Agent Team - Agent Development Kit

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Build Your First Intelligent Agent Team: A Progressive Weather Bot with ADK¶

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This tutorial extends from the <u>Quickstart example</u> for <u>Agent Development Kit</u>. Now, you're ready to dive deeper and construct a more sophisticated, **multiagent system**.

We'll embark on building a **Weather Bot agent team**, progressively layering advanced features onto a simple foundation. Starting with a single agent that can look up weather, we will incrementally add capabilities like:

- Leveraging different AI models (Gemini, GPT, Claude).
- Designing specialized sub-agents for distinct tasks (like greetings and farewells).
- Enabling intelligent delegation between agents.
- Giving agents memory using persistent session state.
- Implementing crucial safety guardrails using callbacks.

Why a Weather Bot Team?

This use case, while seemingly simple, provides a practical and relatable canvas to explore core ADK concepts essential for building complex, real-world agentic applications. You'll learn how to structure interactions, manage state, ensure safety, and orchestrate multiple AI "brains" working together.

What is ADK Again?

As a reminder, ADK is a Python framework designed to streamline the development of applications powered by Large Language Models (LLMs). It offers robust building blocks for creating agents that can reason, plan, utilize tools, interact dynamically with users, and collaborate effectively within a team.

In this advanced tutorial, you will master:

- **Tool Definition & Usage:** Crafting Python functions (tools) that grant agents specific abilities (like fetching data) and instructing agents on how to use them effectively.
- Multi-LLM Flexibility: Configuring agents to utilize various leading LLMs (Gemini, GPT-4o, Claude Sonnet) via LiteLLM integration, allowing you to choose the best model for each task.
- Agent Delegation & Collaboration: Designing specialized subagents and enabling automatic routing (auto flow) of user requests to the most appropriate agent within a team.

- Session State for Memory: Utilizing Session State and ToolContext to enable agents to remember information across conversational turns, leading to more contextual interactions.
- Safety Guardrails with Callbacks: Implementing

 before_model_callback and before_tool_callback to inspect,

 modify, or block requests/tool usage based on predefined rules,

 enhancing application safety and control.

End State Expectation:

By completing this tutorial, you will have built a functional multi-agent Weather Bot system. This system will not only provide weather information but also handle conversational niceties, remember the last city checked, and operate within defined safety boundaries, all orchestrated using ADK.

Prerequisites:

- **V** Solid understanding of Python programming.
- ▼ Familiarity with Large Language Models (LLMs), APIs, and the concept of agents.
- ! Crucially: Completion of the ADK Quickstart tutorial(s) or equivalent foundational knowledge of ADK basics (Agent, Runner, SessionService, basic Tool usage). This tutorial builds directly upon those concepts.
- API Keys for the LLMs you intend to use (e.g., Google Al Studio for Gemini, OpenAl Platform, Anthropic Console).

Note on Execution Environment:

This tutorial is structured for interactive notebook environments like Google Colab, Colab Enterprise, or Jupyter notebooks. Please keep the following in mind:

• Running Async Code: Notebook environments handle asynchronous code differently. You'll see examples using await (suitable when an event loop is already running, common in notebooks) or asyncio.run() (often needed when running as a standalone .py script or in specific notebook setups). The code blocks provide guidance for both scenarios.

• Manual Runner/Session Setup: The steps involve explicitly creating Runner and SessionService instances. This approach is shown because it gives you fine-grained control over the agent's execution lifecycle, session management, and state persistence.

Alternative: Using ADK's Built-in Tools (Web UI / CLI / API Server)

If you prefer a setup that handles the runner and session management automatically using ADK's standard tools, you can find the equivalent code structured for that purpose here. That version is designed to be run directly with commands like adk web (for a web UI), adk run (for CLI interaction), or adk api_server (to expose an API). Please follow the README.md instructions provided in that alternative resource.

Ready to build your agent team? Let's dive in!

Note: This tutorial works with adk version 1.0.0 and above

```
# @title Step 0: Setup and Installation
# Install ADK and LiteLLM for multi-model support

!pip install google-adk -q
!pip install litellm -q

print("Installation complete.")
```

```
# @title Import necessary libraries
import os
import asyncio
from google.adk.agents import Agent
from google.adk.models.lite_llm import LiteLlm # For multi-model support
from google.adk.sessions import InMemorySessionService
from google.adk.runners import Runner
from google.genai import types # For creating message Content/Parts
import warnings
```

```
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
import logging
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.ERROR)
print("Libraries imported.")
# @title Configure API Keys (Replace with your actual keys!)
# --- IMPORTANT: Replace placeholders with your real API keys ---
# Gemini API Key (Get from Google AI Studio: https://aistudio.google.c
os.environ["GOOGLE API KEY"] = "YOUR GOOGLE API KEY" # <--- REPLACE
# [Optional]
# OpenAI API Key (Get from OpenAI Platform: https://platform.openai.co
os.environ['OPENAI API KEY'] = 'YOUR OPENAI API KEY' # <--- REPLACE
# [Optional]
# Anthropic API Key (Get from Anthropic Console: https://console.anthr
os.environ['ANTHROPIC API KEY'] = 'YOUR ANTHROPIC API KEY' # <--- REPI
# --- Verify Keys (Optional Check) ---
print("API Keys Set:")
print(f"Google API Key set: {'Yes' if os.environ.get('GOOGLE API KEY')
print(f"OpenAI API Key set: {'Yes' if os.environ.get('OPENAI API KEY')
print(f"Anthropic API Key set: {'Yes' if os.environ.get('ANTHROPIC API
# Configure ADK to use API keys directly (not Vertex AI for this multi
os.environ["GOOGLE GENAI USE VERTEXAI"] = "False"
# @markdown **Security Note: ** It's best practice to manage API keys s
```

Ignore all warnings

```
# --- Define Model Constants for easier use ---
# More supported models can be referenced here: https://ai.google.dev/
MODEL_GEMINI_2_0_FLASH = "gemini-2.0-flash"

# More supported models can be referenced here: https://docs.litellm.a
MODEL_GPT_40 = "openai/gpt-4.1" # You can also try: gpt-4.1-mini, gpt-
# More supported models can be referenced here: https://docs.litellm.a
MODEL_CLAUDE_SONNET = "anthropic/claude-sonnet-4-20250514" # You can a
print("\nEnvironment configured.")
```

Step 1: Your First Agent - Basic Weather Lookup

Let's begin by building the fundamental component of our Weather Bot: a single agent capable of performing a specific task – looking up weather information. This involves creating two core pieces:

- 1. **A Tool:** A Python function that equips the agent with the *ability* to fetch weather data.
- 2. **An Agent:** The Al "brain" that understands the user's request, knows it has a weather tool, and decides when and how to use it.

Define the Tool (get weather)

In ADK, **Tools** are the building blocks that give agents concrete capabilities beyond just text generation. They are typically regular Python functions that perform specific actions, like calling an API, querying a database, or performing calculations.

Our first tool will provide a *mock* weather report. This allows us to focus on the agent structure without needing external API keys yet. Later, you could easily swap this mock function with one that calls a real weather service.

Key Concept: Docstrings are Crucial! The agent's LLM relies heavily on the function's **docstring** to understand:

- What the tool does.
- When to use it.
- What arguments it requires (city: str).
- What information it returns.

Best Practice: Write clear, descriptive, and accurate docstrings for your tools. This is essential for the LLM to use the tool correctly.

```
# @title Define the get weather Tool
def get weather(city: str) -> dict:
    """Retrieves the current weather report for a specified city.
   Args:
        city (str): The name of the city (e.g., "New York", "London",
   Returns:
        dict: A dictionary containing the weather information.
              Includes a 'status' key ('success' or 'error').
              If 'success', includes a 'report' key with weather detail
              If 'error', includes an 'error message' key.
    11 11 11
    print(f"--- Tool: get weather called for city: {city} ---") # Log
    city_normalized = city.lower().replace(" ", "") # Basic normalizat
    # Mock weather data
   mock weather db = {
        "newyork": {"status": "success", "report": "The weather in New
        "london": {"status": "success", "report": "It's cloudy in London"
        "tokyo": {"status": "success", "report": "Tokyo is experiencing
    }
    if city normalized in mock weather db:
        return mock weather db[city normalized]
    else:
```

```
return {"status": "error", "error_message": f"Sorry, I don't h

# Example tool usage (optional test)
print(get_weather("New York"))
print(get_weather("Paris"))
```

2. Define the Agent (weather_agent)

Now, let's create the **Agent** itself. An Agent in ADK orchestrates the interaction between the user, the LLM, and the available tools.

We configure it with several key parameters:

- name: A unique identifier for this agent (e.g., "weather agent v1").
- model: Specifies which LLM to use (e.g.,
 MODEL_GEMINI_2_0_FLASH). We'll start with a specific Gemini model.
- description: A concise summary of the agent's overall purpose. This
 becomes crucial later when other agents need to decide whether to
 delegate tasks to this agent.
- instruction: Detailed guidance for the LLM on how to behave, its persona, its goals, and specifically *how and when* to utilize its assigned tools.
- tools: A list containing the actual Python tool functions the agent is allowed to use (e.g., [get weather]).

Best Practice: Provide clear and specific instruction prompts. The more detailed the instructions, the better the LLM can understand its role and how to use its tools effectively. Be explicit about error handling if needed.

