

Simple Message Notification

Best Practices

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Scenarios

This section described how to use FunctionGraph to forward SMN messages to Slack. Slack, developed by Slack Technologies, is cloud-based instant messaging software. Slack does not have an API to receive HTTPS messages sent from SMN. So, you cannot directly add a Slack subscription to receive SMN notifications. Instead, you need to use FunctionGraph to forward messages to a specified URL.

Prerequisites

- You have created an SMN message topic, for example, **smn-test**. For details, see [Creating a Topic](#).
- You have downloaded Slack.

Procedure

To use FunctionGraph to send SMN messages to Slack, perform the following operations:

1. [Configuring Slack](#)
2. [Configuring FunctionGraph](#)
3. [Configuring SMN](#)

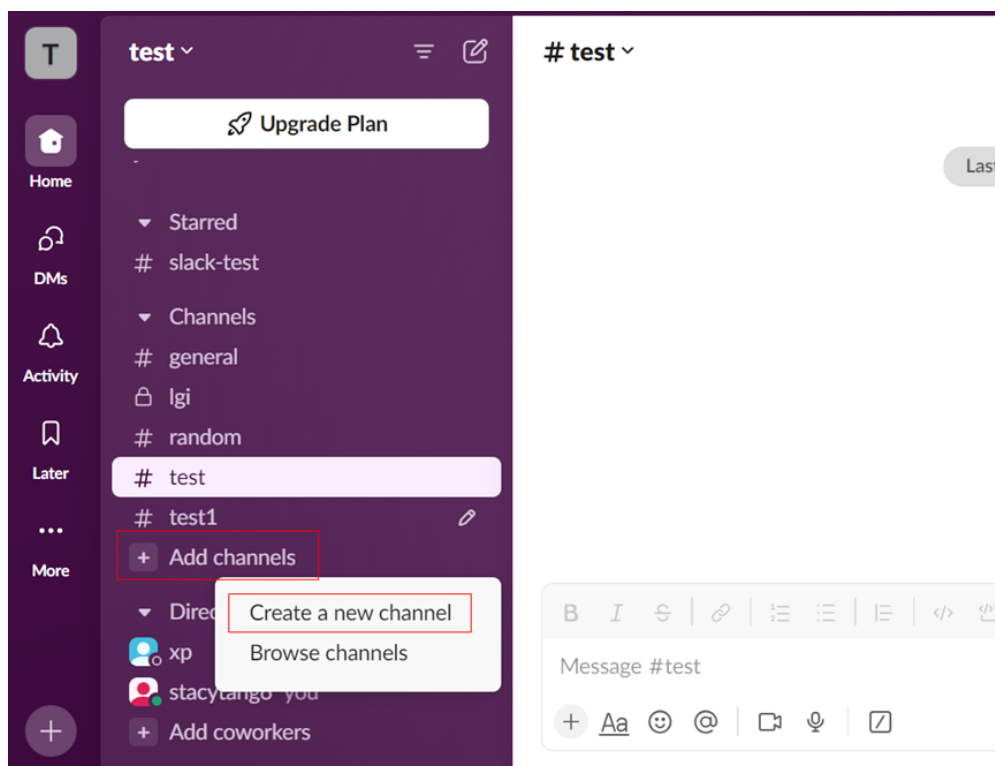
Configuring Slack

NOTE

The following operations are for reference only. For details, visit the [Slack website](#).

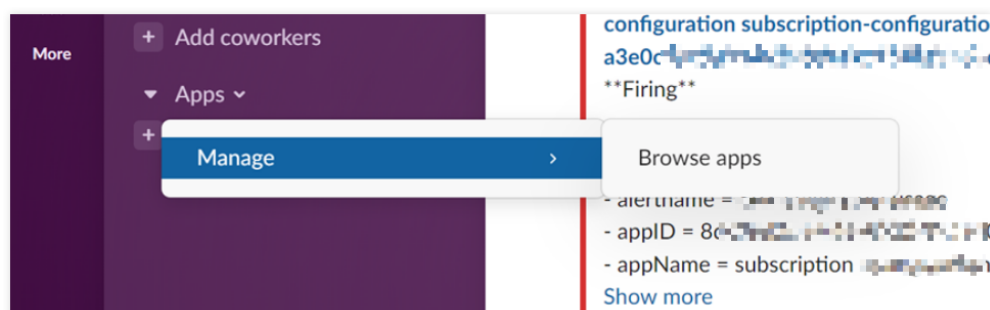
1. Create or select a channel on Slack.

