

AI Co-Worker Agent Solution for Account Opening

Agentic-Core Software Architecture Blueprint

1) Agentic Architecture Drivers

| Driver Type | Description | Source in Context |
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| Workflow Automation | All account opening execution is an agentic workflow (no optionality); process must be automated and orchestrated by agents, not procedural code | Project Purpose, REQ-009 |
| Compliance & Auditability | All workflow stages/actions must be explicitly traceable, readable, and replayable; system must generate operational/compliance event logs | REQ-005, Data Layer Spec |
| Variability & Evolvability | Rules, forms, and logic must be modifiable without full rearchitecture; continuous improvement and rule assessment cycles are required | REQ-006, Use Case 9 |
| Human-in-the-Loop | Human reviewers must be explicitly modelled in workflow (exceptions, approval, DocuSign routing); fully auditable actions | REQ-003, Use Cases |
| Data-Centricity | Data handling follows raw → normalized → consumer output (Bronze/Silver/Gold), driven by agent needs and output stages | Data Layer, Use Cases |
| IT Security Constraint | No external data handling; deployment and tools must run in NorthRock's controlled environment | REQ-007, Constraints |
| Tool/System Modularity | System boundaries enforced via adapters; agents never directly access APIs or data stores outside tool contracts | Arch. Rule #5, Tooling |
| Observability | Full workflow/decision traceability (LangSmith/Deep Lens); replayable decision and memory for audit and compliance | REQ-005, Rule #6, #7 |

2) Selected Architectural Style(s)

| Style | Role in Agentic Architecture | Non-Violable Rules |
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| Hexagonal (Ports & Adapters) with Agentic Core | Agents and workflows are the system core; all I/O, storage, APIs as adapters/tools at edge | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Agents never communicate directly to the outside, always via adapters- Tool contracts enforce system boundaries, support plugability and LLM-agnosticism |
| Event-Driven | Orchestration of agents via event transitions in workflow graphs (LangGraph style); agents respond to state changes and events | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- All transitions are explicit workflow events- Events are recorded, audited, and can trigger both agent and human tasks |

Rationale: Hexagonal ensures clear separation of agent logic and side effects (integration/tooling), supporting modifiability/evolvability. Event-Driven aspects handle handoffs, human-in-the-loop, and system triggers with full observability.

3) Agent Inventory (Core)

| Agent Name | Agent Type | Primary Goal | Decisions Made | Tech Stack |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|--|
| Workflow Orchestrator Agent | Orchestrator | Coordinate overall account opening workflow, enforce process sequence | Which agent(s) to activate or fork; state transitions | LangGraph/ LangChain FastAPI |
| Intake Agent | Worker/ Retriever | Ingest, normalize and associate all raw intake data (Formstack, statement uploads) | How to parse/classify, error/ exception routing | LangChain FastAPI |
| Validation Agent | Validator | Apply completeness, consistency, and custodian/ account rules; annotate packets | Which rules to apply; pass/fail/ exception | LangChain FastAPI |
| Packet Assembly Agent | Worker/ Assembler | Generate complete, compliant digital account opening packets and pre-populate forms | Select correct forms, map fields, structure packet | LangChain FastAPI |
| Human Review Agent | Human-in-the-loop | Route flagged packets for manual review/approval (exception, ambiguity, or required review) | Assign reviewer, track status, escalate timeout | FastAPI Workflow API, Adapter |
| DocuSign Envelope Agent | Worker | Prepare, send, and track DocuSign envelopes for signature | Envelope contents, recipients, resend/remind | LangChain FastAPI, DocuSign Adapter |
| Submission Agent | Worker | Submit finalized packet to custodian and record confirmation | Choose channel (API, SFTP); verify receipt; retry | LangChain FastAPI |
| Write-back Agent | Worker | Update Salesforce/Edge with results, artifacts, status, and ensure system sync | Which updates to post, handle failure/retry | LangChain FastAPI, SF Adapter |
| Audit/Trace Agent | Evaluator/ Auditor | Ensure all agent actions are captured for compliance/ops review (Deep Lens, LangSmith trace) | What to record, structure of logs | LangSmith Adapter, Audit Adapter |
| Continuous Improvement Agent | Evaluator/ Advisor | Periodically/evaluatively assess workflow quality and recommend/process changes | Flag optimizations, recommend rule/process updates | LangChain, FastAPI, Rule Adapter |

All agents receive tool interfaces from the toolkit manager; all such tools are initialized per workflow run for audit/replayability.