Best Practice: Choose descriptive name and description values. These are used internally by ADK and are vital for features like automatic delegation (covered later).

```
# @title Define the Weather Agent
# Use one of the model constants defined earlier
AGENT_MODEL = MODEL_GEMINI_2_0_FLASH # Starting with Gemini
```

```
weather_agent = Agent(
    name="weather_agent_v1",
    model=AGENT_MODEL, # Can be a string for Gemini or a LiteLlm object
    description="Provides weather information for specific cities.",
    instruction="You are a helpful weather assistant."

        "When the user asks for the weather in a specific city
        "use the 'get_weather' tool to find the information.'

        "If the tool returns an error, inform the user politel
        "If the tool is successful, present the weather report
    tools=[get_weather], # Pass the function directly
)

print(f"Agent '{weather_agent.name}' created using model '{AGENT_MODELY
}
```

3. Setup Runner and Session Service

To manage conversations and execute the agent, we need two more components:

- SessionService: Responsible for managing conversation history and state for different users and sessions. The InMemorySessionService is a simple implementation that stores everything in memory, suitable for testing and simple applications. It keeps track of the messages exchanged. We'll explore state persistence more in Step 4.
- Runner: The engine that orchestrates the interaction flow. It takes user input, routes it to the appropriate agent, manages calls to the LLM and tools based on the agent's logic, handles session updates via the SessionService, and yields events representing the progress of the interaction.

```
# @title Setup Session Service and Runner

# --- Session Management ---
# Key Concept: SessionService stores conversation history & state.
# InMemorySessionService is simple, non-persistent storage for this to
```

```
session service = InMemorySessionService()
# Define constants for identifying the interaction context
APP NAME = "weather tutorial app"
USER ID = "user_1"
SESSION ID = "session 001" # Using a fixed ID for simplicity
# Create the specific session where the conversation will happen
session = await session service.create session(
   app name=APP NAME,
   user id=USER ID,
   session id=SESSION ID
print(f"Session created: App='{APP NAME}', User='{USER ID}', Session='
# --- Runner ---
# Key Concept: Runner orchestrates the agent execution loop.
runner = Runner(
    agent=weather agent, # The agent we want to run
   app name=APP NAME,  # Associates runs with our app
    session service=session service # Uses our session manager
print(f"Runner created for agent '{runner.agent.name}'.")
```

4. Interact with the Agent

We need a way to send messages to our agent and receive its responses. Since LLM calls and tool executions can take time, ADK's Runner operates asynchronously.

We'll define an async helper function (call agent async) that:

- 1. Takes a user query string.
- 2. Packages it into the ADK Content format.
- 3. Calls runner.run_async, providing the user/session context and the new message.

- 4. Iterates through the **Events** yielded by the runner. Events represent steps in the agent's execution (e.g., tool call requested, tool result received, intermediate LLM thought, final response).
- 5. Identifies and prints the **final response** event using event.is final response().

Why async? Interactions with LLMs and potentially tools (like external APIs) are I/O-bound operations. Using asyncio allows the program to handle these operations efficiently without blocking execution.

```
# @title Define Agent Interaction Function
from google.genai import types # For creating message Content/Parts
async def call agent async(query: str, runner, user id, session id):
  """Sends a query to the agent and prints the final response."""
  print(f"\n>>> User Query: {query}")
  # Prepare the user's message in ADK format
  content = types.Content(role='user', parts=[types.Part(text=query)])
  final response text = "Agent did not produce a final response." # De
  # Key Concept: run async executes the agent logic and yields Events.
  # We iterate through events to find the final answer.
  async for event in runner.run async(user id=user id, session id=sess
      # You can uncomment the line below to see *all* events during ex
      # print(f" [Event] Author: {event.author}, Type: {type(event).
      # Key Concept: is final response() marks the concluding message
      if event.is final response():
          if event.content and event.content.parts:
             # Assuming text response in the first part
             final response text = event.content.parts[0].text
          elif event.actions and event.actions.escalate: # Handle pote
             final response text = f"Agent escalated: {event.error mes
```

```
# Add more checks here if needed (e.g., specific error codes
    break # Stop processing events once the final response is fo
print(f"<<< Agent Response: {final_response_text}")</pre>
```

5. Run the Conversation

Finally, let's test our setup by sending a few queries to the agent. We wrap our async calls in a main async function and run it using await.

Watch the output:

- See the user queries.
- Notice the --- Tool: get_weather called... --- logs when the agent uses the tool.
- Observe the agent's final responses, including how it handles the case where weather data isn't available (for Paris).

session id=SESSION ID)

```
# Execute the conversation using await in an async context (like Colab
await run_conversation()

# --- OR ---

# Uncomment the following lines if running as a standard Python script
# import asyncio
# if __name__ == "__main__":
# try:
# asyncio.run(run_conversation())
# except Exception as e:
# print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
```

Congratulations! You've successfully built and interacted with your first ADK agent. It understands the user's request, uses a tool to find information, and responds appropriately based on the tool's result.

In the next step, we'll explore how to easily switch the underlying Language Model powering this agent.

Step 2: Going Multi-Model with LiteLLM [Optional]

In Step 1, we built a functional Weather Agent powered by a specific Gemini model. While effective, real-world applications often benefit from the flexibility to use *different* Large Language Models (LLMs). Why?

- **Performance:** Some models excel at specific tasks (e.g., coding, reasoning, creative writing).
- Cost: Different models have varying price points.
- Capabilities: Models offer diverse features, context window sizes, and fine-tuning options.
- Availability/Redundancy: Having alternatives ensures your application remains functional even if one provider experiences issues.

ADK makes switching between models seamless through its integration with the <u>LiteLLM</u> library. LiteLLM acts as a consistent interface to over 100 different LLMs.

In this step, we will:

- 1. Learn how to configure an ADK Agent to use models from providers like OpenAI (GPT) and Anthropic (Claude) using the LiteLlm wrapper.
- 2. Define, configure (with their own sessions and runners), and immediately test instances of our Weather Agent, each backed by a different LLM.
- 3. Interact with these different agents to observe potential variations in their responses, even when using the same underlying tool.

1. Import LiteLlm

We imported this during the initial setup (Step 0), but it's the key component for multi-model support:

```
# @title 1. Import LiteLlm
from google.adk.models.lite_llm import LiteLlm
```

2. Define and Test Multi-Model Agents

Instead of passing only a model name string (which defaults to Google's Gemini models), we wrap the desired model identifier string within the Litellm class.

• Key Concept: LiteLlm Wrapper: The

LiteLlm (model="provider/model_name") syntax tells ADK to route requests for this agent through the LiteLLM library to the specified model provider.

Make sure you have configured the necessary API keys for OpenAI and Anthropic in Step 0. We'll use the <code>call_agent_async</code> function (defined earlier, which now accepts <code>runner</code>, <code>user_id</code>, and <code>session_id</code>) to interact with each agent immediately after its setup.

Each block below will:

- Define the agent using a specific LiteLLM model (MODEL_GPT_40 or MODEL CLAUDE SONNET).
- Create a new, separate InMemorySessionService and session specifically for that agent's test run. This keeps the conversation histories isolated for this demonstration.
- Create a Runner configured for the specific agent and its session service.
- Immediately call <code>call_agent_async</code> to send a query and test the agent.

Best Practice: Use constants for model names (like MODEL_GPT_40, MODEL_CLAUDE_SONNET defined in Step 0) to avoid typos and make code easier to manage.

Error Handling: We wrap the agent definitions in try...except blocks. This prevents the entire code cell from failing if an API key for a specific provider is missing or invalid, allowing the tutorial to proceed with the models that *are* configured.

First, let's create and test the agent using OpenAl's GPT-4o.

```
# @title Define and Test GPT Agent

# Make sure 'get_weather' function from Step 1 is defined in your envi
# Make sure 'call_agent_async' is defined from earlier.

# --- Agent using GPT-4o ---
weather_agent_gpt = None # Initialize to None
runner_gpt = None # Initialize runner to None

try:
    weather_agent_gpt = Agent(
        name="weather_agent_gpt",
        # Key change: Wrap the LiteLLM model identifier
        model=LiteLlm(model=MODEL_GPT_4O),
        description="Provides weather information (using GPT-4o).",
```

```
instruction="You are a helpful weather assistant powered by GF
                "Use the 'get weather' tool for city weather reque
                "Clearly present successful reports or polite error
    tools=[get weather], # Re-use the same tool
print(f"Agent '{weather agent gpt.name}' created using model '{MOI
# InMemorySessionService is simple, non-persistent storage for thi
session service gpt = InMemorySessionService() # Create a dedicate
# Define constants for identifying the interaction context
APP NAME GPT = "weather tutorial app gpt" # Unique app name for the
USER ID GPT = "user 1 gpt"
SESSION ID GPT = "session 001 gpt" # Using a fixed ID for simplici
# Create the specific session where the conversation will happen
session gpt = await session service gpt.create session(
    app_name=APP_NAME_GPT,
    user id=USER ID GPT,
    session id=SESSION ID GPT
print(f"Session created: App='{APP NAME GPT}', User='{USER ID GPT}
# Create a runner specific to this agent and its session service
runner gpt = Runner(
    agent=weather agent gpt,
    app name=APP NAME GPT, # Use the specific app name
    session service=session service gpt # Use the specific session
print(f"Runner created for agent '{runner gpt.agent.name}'.")
# --- Test the GPT Agent ---
print("\n--- Testing GPT Agent ---")
# Ensure call agent async uses the correct runner, user id, session
await call agent async(query = "What's the weather in Tokyo?",
                       runner=runner gpt,
```

