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# Dexter AI: The Self-Improving Financial Research Assistant That Thinks Like an Analyst

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I've spent enough time crunching numbers to understand this: financial research is a time sink. You start by examining a company's earnings, then pull their balance sheet, compare it with competitors, and before you know it — two hours have passed, and you're still only halfway through.

That's why **Dexter** grabbed my attention.

Dexter isn't just another "AI chatbot that answers finance questions." It's more like a junior analyst who **plans, checks,** and **revises their own work** until they get it right. Think Claude Code — but trained to handle real financial data instead of only code snippets.

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## What Dexter Actually Does

Let's say you ask something simple like:

> "What was Apple's revenue growth over the last 4 quarters?"

A typical chatbot might provide a vague answer sourced from a blog. Dexter, however, breaks the question into steps — much like how a real analyst would approach it.

1. Fetch Apple's quarterly income statements

2. Pull total revenue for each quarter

3. Calculate the growth rate

4. Check if the numbers make sense

5. Summarize everything cleanly

It's not guessing; it's reasoning, and that's the difference.

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## The Brains Behind It

Dexter operates on a **multi-agent system** — essentially a group of small specialized AIs that manage different parts of the process.

- The **Planning Agent** figures out what needs to be done.

- The **Action Agent** grabs data from real financial APIs.

- The **Validation Agent** double-checks the work.

- The **Answer Agent** ties everything together into a readable explanation.

The outcome? Fewer hallucinations, more dependable answers, and explanations that truly make sense.

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## Example

Here's what it looks like in code:

```python
from dexter.agent import Agent

agent = Agent(
    max_steps=20,
    max_steps_per_task=5
)
response = agent.run("Compare Microsoft and Google's operating margins for 2023
print(response)
```

And you'll see something like this:

```
Microsoft: 42% operating margin (2023)
Google: 30% operating margin (2023)
```

```
Microsoft maintained a higher margin mainly due to lower R&D costs and strong c
```

Clean, clear, and ready to use. No spreadsheets needed. No hunting through filings.

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## Setting It Up

If you want to try it yourself, it's pretty straightforward.

You'll need:

- Python 3.10 or higher

- The `uv` package manager

- An OpenAI API key

- A Financial Datasets API key

Then:

```
git clone https://github.com/virattt/dexter.git
cd dexter
uv sync
cp env.example .env
```

Edit `.env` to add your API keys:

```
OPENAI_API_KEY=your-openai-api-key
FINANCIAL_DATASETS_API_KEY=your-financial-datasets-api-key
```

Finally, run Dexter interactively:

```
uv run dexter-agent
```

Now you can simply *talk* to it — ask questions, run comparisons, analyze trends — and it will take care of the rest.

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## Why This Matters

Finance is full of data, but not insight. Most of the work is just *finding* numbers, not understanding them. Dexter flips that around. It automates the tedious tasks — fetching, comparing, verifying — so you can concentrate on the part that actually matters: making decisions.

It doesn't replace analysts; it assists them in working more intelligently.

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## Final Thoughts

We're entering an intriguing phase where AI tools don't just "assist" — they *think through problems*. Dexter feels like one of those early glimpses. It's rough around the edges, but you can already see where this is headed: self-correcting, self-improving financial intelligence that learns as it works.

If you've ever wished for a tireless research assistant who loves spreadsheets — Dexter comes pretty close.
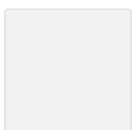
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