Figure 1-1 Creating a channel



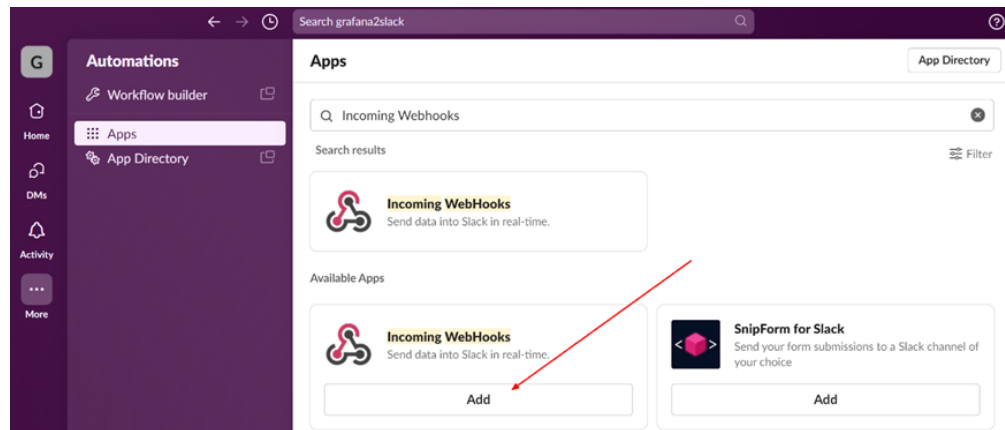
2. Choose **Apps > Manage > Browse apps**.