Next, we'll do the same for Anthropic's Claude Sonnet.

```
# @title Define and Test Claude Agent

# Make sure 'get_weather' function from Step 1 is defined in your envi
# Make sure 'call_agent_async' is defined from earlier.

# --- Agent using Claude Sonnet ---
weather_agent_claude = None # Initialize to None
runner_claude = None # Initialize runner to None

try:
    weather_agent_claude = Agent(
        name="weather_agent_claude",
        # Key change: Wrap the LiteLLM model identifier
        model=LiteLlm (model=MODEL_CLAUDE_SONNET),
        description="Provides weather information (using Claude Sonnet)
```

```
instruction="You are a helpful weather assistant powered by Cl
                "Use the 'get weather' tool for city weather reque
                "Analyze the tool's dictionary output ('status', '
                "Clearly present successful reports or polite error
    tools=[get weather], # Re-use the same tool
print(f"Agent '{weather agent claude.name}' created using model '{
# InMemorySessionService is simple, non-persistent storage for thi
session service claude = InMemorySessionService() # Create a dedic
# Define constants for identifying the interaction context
APP NAME CLAUDE = "weather tutorial app claude" # Unique app name
USER ID CLAUDE = "user 1 claude"
SESSION ID CLAUDE = "session 001 claude" # Using a fixed ID for si
# Create the specific session where the conversation will happen
session claude = await session service claude.create session(
    app name=APP NAME CLAUDE,
    user id=USER ID CLAUDE,
    session id=SESSION ID CLAUDE
print(f"Session created: App='{APP NAME CLAUDE}', User='{USER ID (
# Create a runner specific to this agent and its session service
runner claude = Runner(
    agent=weather agent claude,
    app name=APP NAME CLAUDE, # Use the specific app name
    session service=session service claude # Use the specific sess
print(f"Runner created for agent '{runner claude.agent.name}'.")
# --- Test the Claude Agent ---
print("\n--- Testing Claude Agent ---")
# Ensure call agent async uses the correct runner, user id, session
await call agent async(query = "Weather in London please.",
```

```
runner=runner claude,
                           user id=USER ID CLAUDE,
                           session id=SESSION ID CLAUDE)
    # --- OR ---
    # Uncomment the following lines if running as a standard Python so
    # import asyncio
    # if name == " main ":
          try:
              asyncio.run(call agent async(query = "Weather in London
                           runner=runner claude,
                            user id=USER ID CLAUDE,
                            session id=SESSION ID CLAUDE)
          except Exception as e:
              print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
except Exception as e:
    print(f"X Could not create or run Claude agent '{MODEL CLAUDE SON
```

Observe the output carefully from both code blocks. You should see:

- Each agent (weather_agent_gpt , weather_agent_claude) is created successfully (if API keys are valid).
- 2. A dedicated session and runner are set up for each.
- 3. Each agent correctly identifies the need to use the get_weather tool
 when processing the query (you'll see the --- Tool: get_weather
 called... --- log).
- 4. The *underlying tool logic* remains identical, always returning our mock data.
- 5. However, the **final textual response** generated by each agent might differ slightly in phrasing, tone, or formatting. This is because the instruction prompt is interpreted and executed by different LLMs (GPT-4o vs. Claude Sonnet).

This step demonstrates the power and flexibility ADK + LiteLLM provide. You can easily experiment with and deploy agents using various LLMs while keeping your core application logic (tools, fundamental agent structure) consistent.

In the next step, we'll move beyond a single agent and build a small team where agents can delegate tasks to each other!

Step 3: Building an Agent Team - Delegation for Greetings & Farewells¶

In Steps 1 and 2, we built and experimented with a single agent focused solely on weather lookups. While effective for its specific task, real-world applications often involve handling a wider variety of user interactions. We *could* keep adding more tools and complex instructions to our single weather agent, but this can quickly become unmanageable and less efficient.

A more robust approach is to build an **Agent Team**. This involves:

- 1. Creating multiple, **specialized agents**, each designed for a specific capability (e.g., one for weather, one for greetings, one for calculations).
- Designating a root agent (or orchestrator) that receives the initial user request.
- 3. Enabling the root agent to **delegate** the request to the most appropriate specialized sub-agent based on the user's intent.

Why build an Agent Team?

- **Modularity:** Easier to develop, test, and maintain individual agents.
- Specialization: Each agent can be fine-tuned (instructions, model choice) for its specific task.
- Scalability: Simpler to add new capabilities by adding new agents.
- Efficiency: Allows using potentially simpler/cheaper models for simpler tasks (like greetings).

In this step, we will:

 Define simple tools for handling greetings (say_hello) and farewells (say_goodbye).

- 2. Create two new specialized sub-agents: greeting_agent and farewell agent.
- 3. Update our main weather agent (weather_agent_v2) to act as the root agent.
- 4. Configure the root agent with its sub-agents, enabling **automatic delegation**.
- 5. Test the delegation flow by sending different types of requests to the root agent.

1. Define Tools for Sub-Agents

First, let's create the simple Python functions that will serve as tools for our new specialist agents. Remember, clear docstrings are vital for the agents that will use them.

```
# @title Define Tools for Greeting and Farewell Agents
from typing import Optional # Make sure to import Optional
# Ensure 'get weather' from Step 1 is available if running this step i
# def get weather(city: str) -> dict: ... (from Step 1)
def say hello(name: Optional[str] = None) -> str:
    """Provides a simple greeting. If a name is provided, it will be u
   Args:
        name (str, optional): The name of the person to greet. Default
    Returns:
        str: A friendly greeting message.
    11 11 11
    if name:
        greeting = f"Hello, {name}!"
        print(f"--- Tool: say hello called with name: {name} ---")
    else:
        greeting = "Hello there!" # Default greeting if name is None of
        print(f"--- Tool: say hello called without a specific name (na
```

```
def say_goodbye() -> str:
    """Provides a simple farewell message to conclude the conversation
    print(f"--- Tool: say_goodbye called ---")
    return "Goodbye! Have a great day."

print("Greeting and Farewell tools defined.")

# Optional self-test
print(say_hello("Alice"))
print(say_hello()) # Test with no argument (should use default "Hello
print(say_hello(name=None)) # Test with name explicitly as None (should)
```

2. Define the Sub-Agents (Greeting & Farewell)

Now, create the Agent instances for our specialists. Notice their highly focused instruction and, critically, their clear description. The description is the primary information the *root agent* uses to decide *when* to delegate to these sub-agents.

Best Practice: Sub-agent description fields should accurately and concisely summarize their specific capability. This is crucial for effective automatic delegation.

Best Practice: Sub-agent instruction fields should be tailored to their limited scope, telling them exactly what to do and *what not* to do (e.g., "Your *only* task is...").

```
# @title Define Greeting and Farewell Sub-Agents

# If you want to use models other than Gemini, Ensure LiteLlm is import
# from google.adk.models.lite_llm import LiteLlm

# MODEL_GPT_40, MODEL_CLAUDE_SONNET etc. should be defined
# Or else, continue to use: model = MODEL_GEMINI_2_0_FLASH
```

```
# --- Greeting Agent ---
greeting agent = None
try:
   greeting agent = Agent (
        # Using a potentially different/cheaper model for a simple tas
        model = MODEL GEMINI 2 0 FLASH,
        # model=LiteLlm(model=MODEL GPT 40), # If you would like to ex
        name="greeting agent",
        instruction="You are the Greeting Agent. Your ONLY task is to
                    "Use the 'say hello' tool to generate the greeting
                    "If the user provides their name, make sure to pas
                    "Do not engage in any other conversation or tasks.
        description="Handles simple greetings and hellos using the 'sa
        tools=[say hello],
   print(f" ✓ Agent '{greeting agent.name}' created using model '{gre
except Exception as e:
    print(f"X Could not create Greeting agent. Check API Key ({greeti
# --- Farewell Agent ---
farewell agent = None
try:
    farewell agent = Agent(
        # Can use the same or a different model
        model = MODEL GEMINI 2 0 FLASH,
        # model=LiteLlm(model=MODEL GPT 40), # If you would like to ex
        name="farewell agent",
        instruction="You are the Farewell Agent. Your ONLY task is to
                    "Use the 'say goodbye' tool when the user indicate
                    "(e.g., using words like 'bye', 'goodbye', 'thanks
                    "Do not perform any other actions.",
        description="Handles simple farewells and goodbyes using the '
        tools=[say goodbye],
    print(f" ✓ Agent '{farewell agent.name}' created using model '{far
except Exception as e:
```

3. Define the Root Agent (Weather Agent v2) with Sub-Agents

Now, we upgrade our weather agent . The key changes are:

- Adding the sub_agents parameter: We pass a list containing the greeting agent and farewell agent instances we just created.
- Updating the instruction: We explicitly tell the root agent about its
 sub-agents and when it should delegate tasks to them.

Key Concept: Automatic Delegation (Auto Flow) By providing the <code>sub_agents</code> list, ADK enables automatic delegation. When the root agent receives a user query, its LLM considers not only its own instructions and tools but also the <code>description</code> of each sub-agent. If the LLM determines that a query aligns better with a sub-agent's described capability (e.g., "Handles simple greetings"), it will automatically generate a special internal action to <code>transfer control</code> to that sub-agent for that turn. The sub-agent then processes the query using its own model, instructions, and tools.

