

Nion Orchestration Internship Assessment

Problem Statement

You are building a simplified version of Nion's orchestration engine. Nion is an **AI Program Manager agent** that helps teams track action items, risks, issues, and decisions across projects. It observes communications (emails, Slack, meetings), extracts relevant items, and responds to questions about project status.

Given an input message, your program should analyze it and print the complete orchestration map showing how the message flows through the L1 → L2 → L3 hierarchy.

Background

Nion uses a three-tier architecture:

Layer	Role	Description
L1	Orchestrator	Ingests and parses the message, reasons about intent, identifies gaps, selects strategy, generates plan
L2	Coordinator	Receives directions from L1, coordinates multiple L3 agents, aggregates results
L3	Agent	Executes specific tasks, returns results

Visibility Rules

Each layer has restricted visibility:

Layer	Can See
L1	L2 domains + Cross-Cutting agents only
L2: TRACKING_EXECUTION	Its own L3 agents + Cross-Cutting agents
L2: COMMUNICATION_COLLABORATION	Its own L3 agents + Cross-Cutting agents
L2: LEARNING_IMPROVEMENT	Its own L3 agents + Cross-Cutting agents

L1 does **not** see individual L3 agents directly. It delegates to L2, which coordinates the appropriate L3 agents.

Available Components

L2 Domain Agents (Visible to L1)

Domain	Purpose
TRACKING_EXECUTION	Extraction, validation, and tracking of items
COMMUNICATION_COLLABORATION	Q&A, reporting, delivery
LEARNING_IMPROVEMENT	Learning from instructions

Cross-Cutting Agents (Visible to L1 and all L2 domains)

Cross Cutting Agent	Purpose
knowledge_retrieval	Retrieves context from database - project info, stakeholder details, historical data
evaluation	Validates outputs before delivery - checks accuracy, tone, completeness

L3 Agents by L2 Domain

L2: TRACKING_EXECUTION (only visible to this L2)

L3 Agent	Purpose
action_item_extraction	Extracts action items from message content, infers owners and due dates
action_item_validation	Validates action items have required fields, flags missing info
action_item_tracking	Tracks action items to completion, provides status snapshots
risk_extraction	Extracts risks from message content, assesses likelihood and impact
risk_tracking	Tracks risks, provides risk snapshots

issue_extraction	Extracts issues/problems from message content, assesses severity
issue_tracking	Tracks issues to resolution, provides issue snapshots
decision_extraction	Extracts decisions from message content, identifies decision maker
decision_tracking	Tracks decisions to implementation

L2: COMMUNICATION_COLLABORATION (only visible to this L2)

L3 Agent	Purpose
qna	Formulates responses to questions, handles both direct answers and gap-aware responses
report_generation	Creates formatted reports (status reports, summaries, digests)
message_delivery	Sends messages via appropriate channels (email, Slack, Teams)
meeting_attendance	Captures meeting transcripts, generates meeting minutes

L2: LEARNING_IMPROVEMENT (only visible to this L2)

L3 Agent	Purpose
instruction_led_learning	Learns from explicit instructions, stores SOPs and rules

Your Task

Write a program that:

- 1. Accepts an input message (JSON)
- 2. Performs L1 reasoning (ingestion, intent analysis, planning) and delegates to L2 agent
- 3. Prints the full orchestration map showing L1 plan followed by L2/L3 execution
- 4. Respects visibility rules (L1 only delegates to L2/Cross-Cutting, L2 coordinates its own L3 agents)

Input Format

```
1 {
2   "message_id": "MSG-001",
3   "source": "email",
4   "sender": {
5     "name": "Sarah Chen",
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6     "role": "Product Manager"
7   },
8   "content": "The customer demo went great! They loved it but asked if
we could add real-time notifications and a dashboard export feature.
They're willing to pay 20% more and need it in the same timeline. Can
we make this work?",
9   "project": "PRJ-ALPHA"
10  }
11