4) Agentic Workflow Graph (Conceptual)

| Workflow | Agents Involved | Control Flow | Failure Handling |
|---|---|---|---|
| Account Opening (Core) | Orchestrator → Intake → Validation → Packet Assembly → Human Review → DocuSign Envelope → Submission → Write-back → Audit/Trace | Sequential stages with branching: - To Human Review if packet invalid/ambiguous - DocuSign branch only if signature required - Retry loops on failures - Continuous audit at each stage | Retries (n x for I/O errors) Fallback agent if system down Escalation to reviewer/manual ops if cannot auto-heal Complete workflow and agent traces in all cases |
| Workflow QA/ Process Improvement | Continuous Improvement, Audit/Trace, Orchestrator | Loop: extract metrics → advise optimization → human review → update rules/logic | Missed assessment flagged; recommended changes queued |
| Exception/Manual Handling | Human Review, Intake, Validation | Branches: Exception → Human Review → Correction → path restarts at prior stage | Timeout/inaction escalates; every action logged |

All workflow state is externally persisted, and agent memory/store allows context-aware “restoration” for replay/audit.

5) Supporting Components (Non-Agent)

| Component | Type (Service / Tool / Adapter) | Responsibility | Tech Stack |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Formstack Adapter | Tool/Adapter | Retrieve forms/submissions | Python, FastAPI |
| Salesforce/Edge Adapter | Tool/Adapter | Client/household lookup, status/artifact write-back | Python, Simple Salesforce |
| Custodian Rulebook Adapter | Tool Adapter | Retrieve/process current custodian rules/templates | Python (custom), YML/JSON |
| DocuSign Adapter | Tool/Adapter | Envelope creation, status polling, reminders | Python, docusign-esign SDK |
| Deep Lens Audit Adapter | Tool/Adapter | Write and expose audit/action logs | Python, Event Log API |
| Black Diamond Adapter | Tool/Adapter | Retrieve/verify client statements, intake artifacts | Python, REST (if needed) |
| ETL Ingestion Service | Service | Land raw intake and unstructured docs (Bronze) | Python ETL (Airflow/ Glue) |
| LangChain Tool Manager | Service | Runtime tool/app registration; injects adapters for agent execution | Python, LangChain |
| Workflow Persistence Store | Service | Store agent memory, context, and workflow state | Python, Postgres/KV store |
| Vector Store Adapter | Tool/Adapter | (optional) Context/memory storage for long-term agent learning/memory | Chroma/FAISS |

6) Agent ↔ Data Layer Integration

| Agent | Reads From | Writes To | Data Layer | Store Type |
|------------------------------|---|---|-------------|----------------------------|
| Intake Agent | Formstack Adapter, Black Diamond Adapter, File Upload | Bronze Layer | Bronze | Object/File Store |
| Validation Agent | Bronze, Custodian Rules Adapter, Salesforce Adapter | Silver Layer (Validation output/ audit log) | Silver | Structured Log Store |
| Packet Assembly Agent | Silver Layer | Gold Layer (Packet assembly area) | Gold | File/Object Store |
| Human Review Agent | Gold Layer (Packets) | Gold (Review artifacts/decisions), Silver (Audit event) | Gold/Silver | Structured Record Store |
| DocuSign Envelope Agent | Gold Layer (Packets) | Gold Layer (Envelope prep stanza), Silver (Audit) | Gold/Silver | Envelope Files/Metadata |
| Submission Agent | Gold Layer | Custodian Adapter (API/SFTP), Silver (Submission outcome log) | Gold/Silver | API/Log Store |
| Write-back Agent | Gold Layer | Salesforce Adapter (artifacts, status) | Gold | Salesforce API |
| Audit/Trace Agent | All agents (event bus) | Silver (Trace/log exposure), Deep Lens | Silver | Event Log/Structured Trace |
| Continuous Improvement Agent | Silver (logs, traces) | Silver (advisories/updates) | Silver | Log + Config Store |

Data *ownership for each stage maps to agent-responsible entity. All schemas/versioning are enforced at contract level in adapters and record stores.*

7) Tool & Adapter Map

| Tool / Adapter | Used By Agent(s) | External System | Pattern Applied |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| Formstack Adapter | Intake Agent | Formstack | Tool Adapter (REST, anti-corruption) |
| Salesforce/Edge Adapter | Intake, Validation, Write-back | Salesforce/Edge | Tool Adapter, Contract Mapper |
| Custodian Rulebook Adapter | Validation, Packet Assembly | Schwab, Fidelity rules | Tool Adapter (Snapshot, anti-corruption) |
| DocuSign Adapter | DocuSign Envelope Agent | DocuSign | Tool Adapter (SDK, event sender) |
| Black Diamond Adapter | Intake Agent | Black Diamond (optional) | Tool Adapter (REST) |
| Deep Lens Audit Adapter | Audit/Trace Agent, Orchestrator | Deep Lens/Log System | Tool Adapter (event bus, WORM) |
| Vector Store Adapter | Any (Continuous Improvement, optional Memory) | Vector DB (local/internal) | Tool Adapter (Pluggable, Vector) |
| ETL Ingestion Service | Intake Agent | Internal ETL Platform | Service Adapter (File landing) |

Every tool contract is versioned/tested independently, supporting modifiability and strict separation between agent logic and system-specific behavior.

