Crewal A-Z Course

A beginner friendly step by step course

To build your own Agents



Introducing crewAl



AUTONOMOUS AI AGENT FRAMEWORK

fostering collaborative intelligence, CrewAI empowers agents to work together seamlessly, tackling complex tasks.



Core Components

Introduction to the different core components

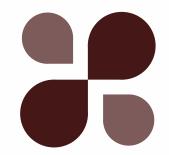
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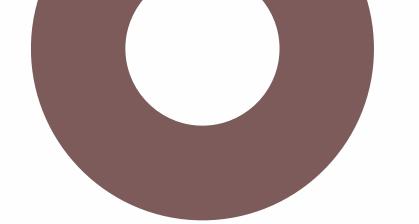
Explaining in detail about each core component including types and attributes

A hands on first simple project on how to validate markdown reports from setup till API

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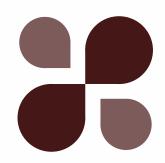
A few example projects and tips to solve real usecases





Core Components





Core components of CrewAl

Agents

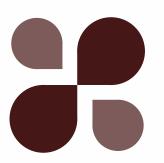
An agent is an autonomous unit programmed to Perform tasks, Make decisions, Communicate with other agents. Think of an agent as a member of a team, with specific skills and a particular job to do. Agents can have different roles like 'Researcher', 'Writer' contributing to the crew

Tasks

In the crewAl framework,
tasks are specific
assignments completed by
agents. They provide all
necessary details for
execution, such as a
description, the agent
responsible, required tools,
and more, facilitating a wide
range of action
complexities.

Crew

A crew in crewAl represents
a collaborative group of
agents working together to
achieve a set of tasks. Each
crew defines the strategy
for task execution, agent
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overall workflow.



Core components of CrewAl

Tools

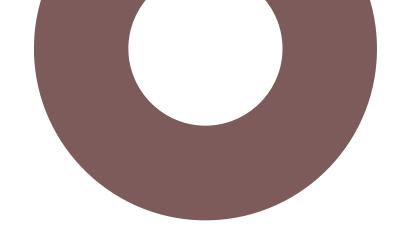
A tool in CrewAI is a skill or function that agents can utilize to perform various actions. This includes tools from the crewAI Toolkit and LangChain Tools, enabling everything from simple searches to complex interactions and effective teamwork among agents.

Processes

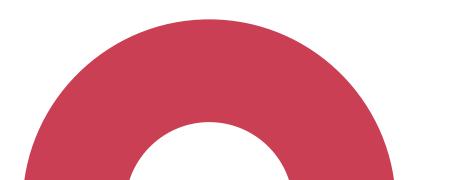
In CrewAl, processes
orchestrate the execution of
tasks by agents, akin to
project management in
human teams. These
processes ensure tasks are
distributed and executed
efficiently, in alignment
with a predefined strategy.

Memory

The crewAl framework introduces a sophisticated memory system designed to significantly enhance the capabilities of Al agents. This system comprises short-term memory, long-term memory, entity memory, and newly identified contextual memory, each serving a unique purpose.



Components Explanation





Agents - Important Attributes

Role - Role of Agent. Shows best suited task

Goal - Objective of Agent to achieve. Guides decision making

Backstory - Context to Role and Goal. Improves decision making

LLM - LLM which will act as agent. Def: GPT4

Tools - Tools to help the model to accomplish the tasks. Def: None

Max Iter - Max iterations run by LLM to give the best result possible. Def: 25

Max RPM - Max reqs per minute by agent to avoid rate limit errors. Def: None

Allow Delegation - Agents can delegate tasks ask questions wiithin. Def: None

Agents Usage - Sample Code

```
# Example: Creating an agent with all attributes
from crewai import Agent
agent = Agent(
  role='Data Analyst',
  goal='Extract actionable insights',
  backstory="""You're a data analyst at a large company.
  You're responsible for analyzing data and providing insights
  to the business.
  You're currently working on a project to analyze the
  performance of our marketing campaigns."",
  tools=[my_tool1, my_tool2], # Optional, defaults to an empty list
  llm=my_llm, # Optional
  function_calling_llm=my_llm, # Optional
  max iter=15, # Optional
  max_rpm=None, # Optional
  verbose=True, # Optional
  allow_delegation=True, # Optional
  step_callback=my_intermediate_step_callback, # Optional
  cache=True # Optional
```

