



# Quick Start Guide

Your navigation hub for learning AI evolution from rule-based systems to agentic workflows. Choose your path based on your role and goals.

## ★ START HERE: Top Priority Resources

- 1. Master Evolution Guide** — Read this first to understand the big picture and all 6 stages
- 2. Rule-Based Code** — Run this to see limitations of Stage 1 firsthand
- 3. Agentic Workflows Guide** — Deep dive into the cutting edge (Stage 6)



## All Learning Resources

### Core Guides



#### Master Evolution Guide

Complete overview of all 6 stages from 1980s rule-based systems to 2024 agentic AI. One use case throughout (L1 IT Support). Side-by-side comparisons, metrics, decision framework.

[Read Guide →](#)



## Agentic Workflows Guide

**PRIORITY!** Deep dive into multi-agent systems with Google ADK. Architecture, implementation, production considerations, safety guardrails for banking.

[Read Guide →](#)



## RAG Implementation Guide

Retrieval-Augmented Generation with vector search. How to ground LLM responses in your documentation. Includes chunking strategies, embedding models, production tips.

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## Working Code Examples

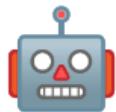


### Rule-Based Agent

**RUN THIS FIRST!** Fully functional Python agent using keyword matching and decision trees. Processes 12 test tickets. See the limitations that drove AI evolution.

[View Code →](#)

[Read Docs →](#)



## Multi-Agent System

Complete agentic workflow implementation with ADK. Includes diagnostic, knowledge, and resolution agents. Orchestration, tool calling, self-correction.

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## RAG System

RAG implementation with ChromaDB and Gemini. Index runbooks, retrieve context, generate grounded responses. Includes evaluation metrics.

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# 🎯 Learning Paths by Role

## Choose Your Path



### Data Engineer (Backend Focus)

**Goal:** Understand how to build production AI systems

- **Week 1:** Master guide + Rule-based code + Traditional ML basics
- **Week 2:** RAG guide + Build RAG prototype with your data
- **Week 3:** Fine-tuning guide + Cost/performance analysis
- **Week 4:** Agentic guide + Multi-agent architecture design

**Key Skills:** Pipeline design, tool integration, monitoring, safety

### ML Engineer (Model Focus)

**Goal:** Master model selection, fine-tuning, and optimization

- **Week 1:** Master guide + Compare traditional ML vs LLMs
- **Week 2:** Prompting guide + RAG guide + Evaluation metrics
- **Week 3:** Fine-tuning guide + Hands-on fine-tuning lab
- **Week 4:** Agentic guide + Agent orchestration patterns

**Key Skills:** Model selection, prompt engineering, RAG vs fine-tuning trade-offs

### Architect (System Design Focus)

**Goal:** Design scalable, cost-effective AI systems

- **Week 1:** Master guide + Decision framework + Cost analysis
- **Week 2:** All stage guides (scan for architecture patterns)
- **Week 3:** Agentic guide + Production considerations
- **Week 4:** Design system for 3 internal use cases

**Key Skills:** Architecture patterns, ROI analysis, production checklist

### Beginner (New to AI/ML)

**Goal:** Build foundational understanding

- **Week 1:** Master guide (read slowly) + Run rule-based code
- **Week 2:** Prompting guide + Experiment with Gemini API
- **Week 3:** RAG guide + Build simple Q&A bot
- **Week 4:** Agentic guide (concepts only, skip advanced patterns)

**Key Skills:** Understand when to use what, basic implementation



## 4-Week Structured Plan

# Comprehensive Learning Timeline

W1

## Week 1: Foundations

**Read:** Master guide (Stages 1-2)

**Code:** Run rule\_based\_agent.py + exercises

**Build:** Simple ML classifier on your team's tickets

**Deliverable:** Comparison doc (rule-based vs ML)

W2

## Week 2: GenAI Era

**Read:** Master guide (Stages 3-4) + RAG guide

**Code:** Experiment with Gemini prompting

**Build:** RAG prototype with ChromaDB

**Deliverable:** Working RAG Q&A system

W3

## Week 3: Advanced Techniques

**Read:** Master guide (Stage 5) + Fine-tuning guide

**Code:** Prepare dataset, fine-tune Gemini

**Build:** A/B test base vs fine-tuned vs RAG

**Deliverable:** Metrics comparison report

**W4**

## Week 4: Cutting Edge

**Read:** Master guide (Stage 6) + Agentic guide (full)

**Code:** Build multi-agent system with ADK

**Build:** Design agent architecture for your use case

**Deliverable:** Team presentation + decision framework

# 🎓 What You'll Learn

## ✓ After Week 1

- Understand limitations of rule-based systems
- Know when traditional ML is appropriate
- Can build simple classifiers

## ✓ After Week 2

- Master prompt engineering techniques
- Build RAG systems from scratch
- Understand retrieval strategies

## ✓ After Week 3

- Know when to fine-tune vs RAG
- Can estimate costs and timelines
- Evaluate model performance

## After Week 4

- Design multi-agent workflows
- Implement production safety measures
- Choose right approach for any use case

# Support & Community



## Internal Channels

**Slack:** #ai-agents, #ml-engineering

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays 3-4pm

**Contact:** ai-team@yourbank.com



## External Resources

**Google ADK:** [ai.google.dev/adk](https://ai.google.dev/adk)

**Gemini API:** [ai.google.dev/gemini-api](https://ai.google.dev/gemini-api)

**Discord:** Gemini API Community



## Troubleshooting

**Code Issues:** Check README files

**API Errors:** Verify credentials

**Questions:** Post in Slack first

## Next Steps

### Ready to Get Started?

Choose one based on your learning style:

 [Start with Theory](#)

 [Jump into Code](#)

 [See the Future](#)