Best Practice: Ensure the root agent's instructions clearly guide its delegation decisions. Mention the sub-agents by name and describe the conditions under which delegation should occur.

```
# @title Define the Root Agent with Sub-Agents

# Ensure sub-agents were created successfully before defining the root
# Also ensure the original 'get_weather' tool is defined.
root_agent = None
runner_root = None # Initialize runner

if greeting_agent and farewell_agent and 'get_weather' in globals():
    # Let's use a capable Gemini model for the root agent to handle or
    root_agent_model = MODEL_GEMINI_2_0_FLASH

weather_agent_team = Agent(
```

```
name="weather agent v2", # Give it a new version name
        model=root agent model,
        description="The main coordinator agent. Handles weather reque
        instruction="You are the main Weather Agent coordinating a tea
                    "Use the 'get weather' tool ONLY for specific weat
                    "You have specialized sub-agents: "
                    "1. 'greeting agent': Handles simple greetings lik
                    "2. 'farewell agent': Handles simple farewells like
                    "Analyze the user's query. If it's a greeting, del
                    "If it's a weather request, handle it yourself usi
                    "For anything else, respond appropriately or state
        tools=[get weather], # Root agent still needs the weather tool
        # Key change: Link the sub-agents here!
        sub agents=[greeting agent, farewell agent]
   print(f" Root Agent '{weather agent team.name}' created using mo
else:
   print("X Cannot create root agent because one or more sub-agents
    if not greeting_agent: print(" - Greeting Agent is missing.")
    if not farewell agent: print(" - Farewell Agent is missing.")
    if 'get weather' not in globals(): print(" - get weather function
```

4. Interact with the Agent Team

Now that we've defined our root agent (weather_agent_team - Note:

Ensure this variable name matches the one defined in the previous code block,

likely # @title Define the Root Agent with Sub-Agents, which

might have named it root_agent) with its specialized sub-agents, let's test
the delegation mechanism.

The following code block will:

- 1. Define an async function run team conversation.
- 2. Inside this function, create a *new*, *dedicated*InMemorySessionService and a specific session

- (session_001_agent_team) just for this test run. This isolates the conversation history for testing the team dynamics.
- 3. Create a Runner (runner_agent_team) configured to use our weather_agent_team (the root agent) and the dedicated session service.
- 4. Use our updated <code>call_agent_async</code> function to send different types of queries (greeting, weather request, farewell) to the <code>runner_agent_team</code>. We explicitly pass the runner, user ID, and session ID for this specific test.
- 5. Immediately execute the run_team_conversation function.

We expect the following flow:

- 1. The "Hello there!" query goes to runner agent team.
- 2. The root agent (weather_agent_team) receives it and, based on its instructions and the greeting agent 's description, delegates the task.
- 3. greeting_agent handles the query, calls its say_hello tool, and generates the response.
- 4. The "What is the weather in New York?" query is *not* delegated and is handled directly by the root agent using its get weather tool.
- 5. The "Thanks, bye!" query is delegated to the farewell_agent, which uses its say goodbye tool.

```
# @title Interact with the Agent Team
import asyncio # Ensure asyncio is imported

# Ensure the root agent (e.g., 'weather_agent_team' or 'root_agent' fr
# Ensure the call_agent_async function is defined.

# Check if the root agent variable exists before defining the conversation of the conversation
```

```
# Only define and run if the root agent exists
if root agent var name in globals() and globals() [root agent var name]
    # Define the main async function for the conversation logic.
    # The 'await' keywords INSIDE this function are necessary for asyr
    async def run team conversation():
        print("\n--- Testing Agent Team Delegation ---")
        session service = InMemorySessionService()
        APP NAME = "weather tutorial agent team"
        USER ID = "user 1 agent team"
        SESSION ID = "session 001 agent team"
        session = await session service.create session(
            app name=APP NAME, user id=USER ID, session id=SESSION ID
        print(f"Session created: App='{APP NAME}', User='{USER ID}', S
        actual root agent = globals()[root agent var name]
        runner_agent_team = Runner( # Or use InMemoryRunner
            agent=actual root agent,
            app_name=APP NAME,
            session service=session service
        print(f"Runner created for agent '{actual root agent.name}'.")
        # --- Interactions using await (correct within async def) ---
        await call agent async(query = "Hello there!",
                               runner=runner agent team,
                               user id=USER ID,
                               session id=SESSION ID)
        await call agent async(query = "What is the weather in New Yor
                               runner=runner agent team,
                               user id=USER ID,
                               session id=SESSION ID)
        await call agent async(query = "Thanks, bye!",
                               runner=runner agent team,
                               user id=USER ID,
```

```
session id=SESSION ID)
    # --- Execute the `run team conversation` async function ---
    # Choose ONE of the methods below based on your environment.
    # Note: This may require API keys for the models used!
    # METHOD 1: Direct await (Default for Notebooks/Async REPLs)
    # If your environment supports top-level await (like Colab/Jupyter
    # it means an event loop is already running, so you can directly a
    print ("Attempting execution using 'await' (default for notebooks).
    await run team conversation()
    # METHOD 2: asyncio.run (For Standard Python Scripts [.py])
    # If running this code as a standard Python script from your termi
    # the script context is synchronous. `asyncio.run()` is needed to
    # create and manage an event loop to execute your async function.
    # To use this method:
    # 1. Comment out the `await run team conversation()` line above.
    # 2. Uncomment the following block:
    ** ** **
    import asyncio
    if name == " main ": # Ensures this runs only when script is
        print("Executing using 'asyncio.run()' (for standard Python so
        try:
            # This creates an event loop, runs your async function, ar
            asyncio.run(run team conversation())
        except Exception as e:
            print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
    ** ** **
else:
```

This message prints if the root agent variable wasn't found earl print("\n. Skipping agent team conversation execution as the root

Look closely at the output logs, especially the

```
--- Tool: ... called --- messages. You should observe:
```

- For "Hello there!", the say_hello tool was called (indicating greeting agent handled it).
- For "What is the weather in New York?", the get_weather tool was
 called (indicating the root agent handled it).
- For "Thanks, bye!", the say_goodbye tool was called (indicating farewell agent handled it).

This confirms successful **automatic delegation**! The root agent, guided by its instructions and the descriptions of its sub_agents, correctly routed user requests to the appropriate specialist agent within the team.

You've now structured your application with multiple collaborating agents. This modular design is fundamental for building more complex and capable agent systems. In the next step, we'll give our agents the ability to remember information across turns using session state.

Step 4: Adding Memory and Personalization with Session State¶

So far, our agent team can handle different tasks through delegation, but each interaction starts fresh – the agents have no memory of past conversations or user preferences within a session. To create more sophisticated and context-aware experiences, agents need **memory**. ADK provides this through **Session State**.

What is Session State?

- It's a Python dictionary (session.state) tied to a specific user session (identified by APP NAME, USER ID, SESSION ID).
- It persists information across multiple conversational turns within that session.
- Agents and Tools can read from and write to this state, allowing them to remember details, adapt behavior, and personalize responses.

How Agents Interact with State:

- 1. ToolContext (Primary Method): Tools can accept a ToolContext object (automatically provided by ADK if declared as the last argument). This object gives direct access to the session state via tool_context.state, allowing tools to read preferences or save results during execution.
- 2. output_key (Auto-Save Agent Response): An Agent can be configured with an output_key="your_key" . ADK will then automatically save the agent's final textual response for a turn into session.state["your key"].

In this step, we will enhance our Weather Bot team by:

- 1. Using a **new** InMemorySessionService to demonstrate state in isolation.
- 2. Initializing session state with a user preference for temperature unit.
- 3. Creating a state-aware version of the weather tool (get_weather_stateful) that reads this preference via ToolContext and adjusts its output format (Celsius/Fahrenheit).
- 4. Updating the root agent to use this stateful tool and configuring it with an output_key to automatically save its final weather report to the session state.
- 5. Running a conversation to observe how the initial state affects the tool, how manual state changes alter subsequent behavior, and how output key persists the agent's response.

1. Initialize New Session Service and State

To clearly demonstrate state management without interference from prior steps, we'll instantiate a new <code>InMemorySessionService</code>. We'll also create a session with an initial state defining the user's preferred temperature unit.

```
# @title 1. Initialize New Session Service and State
# Import necessary session components
from google.adk.sessions import InMemorySessionService
```

```
# Create a NEW session service instance for this state demonstration
session service stateful = InMemorySessionService()
print("♥ New InMemorySessionService created for state demonstration."
# Define a NEW session ID for this part of the tutorial
SESSION ID STATEFUL = "session state demo 001"
USER ID STATEFUL = "user state demo"
# Define initial state data - user prefers Celsius initially
initial state = {
    "user preference temperature unit": "Celsius"
# Create the session, providing the initial state
session stateful = await session service stateful.create session(
    app name=APP NAME, # Use the consistent app name
   user id=USER ID STATEFUL,
   session id=SESSION ID STATEFUL,
    state=initial state # <<< Initialize state during creation</pre>
print(f"	✓ Session '{SESSION ID STATEFUL}' created for user '{USER ID
# Verify the initial state was set correctly
retrieved session = await session service stateful.get session(app name
                                                          user id=USER
                                                          session id =
print("\n--- Initial Session State ---")
if retrieved session:
   print(retrieved session.state)
else:
   print("Error: Could not retrieve session.")
```

2. Create State-Aware Weather Tool (get weather stateful)

Now, we create a new version of the weather tool. Its key feature is accepting tool_context: ToolContext which allows it to access tool_context.state. It will read the user_preference_temperature_unit and format the temperature accordingly.

