
CAPSTONE PROJECT

TRAVEL PLANNER AGENT

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Planning a trip involves multiple complex tasks including researching destinations, checking weather conditions, budgeting, booking transport and accommodations, and building itineraries. This process is time-consuming and often overwhelming for users. There is a need for an AI-powered assistant that can simplify and personalize the travel planning experience.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed system aims to address the challenge of planning trips efficiently by developing an AI-powered **Travel Planner Agent**. The agent is designed to simplify travel planning by offering real-time suggestions, managing logistics, and tailoring travel plans based on individual preferences. It leverages IBM Cloud Lite services and IBM Granite large language models to enable intelligent and context-aware assistance. The solution will consist of the following key components:

- **User Interaction & Intent Understanding:** The agent interacts with users via natural language to gather inputs like destination, budget, dates, and travel goals.
- **Real-Time Data Integration:** Integrates with APIs to fetch live data such as weather updates, transport options, and accommodation availability.
- **Itinerary & Plan Generation:** Builds customized travel plans including recommended destinations, activities, and route suggestions.
- **Smart Booking Management:** Assists in booking accommodations and transportation (optional API-based implementation).
- **Deployment on IBM Cloud:** Built using watsonx.ai Agent Builder and deployed on IBM Cloud Lite, ensuring scalability and ease of access.
- **Personalization & Adaptation:** Continuously refines suggestions based on user feedback and interaction history.

SYSTEM APPROACH

The system approach outlines the tools, architecture, and methodology used to build and deploy the Travel Planner Agent.

1. System Requirements

- IBM Cloud account (Lite plan)
- Access to watsonx.ai for building and training AI models
- IBM Cloud Object Storage to store user data and model assets
- IBM Cloud Code Engine or Cloud Functions for runtime deployment
- Integrated services: Maps API, Weather API, and Booking services API (optional)

2. Technologies Used

- AI/ML Platform: watsonx.ai (for building custom recommendation and planning models)
- Runtime: IBM Cloud Code Engine or Function as a Service (FaaS) for backend logic
- Storage: IBM Cloud Object Storage for itinerary data, user preferences, and model inputs

3. Libraries & Tools

- IBM Cloud CLI & SDKs for deployment and integration
- REST APIs for third-party services

RESULT

- The screenshot displays the dashboard of the "Travel Planner Agent" project on IBM watsonx.ai. It confirms that the project has been successfully created, showing key sections like Assets, Deployments, and Jobs. Resource usage, documentation tools, and collaboration options are also available for building and managing the AI travel assistant.

The screenshot shows the IBM watsonx.ai dashboard for the "Travel Planner Agent" project. The interface includes a top navigation bar with the IBM watsonx logo, an "Upgrade" button, and user account information. Below the navigation bar, there's a breadcrumb trail "Projects / Travel Planner Agent" and a set of tabs: "Overview" (selected), "Assets", "Deployments", "Jobs", and "Manage".

The main content area is titled "Start working" and features four recommended actions, each with an icon and a right-pointing arrow:

- Add users as collaborators** (Icon: Person with plus)
- Add data to work with** (Icon: Document with plus)
- Chat and build prompts with foundation models** (Icon: Chat bubbles)
- Tune a foundation model with labeled data** (Icon: Chart with plus)

Below these actions, there's a "View all" link and a "Collapse" button. The dashboard is divided into three main sections:

- Jump back in**: A section with a dropdown menu set to "By all". It shows a recent activity: "Travel Planner Agent" created "2 hours ago by you". A "View all" link is present.
- Resource usage**: A section showing usage for "this month in this project". It displays four metrics: "0 CUH", "24292 Tokens", "0 Hosting hours", and "0 Pages".
- Your documentation**: A section with a "New!" badge. It includes the text "Get started with your documentation" and "You can create and manage documents about work that you do in this project." Below this is a button labeled "Open Documentation editor" with a right-pointing arrow.

At the bottom, there's a "Project history" section with a refresh icon. It shows a notification: "Project export complete" with the message "Travel Planner Agent was exported successfully." and the timestamp "Today at 9:13 AM".

The URL at the bottom of the screenshot is: [https://dataplatform.cloud.ibm.com/projects/4b321cf9-765e-4e94-a399-e3788ee35f12...](https://dataplatform.cloud.ibm.com/projects/4b321cf9-765e-4e94-a399-e3788ee35f12?...)

RESULT

- The screenshot shows the IBM watsonx.ai interface under the "Travel Planner Agent" project. The Assets tab displays a single agent named Travel Planner Agent, indicating that the agent has been successfully created and saved in the project workspace for further AI development.