Figure 1-2 Choosing Apps



3. Search for **Incoming Webhooks** and click **Add**.

Figure 1-3 Adding Incoming Webhooks



4. Click **Configuration** to go to the configuration page and obtain the Webhook URL.

Figure 1-4 Clicking Configuration

Incoming WebHooks

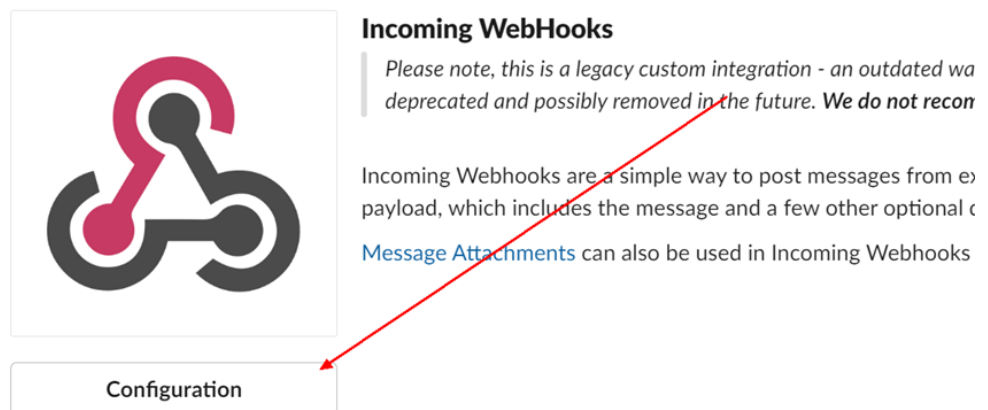
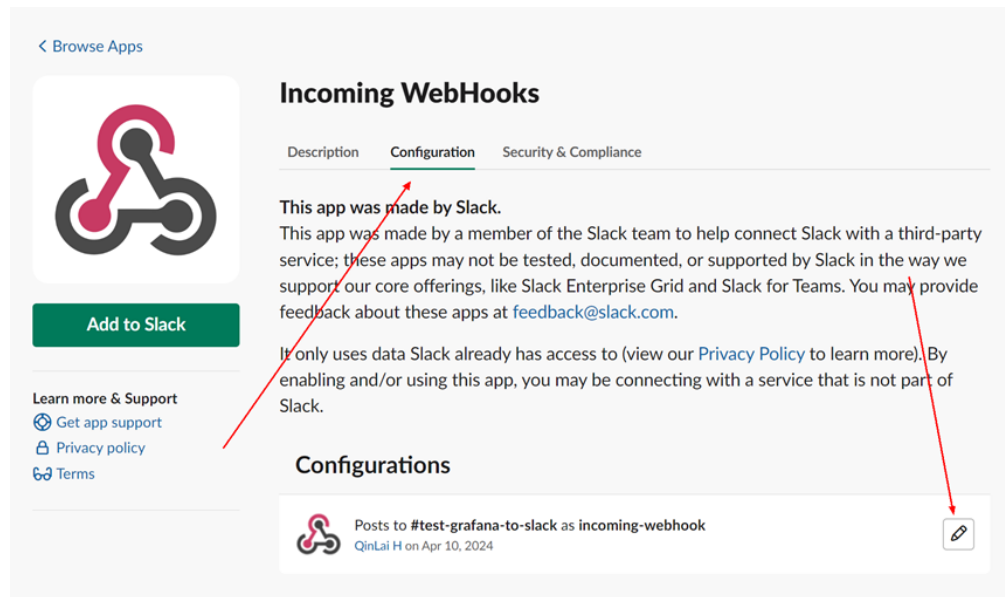
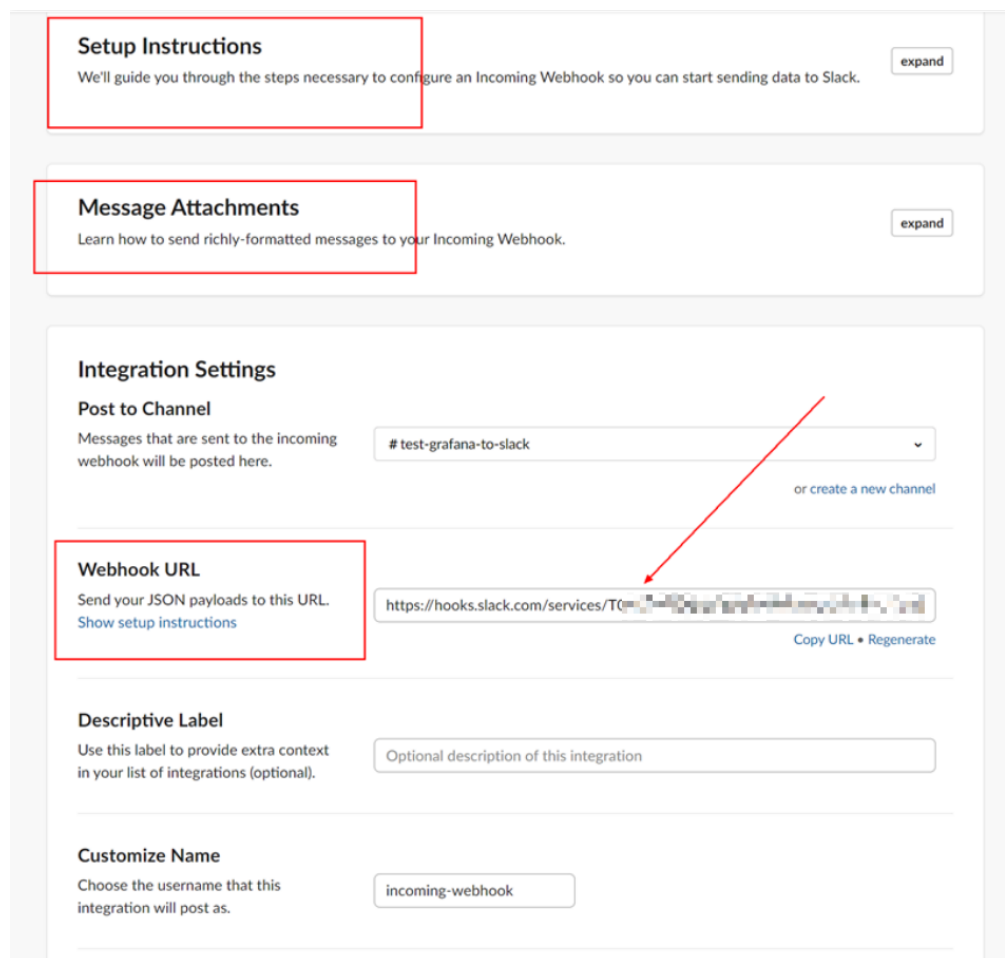