- **Key Concept:** ToolContext This object is the bridge allowing your tool logic to interact with the session's context, including reading and writing state variables. ADK injects it automatically if defined as the last parameter of your tool function.
- Best Practice: When reading from state, use dictionary.get('key', default_value) to handle cases where the key might not exist yet, ensuring your tool doesn't crash.

```
from google.adk.tools.tool context import ToolContext
def get weather stateful(city: str, tool context: ToolContext) -> dict
    """Retrieves weather, converts temp unit based on session state."'
    print(f"--- Tool: get weather stateful called for {city} ---")
    # --- Read preference from state ---
    preferred unit = tool context.state.get("user preference temperatu
    print(f"--- Tool: Reading state 'user preference temperature unit'
    city normalized = city.lower().replace(" ", "")
    # Mock weather data (always stored in Celsius internally)
    mock weather db = {
        "newyork": {"temp c": 25, "condition": "sunny"},
        "london": {"temp c": 15, "condition": "cloudy"},
        "tokyo": {"temp c": 18, "condition": "light rain"},
    }
    if city normalized in mock weather db:
        data = mock weather db[city normalized]
        temp c = data["temp c"]
```

```
condition = data["condition"]
        # Format temperature based on state preference
        if preferred unit == "Fahrenheit":
            temp value = (temp c * 9/5) + 32 \# Calculate Fahrenheit
            temp unit = "°F"
        else: # Default to Celsius
            temp value = temp c
            temp unit = "°C"
        report = f"The weather in {city.capitalize()} is {condition} v
        result = {"status": "success", "report": report}
        print(f"--- Tool: Generated report in {preferred unit}. Result
        # Example of writing back to state (optional for this tool)
        tool context.state["last city checked stateful"] = city
        print(f"--- Tool: Updated state 'last city checked stateful':
        return result
    else:
        # Handle city not found
        error msg = f"Sorry, I don't have weather information for '{ci
        print(f"--- Tool: City '{city}' not found. ---")
        return {"status": "error", "error message": error msg}
print("✓ State-aware 'get weather stateful' tool defined.")
```

3. Redefine Sub-Agents and Update Root Agent

To ensure this step is self-contained and builds correctly, we first redefine the greeting_agent and farewell_agent exactly as they were in Step 3. Then, we define our new root agent (weather agent v4 stateful):

- It uses the new get weather stateful tool.
- It includes the greeting and farewell sub-agents for delegation.

• **Crucially**, it sets <code>output_key="last_weather_report"</code> which automatically saves its final weather response to the session state.

```
# @title 3. Redefine Sub-Agents and Update Root Agent with output key
# Ensure necessary imports: Agent, LiteLlm, Runner
from google.adk.agents import Agent
from google.adk.models.lite llm import LiteLlm
from google.adk.runners import Runner
# Ensure tools 'say hello', 'say goodbye' are defined (from Step 3)
# Ensure model constants MODEL GPT 40, MODEL GEMINI 2 0 FLASH etc. are
# --- Redefine Greeting Agent (from Step 3) ---
greeting agent = None
try:
    greeting agent = Agent (
        model=MODEL GEMINI 2 0 FLASH,
        name="greeting agent",
        instruction="You are the Greeting Agent. Your ONLY task is to
        description="Handles simple greetings and hellos using the 'sa
        tools=[say hello],
    print(f"
✓ Agent '{greeting agent.name}' redefined.")
except Exception as e:
    print(f"X Could not redefine Greeting agent. Error: {e}")
# --- Redefine Farewell Agent (from Step 3) ---
farewell agent = None
try:
    farewell agent = Agent(
        model=MODEL GEMINI 2 0 FLASH,
        name="farewell agent",
        instruction="You are the Farewell Agent. Your ONLY task is to
        description="Handles simple farewells and goodbyes using the '
        tools=[say goodbye],
    )
```

```
print(f" ✓ Agent '{farewell agent.name}' redefined.")
except Exception as e:
   print(f"X Could not redefine Farewell agent. Error: {e}")
# --- Define the Updated Root Agent ---
root agent stateful = None
runner root stateful = None # Initialize runner
# Check prerequisites before creating the root agent
if greeting agent and farewell agent and 'get weather stateful' in glo
    root agent model = MODEL GEMINI 2 0 FLASH # Choose orchestration m
    root agent stateful = Agent(
        name="weather agent v4 stateful", # New version name
        model=root agent model,
        description="Main agent: Provides weather (state-aware unit),
        instruction="You are the main Weather Agent. Your job is to pr
                    "The tool will format the temperature based on use
                    "Delegate simple greetings to 'greeting agent' and
                    "Handle only weather requests, greetings, and fare
        tools=[get weather stateful], # Use the state-aware tool
        sub agents=[greeting agent, farewell agent], # Include sub-age
        output key="last weather report" # <<< Auto-save agent's final
   print(f"

✓ Root Agent '{root agent stateful.name}' created using s
    # --- Create Runner for this Root Agent & NEW Session Service ---
    runner root stateful = Runner(
        agent=root agent stateful,
        app name=APP NAME,
        session service=session service stateful # Use the NEW stateful
   print(f" ✓ Runner created for stateful root agent '{runner root st
else:
```

```
print("X Cannot create stateful root agent. Prerequisites missing
if not greeting_agent: print(" - greeting_agent definition missing
if not farewell_agent: print(" - farewell_agent definition missing
if 'get_weather_stateful' not in globals(): print(" - get_weather_
```

4. Interact and Test State Flow

Now, let's execute a conversation designed to test the state interactions using the runner_root_stateful (associated with our stateful agent and the session_service_stateful). We'll use the call_agent_async
function defined earlier, ensuring we pass the correct runner, user ID (USER_ID_STATEFUL), and session ID (SESSION_ID_STATEFUL).

The conversation flow will be:

- 1. Check weather (London): The <code>get_weather_stateful</code> tool should read the initial "Celsius" preference from the session state initialized in Section 1. The root agent's final response (the weather report in Celsius) should get saved to <code>state['last_weather_report']</code> via the output key configuration.
- 2. **Manually update state:** We will *directly modify* the state stored within the InMemorySessionService instance (session service stateful).
- 3. Why direct modification? The session_service.get_session() method returns a copy of the session. Modifying that copy wouldn't affect the state used in subsequent agent runs. For this testing scenario with InMemorySessionService, we access the internal sessions dictionary to change the actual stored state value for user_preference_temperature_unit to "Fahrenheit". Note: In real applications, state changes are typically triggered by tools or agent logic returning EventActions(state_delta=...), not direct manual updates.
- 4. **Check weather again (New York):** The <code>get_weather_stateful</code> tool should now read the updated "Fahrenheit" preference from the state and convert the temperature accordingly. The root agent's *new* response

- (weather in Fahrenheit) will overwrite the previous value in state['last weather report'] due to the output key.
- 5. **Greet the agent:** Verify that delegation to the <code>greeting_agent</code> still works correctly alongside the stateful operations. This interaction will become the *last* response saved by <code>output_key</code> in this specific sequence.
- 6. Inspect final state: After the conversation, we retrieve the session one last time (getting a copy) and print its state to confirm the user_preference_temperature_unit is indeed "Fahrenheit", observe the final value saved by output_key (which will be the greeting in this run), and see the last_city_checked_stateful value written by the tool.

2. Manually update state preference to Fahrenheit - DIRECTLY print("\n--- Manually Updating State: Setting unit to Fahrenheit

try:

```
# Access the internal storage directly - THIS IS SPECIFIC
        # NOTE: In production with persistent services (Database,
        # typically update state via agent actions or specific ser
        # not by direct manipulation of internal storage.
        stored session = session service stateful.sessions[APP NAM
        stored session.state["user preference temperature unit"] =
        # Optional: You might want to update the timestamp as well
        # import time
        # stored session.last update time = time.time()
       print(f"--- Stored session state updated. Current 'user pr
    except KeyError:
        print(f"--- Error: Could not retrieve session '{SESSION II
    except Exception as e:
         print(f"--- Error updating internal session state: {e} --
    # 3. Check weather again (Tool should now use Fahrenheit)
    # This will also update 'last weather report' via output key
    print("\n--- Turn 2: Requesting weather in New York (expect Fa
    await call agent async(query= "Tell me the weather in New York
                           runner=runner root stateful,
                           user id=USER ID STATEFUL,
                           session id=SESSION ID STATEFUL
    # 4. Test basic delegation (should still work)
    # This will update 'last weather report' again, overwriting th
   print("\n--- Turn 3: Sending a greeting ---")
    await call agent async(query= "Hi!",
                           runner=runner root stateful,
                           user id=USER ID STATEFUL,
                           session id=SESSION ID STATEFUL
# --- Execute the `run stateful conversation` async function ---
```

