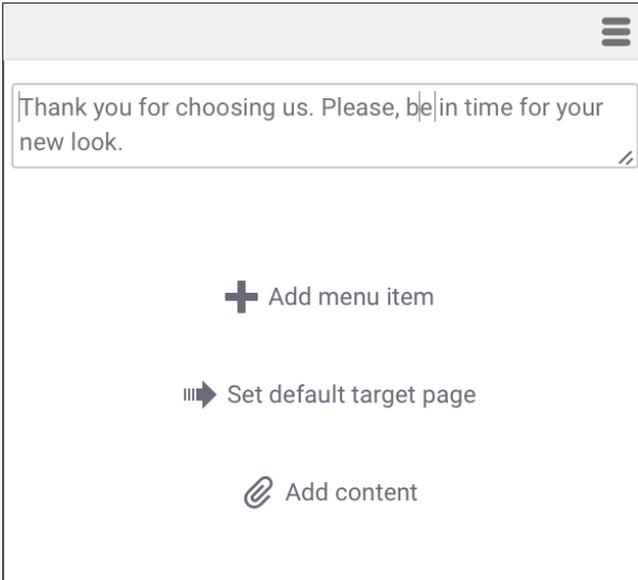


After that the chosen account appears in the MiniApps editor.

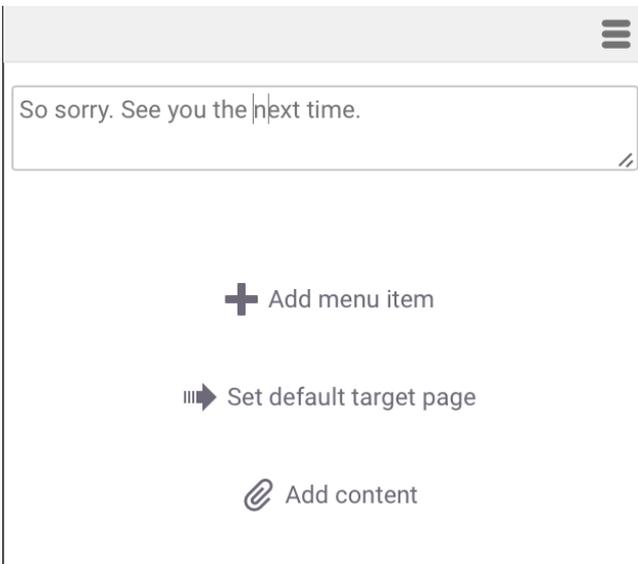


The only thing left is to edit the resulting windows. First edit the success page. This is the page that your client will see after the appointment is successfully set. Click on the phone that **Success** link leads to.

Write some words of appreciation here.



The same for the **Cancel** page.