Figure 1-5 Obtaining the Webhook URL



5. Save the obtained Webhook URL.

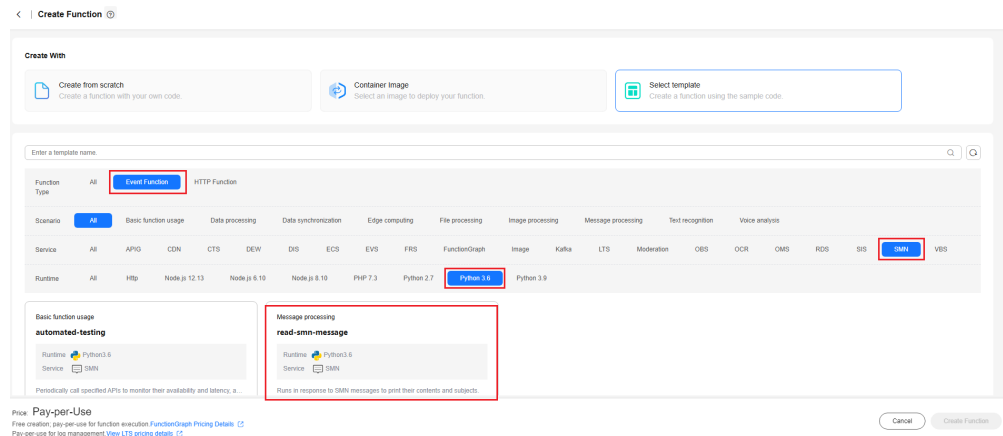
Figure 1-6 Saving the Webhook URL



Configuring FunctionGraph

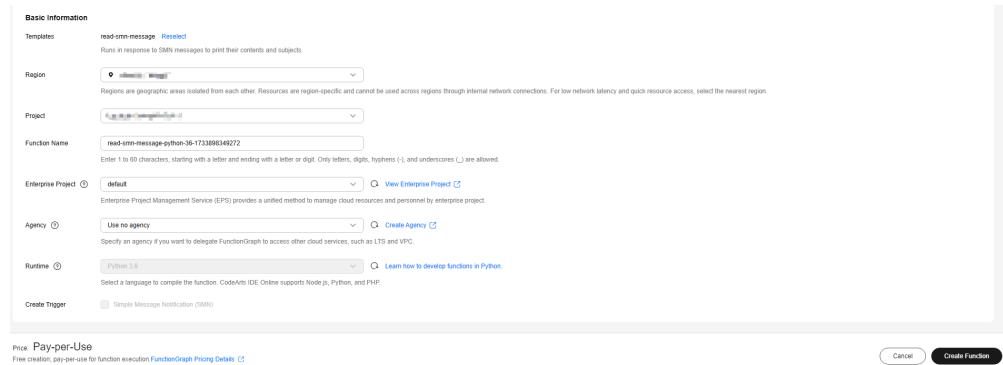
1. Log in to the **FunctionGraph console**. In the navigation pane, choose **Functions > Function List**.
2. Click **Create Function** in the upper right corner and choose **Select template**.
3. Select the template shown in **Figure 1-7** and click **Configure**.