Choose ONE of the methods below based on your environment.

```
# METHOD 1: Direct await (Default for Notebooks/Async REPLs)
# If your environment supports top-level await (like Colab/Jupyter
# it means an event loop is already running, so you can directly a
print ("Attempting execution using 'await' (default for notebooks).
await run stateful conversation()
# METHOD 2: asyncio.run (For Standard Python Scripts [.py])
# If running this code as a standard Python script from your termi
# the script context is synchronous. `asyncio.run()` is needed to
# create and manage an event loop to execute your async function.
# To use this method:
# 1. Comment out the `await run stateful conversation()` line abov
# 2. Uncomment the following block:
import asyncio
if name == " main ": # Ensures this runs only when script is
    print("Executing using 'asyncio.run()' (for standard Python so
    try:
        # This creates an event loop, runs your async function, ar
        asyncio.run(run stateful conversation())
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
** ** **
# --- Inspect final session state after the conversation ---
# This block runs after either execution method completes.
print("\n--- Inspecting Final Session State ---")
final session = await session service stateful.get session(app nam
                                                      user id= USEF
                                                      session id=SE
if final session:
    # Use .get() for safer access to potentially missing keys
    print(f"Final Preference: {final session.state.get('user prefe
    print(f"Final Last Weather Report (from output key): {final se
    print(f"Final Last City Checked (by tool): {final session.stat
    # Print full state for detailed view
```

```
# print(f"Full State Dict: {final_session.state}") # For detail
else:
    print("\n\ Error: Could not retrieve final session state.")

else:
    print("\n\ Skipping state test conversation. Stateful root agent
```

By reviewing the conversation flow and the final session state printout, you can confirm:

- State Read: The weather tool (get_weather_stateful) correctly read user_preference_temperature_unit from state, initially using "Celsius" for London.
- **State Update:** The direct modification successfully changed the stored preference to "Fahrenheit".
- State Read (Updated): The tool subsequently read "Fahrenheit" when asked for New York's weather and performed the conversion.
- Tool State Write: The tool successfully wrote the last_city_checked_stateful ("New York" after the second weather check) into the state via tool context.state.
- **Delegation:** The delegation to the <code>greeting_agent</code> for "Hi!" functioned correctly even after state modifications.
- output_key: The output_key="last_weather_report" successfully saved the root agent's *final* response for *each turn* where the root agent was the one ultimately responding. In this sequence, the last response was the greeting ("Hello, there!"), so that overwrote the weather report in the state key.
- Final State: The final check confirms the preference persisted as "Fahrenheit".

You've now successfully integrated session state to personalize agent behavior using <code>ToolContext</code>, manually manipulated state for testing <code>InMemorySessionService</code>, and observed how <code>output_key</code> provides a simple mechanism for saving the agent's last response to state. This foundational understanding of state management is key as we proceed to implement safety guardrails using callbacks in the next steps.

Step 5: Adding Safety - Input Guardrail with

before model callback 1

Our agent team is becoming more capable, remembering preferences and using tools effectively. However, in real-world scenarios, we often need safety mechanisms to control the agent's behavior *before* potentially problematic requests even reach the core Large Language Model (LLM).

ADK provides **Callbacks** – functions that allow you to hook into specific points in the agent's execution lifecycle. The <code>before_model_callback</code> is particularly useful for input safety.

What is before model callback?

- It's a Python function you define that ADK executes *just before* an agent sends its compiled request (including conversation history, instructions, and the latest user message) to the underlying LLM.
- **Purpose:** Inspect the request, modify it if necessary, or block it entirely based on predefined rules.

Common Use Cases:

- Input Validation/Filtering: Check if user input meets criteria or contains disallowed content (like PII or keywords).
- **Guardrails:** Prevent harmful, off-topic, or policy-violating requests from being processed by the LLM.
- **Dynamic Prompt Modification:** Add timely information (e.g., from session state) to the LLM request context just before sending.

How it Works:

- 1. Define a function accepting callback_context: CallbackContext
 and llm request: LlmRequest.
- 2. callback_context: Provides access to agent info, session state
 (callback_context.state), etc.
- llm_request : Contains the full payload intended for the LLM (contents, config).

- 4. Inside the function:
- 5. Inspect: Examine llm_request.contents (especially the last user message).
- 6. Modify (Use Caution): You can change parts of llm request.
- 7. **Block (Guardrail):** Return an LlmResponse object. ADK will send this response back immediately, *skipping* the LLM call for that turn.
- 8. **Allow:** Return None. ADK proceeds to call the LLM with the (potentially modified) request.

In this step, we will:

- Define a before_model_callback function
 (block_keyword_guardrail) that checks the user's input for a specific keyword ("BLOCK").
- 2. Update our stateful root agent (weather_agent_v4_stateful from Step 4) to use this callback.
- 3. Create a new runner associated with this updated agent but using the same stateful session service to maintain state continuity.
- 4. Test the guardrail by sending both normal and keyword-containing requests.

1. Define the Guardrail Callback Function

This function will inspect the last user message within the <code>llm_request</code> content. If it finds "BLOCK" (case-insensitive), it constructs and returns an <code>llmResponse</code> to block the flow; otherwise, it returns <code>None</code>.

```
# @title 1. Define the before_model_callback Guardrail

# Ensure necessary imports are available
from google.adk.agents.callback_context import CallbackContext
from google.adk.models.llm_request import LlmRequest
from google.adk.models.llm_response import LlmResponse
from google.genai import types # For creating response content
from typing import Optional
```

```
def block keyword guardrail (
    callback context: CallbackContext, llm request: LlmRequest
) -> Optional[LlmResponse]:
    Inspects the latest user message for 'BLOCK'. If found, blocks the
    and returns a predefined LlmResponse. Otherwise, returns None to p
    11 11 11
    agent name = callback context.agent name # Get the name of the age
    print(f"--- Callback: block keyword guardrail running for agent: {
    # Extract the text from the latest user message in the request his
    last_user message text = ""
    if llm request.contents:
        # Find the most recent message with role 'user'
        for content in reversed(llm request.contents):
            if content.role == 'user' and content.parts:
                # Assuming text is in the first part for simplicity
                if content.parts[0].text:
                    last user message text = content.parts[0].text
                    break # Found the last user message text
   print(f"--- Callback: Inspecting last user message: '{last user me
    # --- Guardrail Logic ---
    keyword to block = "BLOCK"
    if keyword to block in last user message text.upper(): # Case-inse
        print(f"--- Callback: Found '{keyword to block}'. Blocking LLM
        # Optionally, set a flag in state to record the block event
        callback context.state["guardrail block keyword triggered"] =
        print(f"--- Callback: Set state 'guardrail block keyword trigg
        # Construct and return an LlmResponse to stop the flow and ser
        return LlmResponse (
            content=types.Content(
                role="model", # Mimic a response from the agent's pers
                parts=[types.Part(text=f"I cannot process this request
```

```
# Note: You could also set an error_message field here if
)
else:
# Keyword not found, allow the request to proceed to the LLM
print(f"--- Callback: Keyword not found. Allowing LLM call for
return None # Returning None signals ADK to continue normally
print(" block_keyword_guardrail function defined.")
```

2. Update Root Agent to Use the Callback

We redefine the root agent, adding the <code>before_model_callback</code> parameter and pointing it to our new guardrail function. We'll give it a new version name for clarity.

Important: We need to redefine the sub-agents (greeting_agent, farewell_agent) and the stateful tool (get_weather_stateful) within this context if they are not already available from previous steps, ensuring the root agent definition has access to all its components.

```
# @title 2. Update Root Agent with before_model_callback

# --- Redefine Sub-Agents (Ensures they exist in this context) ---
greeting_agent = None

try:

# Use a defined model constant
greeting_agent = Agent(
    model=MODEL_GEMINI_2_0_FLASH,
    name="greeting_agent", # Keep original name for consistency
    instruction="You are the Greeting Agent. Your ONLY task is to
    description="Handles simple greetings and hellos using the 'sa
    tools=[say_hello],
    )
    print(f" Sub-Agent '{greeting agent.name}' redefined.")
```

```
except Exception as e:
    print(f"X Could not redefine Greeting agent. Check Model/API Key
farewell agent = None
try:
    # Use a defined model constant
    farewell agent = Agent(
        model=MODEL GEMINI 2 0 FLASH,
        name="farewell agent", # Keep original name
        instruction="You are the Farewell Agent. Your ONLY task is to
        description="Handles simple farewells and goodbyes using the '
        tools=[say goodbye],
    print(f" ✓ Sub-Agent '{farewell agent.name}' redefined.")
except Exception as e:
    print(f"X Could not redefine Farewell agent. Check Model/API Key
# --- Define the Root Agent with the Callback ---
root agent model guardrail = None
runner root model guardrail = None
# Check all components before proceeding
if greeting agent and farewell agent and 'get weather stateful' in glo
    # Use a defined model constant
    root agent model = MODEL GEMINI 2 0 FLASH
    root_agent_model guardrail = Agent(
        name="weather agent v5 model guardrail", # New version name for
        model=root agent model,
        description="Main agent: Handles weather, delegates greetings/
        instruction="You are the main Weather Agent. Provide weather u
                    "Delegate simple greetings to 'greeting agent' and
                    "Handle only weather requests, greetings, and fare
        tools=[get weather],
        sub agents=[greeting agent, farewell agent], # Reference the r
```

```
output key="last weather report", # Keep output key from Step
        before model callback=block keyword quardrail # <<< Assign the
   print(f" Root Agent '{root agent model guardrail.name}' created
    # --- Create Runner for this Agent, Using SAME Stateful Session Se
    # Ensure session service stateful exists from Step 4
    if 'session service stateful' in globals():
        runner root model guardrail = Runner(
            agent=root agent model guardrail,
            app name=APP NAME, # Use consistent APP NAME
            session_service=session service stateful # <<< Use the ser
        print(f"	✓ Runner created for guardrail agent '{runner root mo
    else:
       print("X Cannot create runner. 'session service stateful' fro
else:
   print("X Cannot create root agent with model guardrail. One or mo
   if not greeting agent: print(" - Greeting Agent")
   if not farewell agent: print(" - Farewell Agent")
   if 'get weather stateful' not in globals(): print(" - 'get weath
    if 'block keyword guardrail' not in globals(): print(" - 'block
```

3. Interact to Test the Guardrail

Let's test the guardrail's behavior. We'll use the *same session* (SESSION_ID_STATEFUL) as in Step 4 to show that state persists across these changes.