Tasks - Important Attributes

Description - A clean, concise and crisp statement on what is the task

Agent - Agent responsible for the task

Expected Output - A description on how the output should be

Async Execution - Runs the task asynchronously. Def: False

Tools - Tools to help the model to accomplish the tasks. Def: None

Human Input - Indication if human input is required. Def: False

Output File - Output file path to store the task output. Def: ""

Callback - A Python callable executed with output upon completion. Def: None

Tasks Usage - Sample Code

```
from crewai import Task

task = Task(
    description='Find and summarize agent=sales_agent
)
```

Creating a simple task

```
search_tool = SerperDevTool()

task = Task(
  description='Find and summarize the latest AI news',
  expected_output='A bullet list summary of the top 5
  agent=research_agent,
  tools=[search_tool]
)
```

```
research_ai_task = Task(
   description='Find and summarize the latest AI news',
   expected_output='A bullet list summary of the top 5 most important AI news',
   async_execution=True,
   agent=research_agent,
   tools=[search_tool]
research_ops_task = Task(
   description='Find and summarize the latest AI Ops news',
   expected_output='A bullet list summary of the top 5 most important AI Ops news',
   async execution=True,
   agent=research_agent,
   tools=[search tool]
write_blog_task = Task(
   description="Write a full blog post about the importance of AI and its latest news",
   expected_output='Full blog post that is 4 paragraphs long',
   agent=writer_agent,
   context=[research ai task, research ops task]
```

Tools Available

CodeDocsSearchTool

CSVSearchTool

DirectorySearchTool

DOCXSearchTool

DirectoryReadTool

FileReadTool

GithubSearchTool

SerperDevTool

TXTSearchTool

JSONSearchTool

MDXSearchTool

PDFSearchTool

PGSearchTool

RagTool

ScrapeElementFromWebsiteTool

ScrapeWebsiteTool

WebsiteSearchTool

XMLSearchTool

YoutubeChannelSearchTool

YoutubeVideoSearchTool

Tools Usage - Sample Code

```
docs_tool = DirectoryReadTool(directory='./blog-posts')
file_tool = FileReadTool()
search_tool = SerperDevTool()
web rag tool = WebsiteSearchTool()
# Create agents
researcher = Agent(
    role='Market Research Analyst',
    goal='Provide up-to-date market analysis of the AI industry',
    backstory='An expert analyst with a keen eye for market trends.',
    tools=[search_tool, web_rag_tool],
    verbose=True
```

Custom Tool - Sample Code

Subclassing BaseTool

```
from crewai_tools import BaseTool

class MyCustomTool(BaseTool):
    name: str = "Name of my tool"
    description: str = "Clear description for what this tool is useful for, you agent will need this information

def _run(self, argument: str) -> str:
    # Implementation goes here
    return "Result from custom tool"
```

Utilizing the tool Decorator

```
from crewai_tools import tool
@tool("Name of my tool")
def my_tool(question: str) -> str:
    """Clear description for what this tool is useful for, you agent will need this information to use it.""
    # Function logic here
    return "Result from your custom tool"
```

Processes - Types

Sequential Process

This method mirrors dynamic team workflows, progressing through tasks in a thoughtful and systematic manner. Task execution follows the predefined order in the task list, with the output of one task serving as context for the next.

Hierarchial Process

Organizes tasks in a managerial hierarchy, where tasks are delegated and executed based on a structured chain of command. A manager language model (manager_IIm) must be specified in the crew to enable the hierarchical process

Processes Usage - Sample Code

```
from crewai import Crew
from crewai.process import Process
from langchain openai import ChatOpenAI
# Example: Creating a crew with a sequential process
crew = Crew(
    agents=my_agents,
    tasks=my_tasks,
    process=Process.sequential
# Example: Creating a crew with a hierarchical process
# Ensure to provide a manager_llm
crew = Crew(
    agents=my agents,
    tasks=my tasks,
    process=Process.hierarchical,
    manager llm=ChatOpenAI(model="gpt-4")
```

Crew - Important Attributes

Tasks - List of tasks

Agents - List of agents

Process - Process flow.

Manager LLM - If hierarchial a manager LLM to monitor process.

Verbose - Verbosity level of logging

Memory - Utilized for storing execution memories (short, long-term, entity).

