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The growing complexity of modern computing problems and the need for distributed, autonomous solutions have significantly contributed to the rise of agent-based systems. These systems, composed of intelligent agents capable of perceiving their environment, making decisions, and interacting with other agents or systems, offer a flexible and scalable approach to problem-solving across various domains.

One of the main motivations for adopting agent-based computing is the shift from monolithic, centralised systems to distributed and decentralised architectures. As business environments become more dynamic and data-driven, traditional models struggle to keep up with scalability and autonomy demands. Agent-based systems allow for modular development, where individual agents can operate semi-independently while still contributing to a shared organisational goal (Wooldridge, 2009).

Organisations benefit significantly from this paradigm, particularly in areas like supply chain management, e-commerce, and simulation. For instance, in logistics, agents can represent different stakeholders or processes and coordinate decisions in real time, leading to improved efficiency and adaptability (Jennings, Sycara and Wooldridge, 1998). Similarly, agent-based simulations help businesses model and predict complex human behaviours, aiding strategic planning and risk management (Macal and North, 2010).

The foundation of agent-based systems lies in artificial intelligence research, particularly in areas like autonomous decision-making, reasoning, and learning. Models such as belief-desire-intention (BDI) have provided formal structures for designing agents with goal-oriented behaviours, enabling more natural and human-like responses in dynamic contexts.

In conclusion, the rise of agent-based systems reflects both a technological evolution and a strategic response to increasingly complex and distributed environments. Their ability to support autonomy, decentralisation, and intelligent coordination makes them a valuable asset for forward-thinking organisations.

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