```

Expected Output Format

```

1  =====
2  =====
3  NION ORCHESTRATION MAP
4  =====
5  Message: <message_id>
6  From: <sender_name> (<sender_role>)
7  Project: <project>
8  =====
9  =====
10 L1 PLAN
11 =====
12 [TASK-XXX] → L2:<DOMAIN> or L3:<cross-cutting-agent>
13   Purpose: <description>
14   Depends On: <optional dependencies>
15 <... repeat for all planned tasks ...>
16
17 =====
18 L2/L3 EXECUTION
19 =====
20 =====
21 [TASK-XXX] L2:<DOMAIN>
22   ↳ [TASK-XXX-A] L3:<agent>
23     Status: COMPLETED
24     Output:
25       • <output line 1>
26       • <output line 2>
27
28 [TASK-XXX] L3:<cross-cutting-agent> (Cross-Cutting)
29   Status: COMPLETED
30   Output:
31     • <output line 1>
32     • <output line 2>
33
34 <... repeat for all executed tasks ...>
35
36 =====
37 =====

```

Sample Input/Output

Input:

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```

Output:

(Note: L3 entries showing responses are just dummy placeholders and can be generated randomly)

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1  =====
2  NION ORCHESTRATION MAP
3  =====
4  Message: MSG-001
5  From: Sarah Chen (Product Manager)
6  Project: PRJ-ALPHA
7
8  =====
9  L1 PLAN
10 =====
11 [TASK-001] → L2:TRACKING_EXECUTION
12   Purpose: Extract action items from customer request
13
14 [TASK-002] → L2:TRACKING_EXECUTION
15   Purpose: Extract risks from scope change request
16
17 [TASK-003] → L2:TRACKING_EXECUTION
18   Purpose: Extract decision needed
19
20 [TASK-004] → L3:knowledge_retrieval (Cross-Cutting)
21   Purpose: Retrieve project context and timeline
22
23 [TASK-005] → L2:COMMUNICATION_COLLABORATION
24   Purpose: Formulate gap-aware response
25   Depends On: TASK-001, TASK-002, TASK-003, TASK-004
26
27 [TASK-006] → L3:evaluation (Cross-Cutting)
28   Purpose: Evaluate response before sending
29   Depends On: TASK-005
30
31 [TASK-007] → L2:COMMUNICATION_COLLABORATION
32   Purpose: Send response to sender
33   Depends On: TASK-006
34
35 =====
36 L2/L3 EXECUTION
37 =====
38
39 [TASK-001] L2:TRACKING_EXECUTION
40   ↳ [TASK-001-A] L3:action_item_extraction
41     Status: COMPLETED
42     Output:
43       • AI-001: "Evaluate real-time notifications feature"
44         Owner: ? | Due: ? | Flags: [MISSING_OWNER,
MISSING_DUE_DATE]
45       • AI-002: "Evaluate dashboard export feature"
46         Owner: ? | Due: ? | Flags: [MISSING_OWNER,
MISSING_DUE_DATE]
47
48 [TASK-002] L2:TRACKING_EXECUTION
49   ↳ [TASK-002-A] L3:risk_extraction