Max RPM - Max reqs per minute by agent to avoid rate limit errors.

Full Output - Should crew return full output or final alone.

There are some others but these are important*

Crew Usage - Sample Code

```
my_crew = Crew(
    agents=[researcher, writer],
    tasks=[research_task, write_article_task],
    process=Process.sequential,
    full_output=True,
    verbose=True,
)
```

Creating a simple crew

```
# Start the crew's task execution
result = my_crew.kickoff()
print(result)
```

```
researcher = Agent(
   role='Senior Research Analyst',
   goal='Discover innovative AI technologies',
   tools=[DuckDuckGoSearchRun()]
writer = Agent(
   role='Content Writer',
   goal='Write engaging articles on AI discoveries',
   verbose=True
# Create tasks for the agents
research_task = Task(
   description='Identify breakthrough AI technologies',
   agent=researcher
write article task = Task(
   description='Draft an article on the latest AI technologies',
   agent=writer
# Assemble the crew with a sequential process
my crew = Crew(
    agents=[researcher, writer],
   tasks=[research task, write article task],
   process=Process.sequential,
   full_output=True,
   verbose=True,
```

Creating a simple crew whole code

Memory - Types

Short-Term Memory

Temporarily stores recent interactions and outcomes, enabling agents to recall and utilize information relevant to their current context.

Long-Term Memory

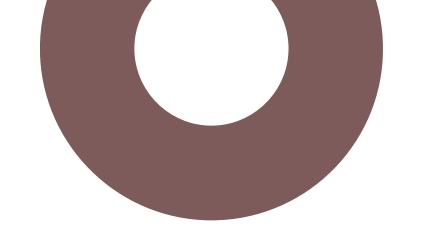
Preserves valuable insights and learnings from past executions, allowing agents to build and refine their knowledge over time.

Entity Memory

Captures and organizes information about entities (people, places, concepts) encountered during tasks, facilitating deeper understanding and relationship mapping.

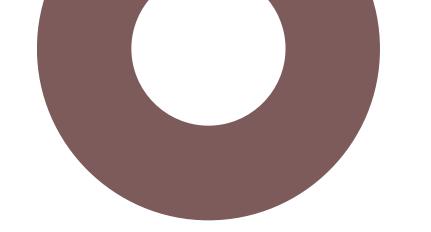
Memory Usage - Sample Code

```
from crewai import Crew, Agent, Task, Process
# Assemble your crew with memory capabilities
my_crew = Crew(
    agents=[...],
    tasks=[...],
    process=Process.sequential,
    memory=True,
    verbose=True
```



The first project Markdown Validation





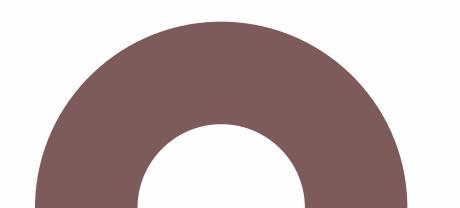
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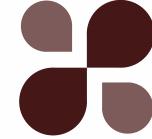


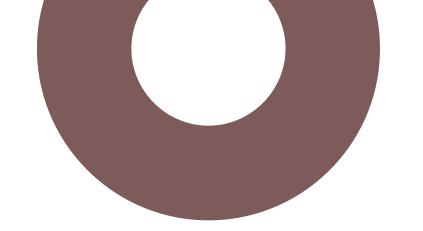


Some advanced projects...

https://github.com/joaomdmoura/crewAl-examples/tree/main

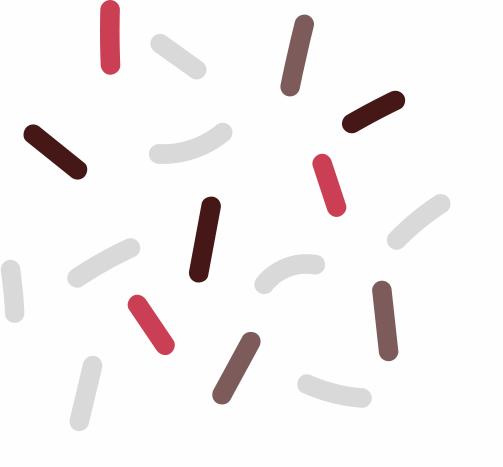






Some tips...





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