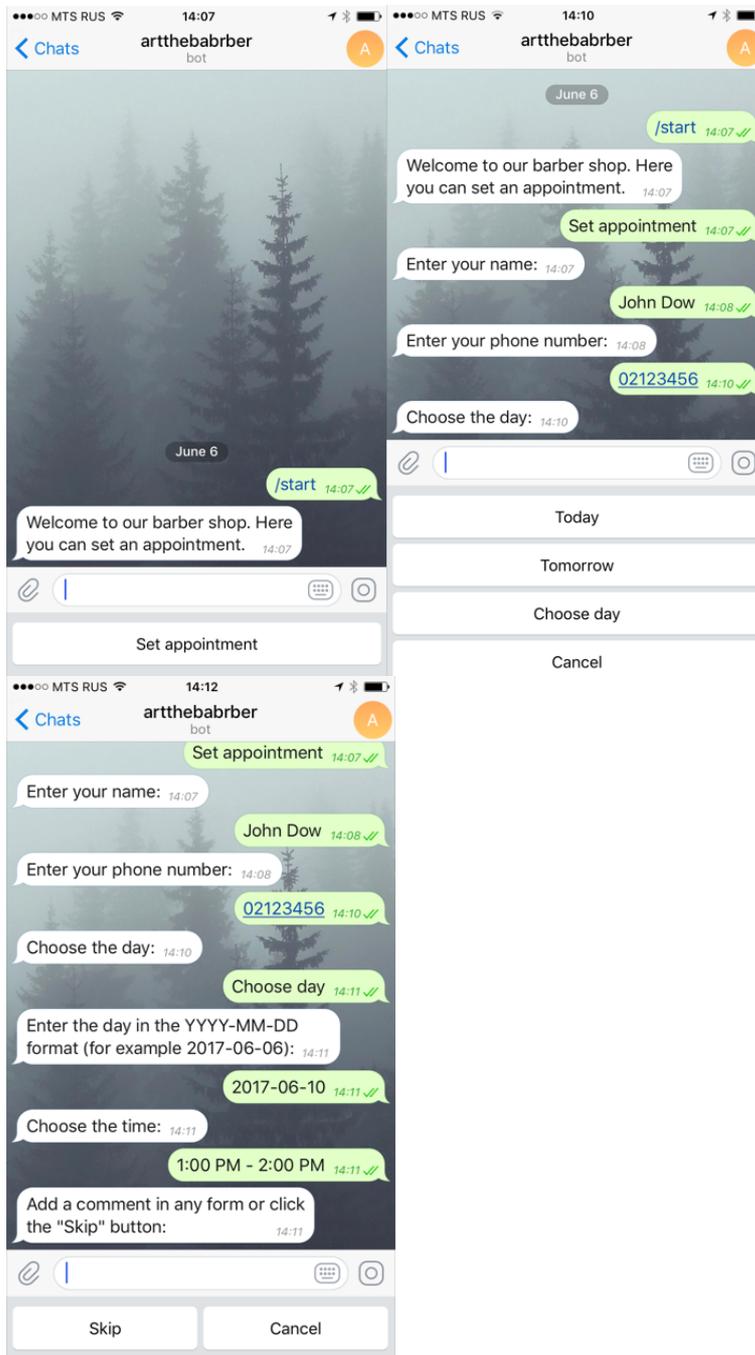


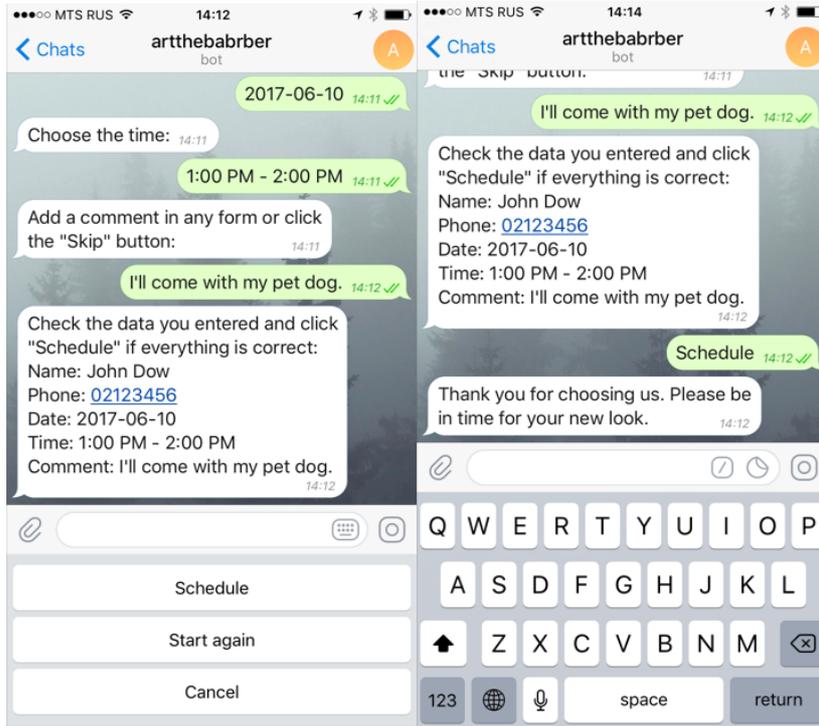
To save your pot press **Save & Close**.

3 How the Bot Performs in the Real Life

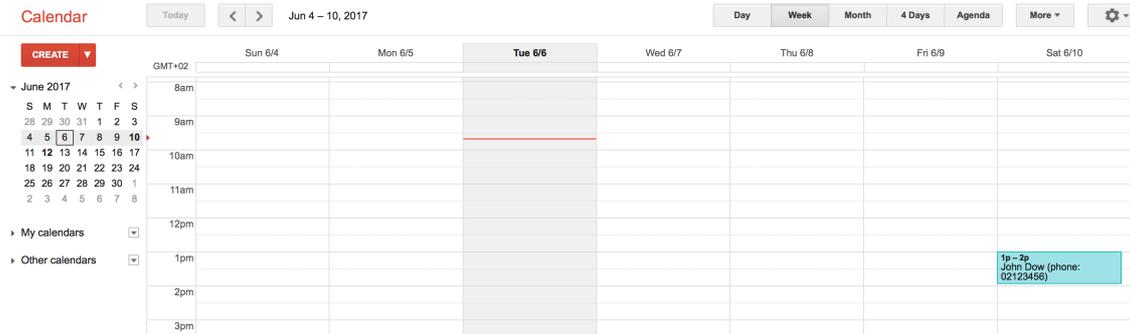
After you have completed editing the bot and connected it to a desired messenger or messengers (we chose Telegram) you can see how it works on a real mobile device and how the information entered by the user gets into Google Calendar.

The pictures below show the dialog between the user and the bot.





Now let us take a look at the Google Calendar. The appointment appears in the calendar as an event.



If you click on the event, you will see all detail.



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