Figure 1-7 Selecting a template



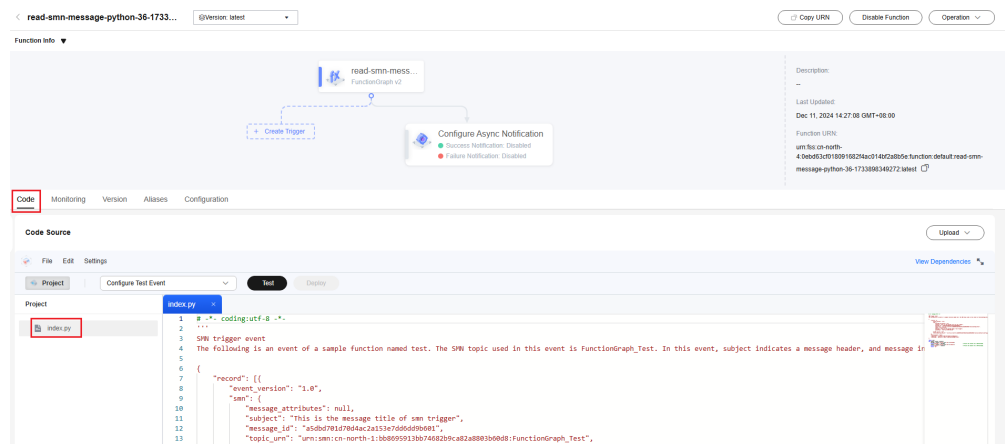
4. Set the function name, select an agency, retain default values for other parameters, and click **Create Function**.

Figure 1-8 Configuring basic information



5. On the configuration details page, click the **Code** tab and edit the code in **index.py**.

Figure 1-9 Editing the code



The following is an example of the code sent to Slack: (In actual use, set **webhook_url** to the Webhook URL obtained from Slack or perform other operations as required.)

```
# -*- coding:utf-8 -*-
import json
import requests

def handler(event, context):
    # Common part: Construct the body fields required by the destination address. event contains all
    # fields sent by SMN.
    payload = {'text': event["record"][0]["smn"]["message"]}

    # Forwarding part: Call a Slack API to forward messages to the Slack platform.
    try:
        webhook_url = 'Webhook URL obtained from Slack'
        response = requests.post(webhook_url, json=payload)
        response.raise_for_status()
        print('Message sent successfully')
    except requests.exceptions.RequestException as e:
        print(f'Error sending message to Slack: {e}')

    return event
```

6. After the editing is complete, press **Ctrl+S** to save the modification and update the code.
7. Click **Create Trigger**.
8. Set the following parameters:
 - **Trigger Type:** Select **Simple Message Notification (SMN)**.
 - **Topic Name:** Select a topic, for example, **smn-test**.

Figure 1-10 Creating a trigger



9. Click **OK**. After the topic is created, all messages sent to the topic are forwarded to the destination address through FunctionGraph.

Configuring SMN

1. Log in to the [SMN console](#). In the navigation pane, choose **Topic Management > Topics**.
2. Locate the topic **smn-test** and click **Add Subscription** in the **Operation** column.
3. Set the following parameters:
 - **Protocol**: Select **FunctionGraph (function)**.
 - **Endpoint**: Select a created function, for example, **smn-test**.

Figure 1-11 Adding a subscription

4. Click **OK**.
5. Locate the topic **smn-test** and click **Publish Message** in the **Operation** column.
6. Set the following parameters:
 - **Message Format**: **Text**
 - **Message Content**: Enter the message content.
7. Click **OK**.

Viewing the Received Message

After a message is published, you can receive the message on Slack. [Figure 1-12](#) shows an example.

Figure 1-12 Message received on Slack

