Intelligent Agents

- **Introduction of agents**

An agent can be anything that perceives its environment through sensors and acts upon that environment through actuators. An Agent runs in the cycle of perceiving, thinking, and acting. An agent can be:

Human-Agent: A human agent has eyes, ears, and other organs which work for sensors and hand, legs, and vocal tract work for actuators.

Robotic Agent: A robotic agent can have cameras, infrared range finder, NLP for sensors and various motors for actuators.

Software Agent: Software agent can have keystrokes, file contents as sensory input and act on those inputs and display output on the screen.

Before moving forward, we should first know about sensors, effectors, and actuators.

Sensor: Sensor is a device which detects the change in the environment and sends the information to other electronic devices. An agent observes its environment through sensors.

Actuators: Actuators are the components of machines that convert energy into motion. The actuators are only responsible for moving and controlling a system. An actuator can be an electric motor, gears, rails, etc.

Effectors: Effectors are the devices which affect the environment. Effectors can be legs, wheels, arms, fingers, wings, fins, and display screen.