

Creating Intuitive AI Agents for PowerShell with AI Shell

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What is an Al Agent?



- Agents can have memory, domain knowledge, ability to use tools.
- Agents dynamically adapt their approach based on the context & tools results.
- Agents can interact with its environment, collect data, and make decisions based on context (predictable & unpredictable).
- Agents are intelligent programs that solve problems interactively or autonomously.



Agent or Assistant?



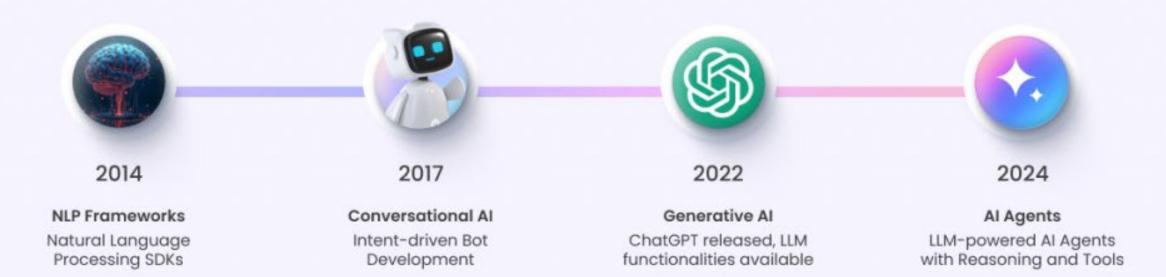
Al agents are proactive, working interactively or autonomously to achieve a specific goal by any means at their disposal.

Al assistants are reactive, performing tasks at your request.





The Evolution of AI Agents



The Five Core Components of AI Agents



PERCEPTION MODULE

Collects external data from text, voice, images, structured/unstructured data

LEARNING MODULE

Processes and adapts using machine learning, natural language processing, and reinforcement learning.

REASONING MODULE

Makes logical inferences based on learned patterns and predictive models to support decision-making.

ACTION MODULE

Executes decisions via automation, workflow management, API calls, or physical interactions.

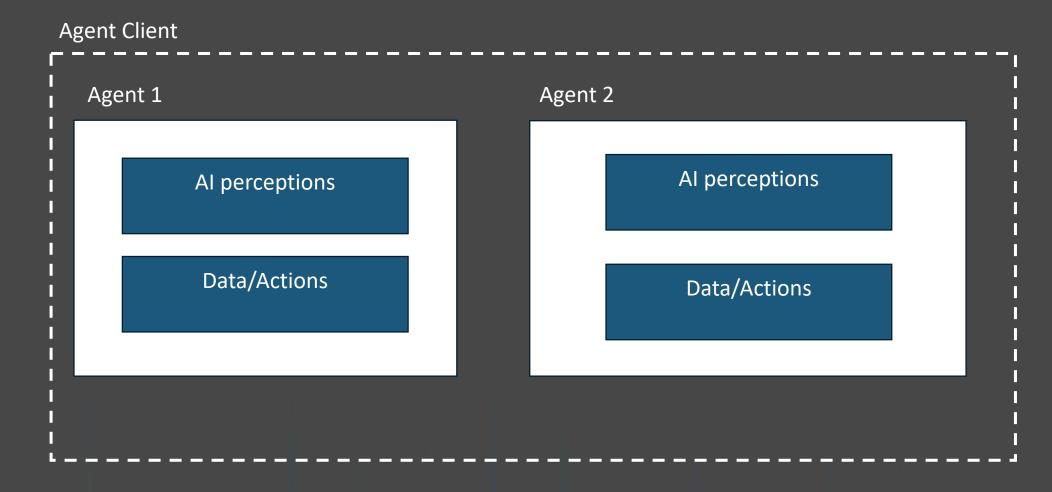
COMMUNICATION MODULE

Enables human-Al interactions via natural language processing, speech synthesis, and multimodal Al.



