# Training Day 18 Report

## Overview

**Langflow** is a visual framework for building and debugging LangChain applications using a drag-and-drop interface. It is designed to help developers and non-developers prototype, experiment, and understand large language model workflows with ease, without needing to write extensive backend code.

## What is Langflow?

Langflow provides a low-code/no-code interface that allows users to:

- Visually create chains and agents.

- Connect components like prompts, models, tools, memory, and retrievers.

- Test, run, and debug the flow in real time.

It is built on top of LangChain and supports exporting your flow to code for production-ready deployment.

## Key Features

- **Drag-and-drop interface** to design complex chains.

- **Live execution** to test prompts and agent behavior.

- **Editable parameters** for prompts, models, and tools.

- **Support for memory, retrievers, and function tools**.

- **Export to code** option for further customization.

# Typical Workflow

1. Launch Langflow locally or on a cloud server.

2. Select a component from the sidebar (e.g., Prompt, ChatOpenAI, Tool).

3. Drag it into the canvas and connect it to other components.

4. Input prompt instructions, parameters, or tools.

5. Press run to see how the chain behaves and view responses.

# Use Case Example

**Objective:** Create a chatbot that answers questions about a company handbook.

- Add a `Document Loader` to load the PDF.

- Connect it to a `Text Splitter` and then a `Vector Store`.

- Add a `Retriever` to query the store.

- Connect the retriever and user prompt to `ChatOpenAI`.

- Test the flow with sample questions.

# Advantages Over Code-Based LangChain

| Langflow | Code-based LangChain |
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| Visual drag-and-drop interface | Requires Python scripting |
| Fast prototyping for beginners | Highly flexible for developers |
| Built-in visual debugging | Requires manual logging |
| Accessible to non-coders | Better for production systems |

# Installation and Access

Langflow can be installed locally using:

- `pip install langflow`

- `langflow run` to start the local server

It opens in the browser at `http://localhost:7860` by default.

# Conclusion

Langflow simplifies the process of building LLM applications by abstracting complex LangChain code into a visual interface. It is ideal for rapid prototyping, educational purposes, and collaborative design, especially when working with cross-functional teams that include both technical and non-technical users.