The screenshot shows the IBM watsonx.ai interface under the "Travel Planner Agent" project. The "Assets" tab is selected, displaying a table with one asset, "Travel Planner Agent". The interface includes a sidebar with "Asset types" and "Agents", and a top navigation bar with "Overview", "Assets", "Deployments", "Jobs", and "Manage".

Assets Table:

Name	Last modified
Travel Planner Agent Agent	2 hours ago Modified by you

Asset types:

- Agents (1)

RESULT

- The Travel Planner Agent project uses IBM watsonx.ai with IBM Cloud runtime and storage to create a smart assistant that helps users plan trips. It provides personalized destination suggestions, real-time recommendations, and local insights. The system integrates web tools to ensure an interactive and efficient travel planning experience. The agent is perfectly responding to the user queries.

The screenshot displays the IBM watsonx AI interface for the 'Travel Planner Agent' project. The 'Build' tab is active, showing the agent's configuration. The 'Setup' dropdown is set to 'Setup'. The 'Configuration' section shows the 'LangGraph' framework and 'ReAct' architecture. The 'Instructions' section contains the text: 'You are a helpful assistant that uses tools to answer questions in detail. When greeted, say "Hi, I am Travel Planner Agent. How can I help you?"'. The 'Knowledge' section is empty. The 'Tools' section includes buttons for 'Add a tool' and 'Create custom tool'. Below these are five added tools: 'Google search', 'DuckDuckGo search', 'Wikipedia search', 'Webcrawler', and 'Weather'. The right panel shows the 'Agent preview' with a chat history of user queries and agent responses. The chat history includes: 'You: 10:56 AM: Hi!', 'Travel Planner Agent 10:56 AM: Hi, I am Travel Planner Agent. How can I help you?', 'You: 10:56 AM: Can you suggest me top 3 places in west bengal', 'Travel Planner Agent 10:56 AM: Based on the search results, the top 3 places in West Bengal are: 1. Sundarbans National Park, 2. Victoria Memorial Hall, 3. Dakshineswar Kali Temple. These places are known for their historical and cultural significance, and are popular tourist destinations in West Bengal.', 'You: 10:57 AM: out of these 3 wich one is most popular for travel', 'Travel Planner Agent 10:57 AM: The most popular tourist destination in West Bengal among Sundarbans National Park, Victoria Memorial Hall, and Dakshineswar Kali Temple is Sundarbans National Park.', 'You: 10:57 AM: can you elaborate', 'Travel Planner Agent 10:57 AM: The Sundarbans National Park is a popular tourist destination in West Bengal, known for its unique mangrove forest and diverse wildlife, including the Royal Bengal Tiger. It is located in the Sundarbans delta, where the Ganges, Brahmaputra, and Meghna rivers meet, and is the largest estuarine mangrove forest in the world. The park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is home to a wide range of flora and fauna, including crocodiles, dolphins, and birds. Visitors can take a boat tour or trek through the forest to spot wildlife and enjoy the scenic beauty of the park. The park is also known for its cultural significance, with several local villages and communities living in harmony with the forest and its wildlife. Overall, the Sundarbans National Park is a must-visit destination for nature lovers and those interested in exploring the unique culture and biodiversity of West Bengal.'

CONCLUSION

- The Travel Planner Agent successfully simplifies and personalizes trip planning using AI-powered recommendations through IBM watsonx.ai. By understanding user preferences and integrating real-time data like weather and local guides, it creates dynamic, tailored travel itineraries. Deployed on IBM Cloud with scalable runtime and object storage, the agent enhances user experience by making travel planning efficient, smart, and enjoyable. This project demonstrates the potential of AI in transforming traditional planning into a seamless, interactive process.

FUTURE SCOPE

- The Travel Planner Agent can be enhanced with voice assistant integration for hands-free interaction, advanced NLP for natural conversation, and AI-driven cost optimization. Future upgrades may include multilingual support, integration with airline/train APIs for dynamic bookings, personalized activity suggestions via user history, and collaboration with travel agencies. Incorporating AR/VR previews of destinations and blockchain-based secure booking systems can further elevate the user experience.

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IBM CERTIFICATIONS

- Screenshot/ credly certificate(getting started with AI)



IBM CERTIFICATIONS

- Screenshot/ credly certificate(Journey to Cloud)



IBM CERTIFICATIONS

- Screenshot/ credly certificate(RAG Lab)





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