Building Blocks of an Agent





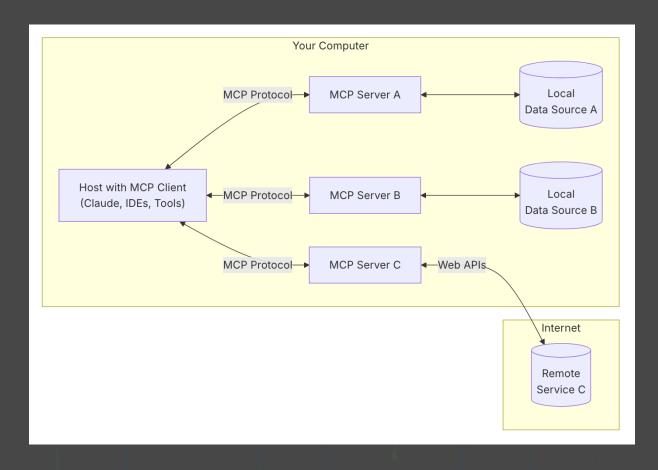


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Model Context Protocol – Getting Data to your LLM



Data building block





Spectrum of Agents



Simple

- Single interactions
- Could be as simple as prompt grounding

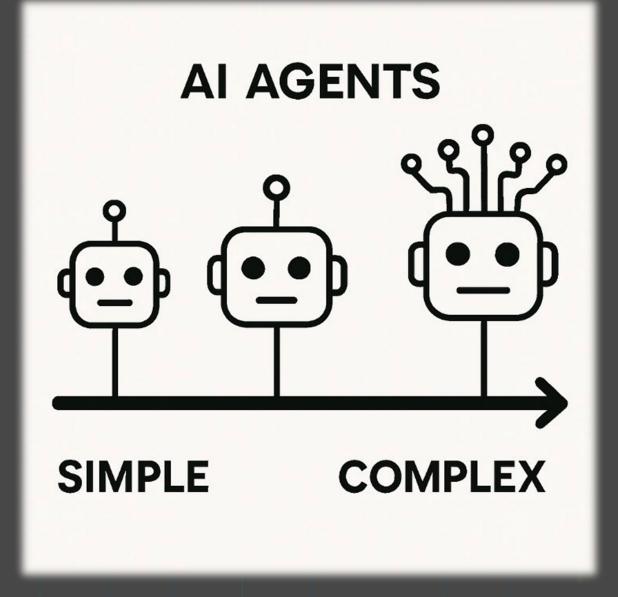
Complex

- Autonomous
- Multiple LLM calls
- Takes action

There isn't a strict requirement on what defines an "agent









M365 Agent showcase



• Easy as writing a *simple* prompt

Copilot Studio My agents → My Agent →			Create	×
Describe Configure Apr 3, 2025, 4:12 PM		My Agent Description		
Hi, I'm here to help you build an agent. You can start by describing what you want the agent to do.				
Or, you can try one of the following templates. Career Coach Microsoft Career Coach offers personalized career advice,				
Idea Coach Microsoft Idea Coach enhances brainstorming with fun and				
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ChatGPT agent creation



From simple to mildly complex

Grab one or make your own

Add local data

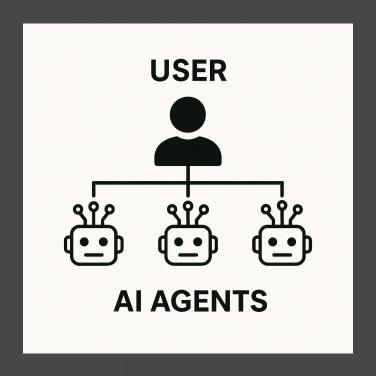




Agent Analogy



Al Agents are employees and you are the manager

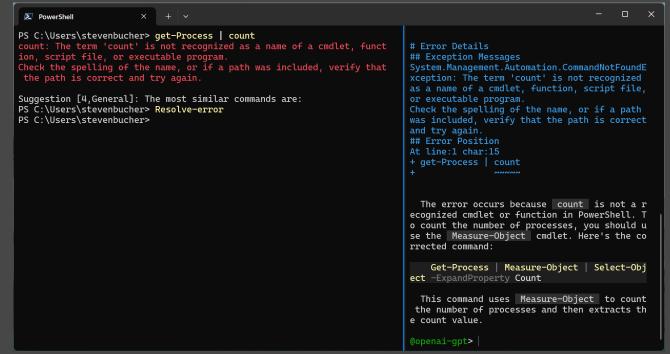




Al Shell capabilities



- Cross platform
 - Side car experience supported on Mac and Windows
- User experience
 - Sidecar meta language
 - Interactions between sidecar and primary shell
 - Sidecar can read errors from primary shell
 - Primary shell suggest commands returned for execution
- Al Shell is a *client* for Al Agents not an agent itself





Al Shell Inbox Agents



OpenAl Compatible Agent

- Any Al provider that uses
 OpenAl API Format
 - OpenAl
 - Google Gemini
 - Deepseek
 - Ollama
 - Azure OpenAl