- 1. Send a normal weather request (should pass the guardrail and execute).
- Send a request containing "BLOCK" (should be intercepted by the callback).
- 3. Send a greeting (should pass the root agent's guardrail, be delegated, and execute normally).

```
# @title 3. Interact to Test the Model Input Guardrail
import asyncio # Ensure asyncio is imported
# Ensure the runner for the guardrail agent is available
if 'runner root model guardrail' in globals() and runner root model gu
    # Define the main async function for the guardrail test conversati
    # The 'await' keywords INSIDE this function are necessary for asyr
    async def run guardrail test conversation():
        print("\n--- Testing Model Input Guardrail ---")
        # Use the runner for the agent with the callback and the exist
        # Define a helper lambda for cleaner interaction calls
        interaction func = lambda query: call agent async(query,
                                                          runner root n
                                                          USER ID STATE
                                                          SESSION ID ST
        # 1. Normal request (Callback allows, should use Fahrenheit fr
        print ("--- Turn 1: Requesting weather in London (expect allowed
        await interaction func("What is the weather in London?")
        # 2. Request containing the blocked keyword (Callback intercept
        print("\n--- Turn 2: Requesting with blocked keyword (expect k
        await interaction func ("BLOCK the request for weather in Tokyo
        # 3. Normal greeting (Callback allows root agent, delegation h
        print("\n--- Turn 3: Sending a greeting (expect allowed) ---")
        await interaction func("Hello again")
    # --- Execute the `run guardrail test conversation` async function
    # Choose ONE of the methods below based on your environment.
    # METHOD 1: Direct await (Default for Notebooks/Async REPLs)
    # If your environment supports top-level await (like Colab/Jupyter
```

it means an event loop is already running, so you can directly a

```
print ("Attempting execution using 'await' (default for notebooks).
await run guardrail test conversation()
# METHOD 2: asyncio.run (For Standard Python Scripts [.py])
# If running this code as a standard Python script from your termi
# the script context is synchronous. `asyncio.run()` is needed to
# create and manage an event loop to execute your async function.
# To use this method:
# 1. Comment out the `await run guardrail test conversation()` lir
# 2. Uncomment the following block:
** ** **
import asyncio
if name == " main ": # Ensures this runs only when script is
         print("Executing using 'asyncio.run()' (for standard Python so
         try:
                   # This creates an event loop, runs your async function, ar
                  asyncio.run(run quardrail test conversation())
         except Exception as e:
                  print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
** ** **
# --- Inspect final session state after the conversation ---
# This block runs after either execution method completes.
# Optional: Check state for the trigger flag set by the callback
print("\n--- Inspecting Final Session State (After Guardrail Test)
# Use the session service instance associated with this stateful s
final session = await session service stateful.get session(app nam
                                                                                                                            user id=USER
                                                                                                                            session id=SE
if final session:
         # Use .get() for safer access
         print(f"Guardrail Triggered Flag: {final session.state.get('guardrail Triggered Flag: final session.get('guardrail Triggered Flag: final session.get('guardrail Triggered Flag: final session.get('guardrail Triggered Flag: final session.get('guardrail Trigge
         print(f"Last Weather Report: {final session.state.get('last we')
         print(f"Temperature Unit: {final session.state.get('user prefe
         # print(f"Full State Dict: {final session.state}") # For detail
else:
```

```
print("\nX Error: Could not retrieve final session state.")
else:
    print("\n\! Skipping model guardrail test. Runner ('runner_root_mo)
```

Observe the execution flow:

1. London Weather: The callback runs for

weather_agent_v5_model_guardrail, inspects the message, prints "Keyword not found. Allowing LLM call.", and returns None. The agent proceeds, calls the <code>get_weather_stateful</code> tool (which uses the "Fahrenheit" preference from Step 4's state change), and returns the weather. This response updates <code>last_weather_report</code> via <code>output key</code>.

- 2. BLOCK Request: The callback runs again for
 - weather_agent_v5_model_guardrail, inspects the message, finds "BLOCK", prints "Blocking LLM call!", sets the state flag, and returns the predefined LlmResponse. The agent's underlying LLM is *never called* for this turn. The user sees the callback's blocking message.
- 3. Hello Again: The callback runs for

weather_agent_v5_model_guardrail, allows the request. The root agent then delegates to greeting_agent. Note: The before_model_callback defined on the root agent does NOT automatically apply to sub-agents. The greeting_agent proceeds normally, calls its say_hello tool, and returns the greeting.

You have successfully implemented an input safety layer! The before_model_callback provides a powerful mechanism to enforce rules and control agent behavior before expensive or potentially risky LLM calls are made. Next, we'll apply a similar concept to add guardrails around tool usage itself.

Step 6: Adding Safety - Tool Argument Guardrail (before tool callback)

In Step 5, we added a guardrail to inspect and potentially block user input *before* it reached the LLM. Now, we'll add another layer of control *after* the LLM has decided to use a tool but *before* that tool actually executes. This is useful for validating the *arguments* the LLM wants to pass to the tool.

ADK provides the before tool callback for this precise purpose.

What is before tool callback?

- It's a Python function executed just *before* a specific tool function runs, after the LLM has requested its use and decided on the arguments.
- Purpose: Validate tool arguments, prevent tool execution based on specific inputs, modify arguments dynamically, or enforce resource usage policies.

Common Use Cases:

- **Argument Validation:** Check if arguments provided by the LLM are valid, within allowed ranges, or conform to expected formats.
- Resource Protection: Prevent tools from being called with inputs that might be costly, access restricted data, or cause unwanted side effects (e.g., blocking API calls for certain parameters).
- **Dynamic Argument Modification:** Adjust arguments based on session state or other contextual information before the tool runs.

How it Works:

- 1. Define a function accepting tool: BaseTool, args: Dict[str,
 Any], and tool_context: ToolContext.
- 2. tool: The tool object about to be called (inspect tool.name).
- 3. args: The dictionary of arguments the LLM generated for the tool.
- 4. tool_context: Provides access to session state
 (tool context.state), agent info, etc.
- 5. Inside the function:

- 6. **Inspect:** Examine the tool.name and the args dictionary.
- 7. **Modify:** Change values within the args dictionary *directly*. If you return None, the tool runs with these modified args.
- 8. **Block/Override (Guardrail):** Return a **dictionary**. ADK treats this dictionary as the *result* of the tool call, completely *skipping* the execution of the original tool function. The dictionary should ideally match the expected return format of the tool it's blocking.
- 9. **Allow:** Return None . ADK proceeds to execute the actual tool function with the (potentially modified) arguments.

In this step, we will:

- 1. Define a before_tool_callback function
 (block_paris_tool_guardrail) that specifically checks if the
 get weather stateful tool is called with the city "Paris".
- 2. If "Paris" is detected, the callback will block the tool and return a custom error dictionary.
- 3. Update our root agent (weather_agent_v6_tool_guardrail) to include both the before_model_callback and this new before_tool_callback.
- 4. Create a new runner for this agent, using the same stateful session service.
- 5. Test the flow by requesting weather for allowed cities and the blocked city ("Paris").

1. Define the Tool Guardrail Callback Function

This function targets the <code>get_weather_stateful</code> tool. It checks the <code>city</code> argument. If it's "Paris", it returns an error dictionary that looks like the tool's own error response. Otherwise, it allows the tool to run by returning <code>None</code>.

```
# @title 1. Define the before_tool_callback Guardrail

# Ensure necessary imports are available
from google.adk.tools.base_tool import BaseTool
from google.adk.tools.tool_context import ToolContext
from typing import Optional, Dict, Any # For type hints
```

```
def block paris tool guardrail (
    tool: BaseTool, args: Dict[str, Any], tool context: ToolContext
) -> Optional[Dict]:
    11 11 11
    Checks if 'get weather stateful' is called for 'Paris'.
    If so, blocks the tool execution and returns a specific error dict
    Otherwise, allows the tool call to proceed by returning None.
    ** ** **
    tool name = tool.name
    agent name = tool context.agent name # Agent attempting the tool of
    print(f"--- Callback: block paris tool guardrail running for tool
    print(f"--- Callback: Inspecting args: {args} ---")
    # --- Guardrail Logic ---
    target tool name = "get weather stateful" # Match the function name
    blocked city = "paris"
    # Check if it's the correct tool and the city argument matches the
    if tool name == target tool name:
        city argument = args.get("city", "") # Safely get the 'city' a
        if city argument and city argument.lower() == blocked city:
            print(f"--- Callback: Detected blocked city '{city argumer
            # Optionally update state
            tool context.state["guardrail tool block triggered"] = Tru
            print(f"--- Callback: Set state 'quardrail tool block tric
            # Return a dictionary matching the tool's expected output
            # This dictionary becomes the tool's result, skipping the
            return {
                "status": "error",
                "error message": f"Policy restriction: Weather checks
        else:
             print(f"--- Callback: City '{city argument}' is allowed f
    else:
```

```
print(f"--- Callback: Tool '{tool_name}' is not the target too

# If the checks above didn't return a dictionary, allow the tool t
print(f"--- Callback: Allowing tool '{tool_name}' to proceed. ---'
return None # Returning None allows the actual tool function to ru
print(" block_paris_tool_guardrail function defined.")
```

2. Update Root Agent to Use Both Callbacks

We redefine the root agent again (weather_agent_v6_tool_guardrail), this time adding the before_tool_callback parameter alongside the before_model_callback from Step 5.