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50     Status: COMPLETED
51     Output:
52         • RISK-001: "Adding 2 features with same timeline"
53           Likelihood: HIGH | Impact: HIGH
54         • RISK-002: "Scope creep for 20% revenue increase"
55           Likelihood: MEDIUM | Impact: MEDIUM
56
57 [TASK-003] L2:TRACKING_EXECUTION
58   ↳ [TASK-003-A] L3:decision_extraction
59     Status: COMPLETED
60     Output:
61         • DEC-001: "Accept or reject customer feature request"
62           Decision Maker: ? | Status: PENDING
63
64 [TASK-004] L3:knowledge_retrieval (Cross-Cutting)
65   Status: COMPLETED
66   Output:
67       • Project: PRJ-ALPHA
68       • Current Release Date: Dec 15
69       • Days Remaining: 20
70       • Code Freeze: Dec 10
71       • Current Progress: 70%
72       • Team Capacity: 85% utilized
73       • Engineering Manager: Alex Kim
74       • Tech Lead: David Park
75
76 [TASK-005] L2:COMMUNICATION_COLLABORATION
77   ↳ [TASK-005-A] L3:qna
78     Status: COMPLETED
79     Output:
80         • Response: "Great news on the demo! For the feature request:
81
82           WHAT I KNOW:
83             • Current timeline: Dec 15 (code freeze Dec 10)
84             • Team capacity: 85% utilized
85             • Progress: 70% complete
86
87           WHAT I'VE LOGGED:
88             • 2 action items for feature evaluation
89             • 2 risks flagged (timeline + scope creep)
90             • 1 pending decision
91
92           WHAT I NEED:
93             • Complexity estimates from Engineering (Alex Kim / David
94   Park)
95             • Go/no-go decision from leadership
96
97           I cannot assess feasibility without Engineering input on
98           whether 2 new features can fit in 20 days at 85% capacity."
99 [TASK-006] L3:evaluation (Cross-Cutting)
100   Status: COMPLETED
101   Output:
102       • Relevance: PASS
103       • Accuracy: PASS
104       • Tone: PASS
105       • Gaps Acknowledged: PASS
106       • Result: APPROVED
107
108 [TASK-007] L2:COMMUNICATION_COLLABORATION
109   ↳ [TASK-007-A] L3:message_delivery
110     Status: COMPLETED
111     Output:
112         • Channel: email
113         • Recipient: Sarah Chen
114         • CC: Alex Kim (Engineering Manager)
115         • Delivery Status: SENT
116
117 =====
118 =====

```

Test Cases

Test Case 1: Simple Status Question

```
1 {
2   "message_id": "MSG-101",
3   "source": "slack",
4   "sender": { "name": "John Doe", "role": "Engineering Manager" },
5   "content": "What's the status of the authentication feature?",
6   "project": "PRJ-BETA"
7 }
8
```

Test Case 2: Feasibility Question (New Features)

```
1 {
2   "message_id": "MSG-102",
3   "source": "email",
4   "sender": { "name": "Sarah Chen", "role": "Product Manager" },
5   "content": "Can we add SSO integration before the December release?",
6   "project": "PRJ-ALPHA"
7 }
8
```

Test Case 3: Decision/Recommendation Request

```
1 {
2   "message_id": "MSG-103",
3   "source": "email",
4   "sender": { "name": "Mike Johnson", "role": "VP Engineering" },
5   "content": "Should we prioritize security fixes or the new
6   dashboard?",
7   "project": "PRJ-GAMMA"
8 }
```

Test Case 4: Meeting Transcript

```
1 {
2   "message_id": "MSG-104",
3   "source": "meeting",
4   "sender": { "name": "System", "role": "Meeting Bot" },
5   "content": "Dev: I'm blocked on API integration, staging is down. QA:
6   Found 3 critical bugs in payment flow. Designer: Mobile mockups ready
7   by Thursday. Tech Lead: We might need to refactor the auth module.",
8   "project": "PRJ-ALPHA"
9 }
```

Test Case 5: Urgent Escalation

```
1 {
2   "message_id": "MSG-105",
3   "source": "email",
4   "sender": { "name": "Lisa Wong", "role": "Customer Success Manager"
5 },
6   "content": "The client is asking why feature X promised for Q3 is
7   still not delivered. They're threatening to escalate to legal. What
8   happened?",
9   "project": "PRJ-DELTA"
10 }
```

Test Case 6: Ambiguous Request

```
1 {
2   "message_id": "MSG-106",
3   "source": "slack",
```

```
4   "sender": { "name": "Random User", "role": "Unknown" },
5   "content": "We need to speed things up",
6   "project": null
7 }
8
```

Tools & Submission

You may use any AI coding tools to help you build this (Cursor, Claude Code, GitHub Copilot, ChatGPT, etc.) and/or agentic framework (langchain / crewai)

Submit:

1. Source code
 2. README with setup instructions
 3. Sample output for each test case
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Good luck!