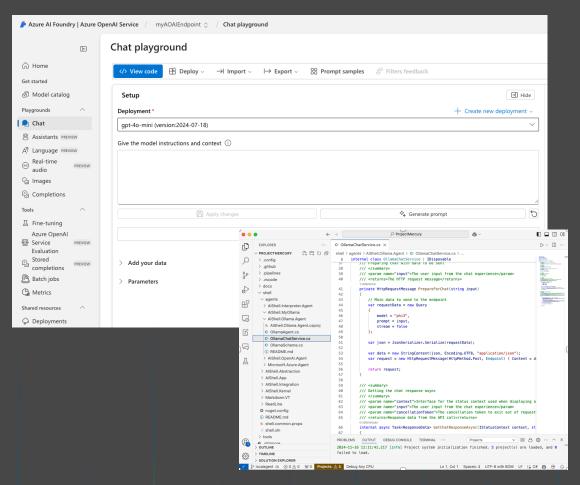
Copilot in Azure Agent

- Connects you to the Copilot in Azure
 - Free service
 - Generate Azure CLI/PS Commands
 - Gain knowledge about Azure



Creating own Agent

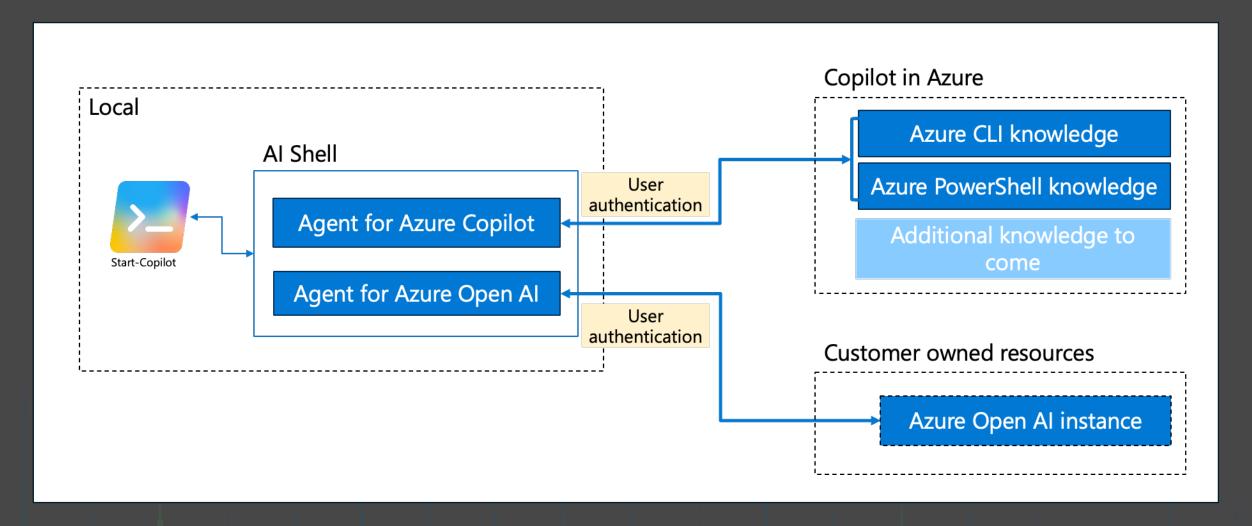




- Building your own AI Shell Agent
 - Creating a model/Al assistance specific to your needs
 - Provide company specific knowledge for example
 - Enhance the ability of the shell
- Indepth C# tutorial:
 - o https://aka.ms/AIShell-Create-Agent









What we will walk through



- What is Azure OpenAl Service
 - How do simply deploy an Azure OpenAl Service via Bicep
 - Modifying and utilizing Azure OpenAl Service Features
 - Filtering
 - Fine-tuning
- Connecting Azure OpenAl Service to Al Shell



Interpreter agent



• SUPER COMPLICATED ONE



Al PS Team



Simulates a Team of AI Agents working together on a project.

Each agent has a specific role that contributes to the outcome of the project, just like a "human" team.

Optional RAG capabilities

The code is very complex – that means the agents are as well



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Agents are everywhere











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Agents Benefit You & Your Work



- Get more specific expertise
- Get a different kind of thinking or help fill in gaps of areas
- Could be more secure Local LLM/SLM
- Add relatable sources of data
- One agent ==> multiple models







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