8) Design Pattern Application Map

| Concern | Pattern | Applied To | Reason |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Agent Boundaries | Hexagonal (Ports & Adapters) | All agents and tool adapters | Isolates agent reasoning from integration complexity |
| Tooling Replacement | Adapter/Facade | All tool adapters | Allows adapter swap without agent change |
| Human Decision Flow | Saga/Process Manager | Orchestrator, Human Review | Ensures process state is tracked through async/human steps |
| Error Handling | Circuit Breaker/Retry/Timeout | All agent↔tool boundaries | Ensures system resilience, reliable error surfaces |
| Memory & State | Memento/Event Sourcing | Workflow Persister, Audit/Trace | Enables replay, full audit, and compliance trace |
| Observability | Telemetry/Trace Decorator | All agent workflow steps | Guarantees trace output for external reporting (Deep Lens, LangSmith) |
| Rule/Process Evolution | Strategy/Configurable Pipeline | Validation, Packet Assembly, Continuous Improvement Agents | Rule/process changes handled via config, not code |
| Guardrails | Policy Decision Point/Validator | Validation, Audit Agents | Safety via in-band policy/guard evaluation |

9) Quality Attribute Drivers & Decisions

| Quality Attribute | Architectural Decision | Tradeoff | Risk | Mitigation |
|-------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Modifiability | All tool boundaries implemented as adapters; agent roles fixed | Adds upfront complexity (adapter layer) | Adapter drift, contract breakage | Version contract, comprehensive tests |
| Evolvability | Rules/logic/config externalized from agents | May limit ad-hoc nurse/patching | Stale rules, drift | Scheduled rule review, agent test harness |
| Observability | Full workflow and agent event tracing (LangSmith, Deep Lens) | Storage overhead | High volume log/audit | Retention policy, index/partitioning |
| Auditability | All agent actions and decisions recorded, stepwise | Performance impact for synclog | Log lag, lost events | Asynchronous, at-least-once delivery |
| Deployability | FastAPI microservices per agent team; version via container/tag | Deployment overhead | Orphaned/old agent versions | Orchestration layer, health checks |
| Safety | Validation agents as mandatory step, policy enforced | May slow workflow for "gray" input | Bottlenecks if rule ambiguous | Human escalation path, delayed processing |
| Compliance | All external integrations vetted, run in NorthRock IT | Limits rapid 3rd party tool use | Integration lag | Pre-approval process, clear change log |

10) Deployment & Runtime View

| Agent / Component | Runtime Form | Scaling Model | Isolation |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Workflow Orchestrator Agent | FastAPI service | Singleton per workflow | Dedicated |
| Intake Agent | FastAPI service | Horizontal (per intake CUs) | Per workflow |
| Validation Agent | FastAPI service | Horizontal (batch/trigger) | Per request |
| Packet Assembly Agent | FastAPI service | Stateless on demand | Per workflow |
| Human Review Agent | FastAPI service | Pool (async/manual-ops) | Session per reviewer |

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| DocuSign Envelope Agent | FastAPI service | Horizontal, per envelope | Per workflow |
| Submission Agent | FastAPI service | Stateless/concurrent | Per workflow |
| Write-back Agent | FastAPI service | Stateless/concurrent | Per workflow |
| Audit/Trace Agent | Async event-listener | Singleton per workflow | Dedicated |
| Continuous Improvement Agent | Batch/triggered | Singleton per assessment | Per-assessment |
| Each Tool Adapter | Shared lib/sidecar | As needed with agent | Memory/process |
| LangChain Tool Manager | Embedded/service | Shared runtime | Process |
| Workflow Persistence Store | DB/KV store | Centralized/HA | Logical (RBAC) |

Deployment follows "agent-per-role" with horizontal scaling and failover, containerized for consistent releases.

11) Explicit Non-Goals

| Area | Explicitly Out of Scope | Reason |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| BI/Analytics/Reporting | General analytics/reporting, downstream BI, data warehouse exports | Not in onboarding workflow scope |
| Model Training | Automated model retraining, hyperparameter search | No direct ML/AI beyond agent execution |
| General-purpose Integrations | Plug-and-play integration with arbitrary systems | Only specific platforms in context scope |
| Portfolio Management | Any process except onboarding/account open | Out of stated business workflow scope |
| Legacy Automation | Traditional RPA/non-agent automation | Agentic-first principle |
| Public/External Clouds | External, non-NorthRock environments | Compliance/security/risk limitation |

Summary

This architecture ensures that **Agentic Workflows are the driving principle** at every level:

- Agents own and execute every core process state.
- All integrations, storage, and I/O pass through explicit adapters/tools.
- Data flows (Bronze/Silver/Gold) are mapped to agent responsibilities, supporting traceability, audit, and replay.
- Human-in-the-loop, continuous improvement, and audit are deeply embedded at the workflow and agent levels, not as afterthoughts.
- Everything is observable, modular, and agent-driven—with clear separation of reasoning, data, and system integration concerns.

Agents are not an afterthought—they are the primary runtime, the processes, and the business logic of this system.