Self-Contained Execution Note: Similar to Step 5, ensure all prerequisites (subagents, tools, before_model_callback) are defined or available in the execution context before defining this agent.

```
# @title 2. Update Root Agent with BOTH Callbacks (Self-Contained)
# --- Ensure Prerequisites are Defined ---
# (Include or ensure execution of definitions for: Agent, LiteLlm, Rur
# MODEL constants, say_hello, say_goodbye, greeting_agent, farewell_a
# get_weather_stateful, block_keyword_guardrail, block_paris_tool_guar
# --- Redefine Sub-Agents (Ensures they exist in this context) ---
greeting_agent = None
try:

# Use a defined model constant
greeting_agent = Agent(
    model=MODEL_GEMINI_2_0_FLASH,
    name="greeting_agent", # Keep original name for consistency
    instruction="You are the Greeting Agent. Your ONLY task is to
    description="Handles simple greetings and hellos using the 'sat
    tools=[say_hello],
```

```
print(f"✓ Sub-Agent '{greeting agent.name}' redefined.")
except Exception as e:
    print(f"X Could not redefine Greeting agent. Check Model/API Key
farewell agent = None
try:
    # Use a defined model constant
    farewell agent = Agent(
        model=MODEL GEMINI 2 0 FLASH,
        name="farewell agent", # Keep original name
        instruction="You are the Farewell Agent. Your ONLY task is to
        description="Handles simple farewells and goodbyes using the '
        tools=[say goodbye],
   print(f" Sub-Agent '{farewell agent.name}' redefined.")
except Exception as e:
    print(f"X Could not redefine Farewell agent. Check Model/API Key
# --- Define the Root Agent with Both Callbacks ---
root agent tool guardrail = None
runner root tool guardrail = None
if ('greeting agent' in globals() and greeting agent and
    'farewell_agent' in globals() and farewell_agent and
    'get weather stateful' in globals() and
    'block keyword guardrail' in globals() and
    'block paris tool guardrail' in globals()):
    root agent model = MODEL GEMINI 2 0 FLASH
    root agent tool guardrail = Agent(
        name="weather agent v6 tool guardrail", # New version name
        model=root agent model,
        description="Main agent: Handles weather, delegates, includes
        instruction="You are the main Weather Agent. Provide weather u
```

```
"Delegate greetings to 'greeting agent' and farewe
                    "Handle only weather, greetings, and farewells.",
        tools=[get weather stateful],
        sub agents=[greeting agent, farewell agent],
        output key="last weather report",
        before model callback=block keyword guardrail, # Keep model gu
        before tool callback=block paris tool guardrail # <<< Add tool
    print(f" Root Agent '{root agent tool guardrail.name}' created w
    # --- Create Runner, Using SAME Stateful Session Service ---
    if 'session service stateful' in globals():
        runner root tool guardrail = Runner(
            agent=root agent tool guardrail,
            app name=APP NAME,
            session service=session service stateful # <<< Use the ser
        )
        print(f"	✓ Runner created for tool quardrail agent '{runner ro
    else:
        print("X Cannot create runner. 'session service stateful' fro
else:
    print("X Cannot create root agent with tool guardrail. Prerequisi
```

3. Interact to Test the Tool Guardrail

Let's test the interaction flow, again using the same stateful session (SESSION ID STATEFUL) from the previous steps.

- 1. Request weather for "New York": Passes both callbacks, tool executes (using Fahrenheit preference from state).
- 2. Request weather for "Paris": Passes <code>before_model_callback</code>. LLM decides to call <code>get_weather_stateful(city='Paris')</code>.

 <code>before_tool_callback</code> intercepts, blocks the tool, and returns the error dictionary. Agent relays this error.

3. Request weather for "London": Passes both callbacks, tool executes normally.

```
# @title 3. Interact to Test the Tool Argument Guardrail
import asyncio # Ensure asyncio is imported
# Ensure the runner for the tool quardrail agent is available
if 'runner root tool guardrail' in globals() and runner root tool guar
    # Define the main async function for the tool guardrail test conve
    # The 'await' keywords INSIDE this function are necessary for asyr
    async def run tool guardrail test():
        print("\n--- Testing Tool Argument Guardrail ('Paris' blocked)
        # Use the runner for the agent with both callbacks and the exi
        # Define a helper lambda for cleaner interaction calls
        interaction func = lambda query: call agent async(query,
                                                          runner root t
                                                          USER ID STATE
                                                          SESSION ID ST
        # 1. Allowed city (Should pass both callbacks, use Fahrenheit
        print ("--- Turn 1: Requesting weather in New York (expect allo
        await interaction func("What's the weather in New York?")
        # 2. Blocked city (Should pass model callback, but be blocked
        print("\n--- Turn 2: Requesting weather in Paris (expect block
        await interaction func ("How about Paris?") # Tool callback sho
        # 3. Another allowed city (Should work normally again)
        print("\n--- Turn 3: Requesting weather in London (expect allo
        await interaction func("Tell me the weather in London.")
    # --- Execute the `run tool guardrail test` async function ---
    # Choose ONE of the methods below based on your environment.
    # METHOD 1: Direct await (Default for Notebooks/Async REPLs)
```

```
# If your environment supports top-level await (like Colab/Jupyter
# it means an event loop is already running, so you can directly a
print ("Attempting execution using 'await' (default for notebooks).
await run tool guardrail test()
# METHOD 2: asyncio.run (For Standard Python Scripts [.py])
# If running this code as a standard Python script from your termi
# the script context is synchronous. `asyncio.run()` is needed to
# create and manage an event loop to execute your async function.
# To use this method:
# 1. Comment out the `await run tool guardrail test()` line above.
# 2. Uncomment the following block:
import asyncio
if name == " main ": # Ensures this runs only when script is
    print("Executing using 'asyncio.run()' (for standard Python so
    try:
        # This creates an event loop, runs your async function, ar
        asyncio.run(run tool guardrail test())
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
** ** **
# --- Inspect final session state after the conversation ---
# This block runs after either execution method completes.
# Optional: Check state for the tool block trigger flag
print("\n--- Inspecting Final Session State (After Tool Guardrail
# Use the session service instance associated with this stateful s
final session = await session service stateful.get session(app nam
                                                      user id=USER
                                                      session id= S
if final session:
    # Use .get() for safer access
    print(f"Tool Guardrail Triggered Flag: {final session.state.ge
    print(f"Last Weather Report: {final session.state.get('last we')
    print(f"Temperature Unit: {final session.state.get('user prefe
```

```
# print(f"Full State Dict: {final_session.state}") # For detail
else:
    print("\n\ Error: Could not retrieve final session state.")

else:
    print("\n\ Skipping tool guardrail test. Runner ('runner_root_tool)
```

Analyze the output:

- 1. New York: The before_model_callback allows the request. The LLM requests get_weather_stateful. The before_tool_callback runs, inspects the args ({ 'city': 'New York' }), sees it's not "Paris", prints "Allowing tool..." and returns None. The actual get_weather_stateful function executes, reads "Fahrenheit" from state, and returns the weather report. The agent relays this, and it gets saved via output key.
- 2. Paris: The before_model_callback allows the request. The LLM requests get_weather_stateful(city='Paris'). The before_tool_callback runs, inspects the args, detects "Paris", prints "Blocking tool execution!", sets the state flag, and returns the error dictionary {'status': 'error', 'error_message': 'Policy restriction...'}. The actual get_weather_stateful function is never executed. The agent receives the error dictionary as if it were the tool's output and formulates a response based on that error message.
- 3. **London:** Behaves like New York, passing both callbacks and executing the tool successfully. The new London weather report overwrites the last weather report in the state.

You've now added a crucial safety layer controlling not just what reaches the LLM, but also how the agent's tools can be used based on the specific arguments generated by the LLM. Callbacks like <code>before_model_callback</code> and <code>before_tool_callback</code> are essential for building robust, safe, and policy-compliant agent applications.

Conclusion: Your Agent Team is Ready¶

Congratulations! You've successfully journeyed from building a single, basic weather agent to constructing a sophisticated, multi-agent team using the Agent Development Kit (ADK).

Let's recap what you've accomplished:

- You started with a fundamental agent equipped with a single tool (get weather).
- You explored ADK's multi-model flexibility using LiteLLM, running the same core logic with different LLMs like Gemini, GPT-4o, and Claude.
- You embraced modularity by creating specialized sub-agents
 (greeting_agent, farewell_agent) and enabling automatic
 delegation from a root agent.
- You gave your agents memory using Session State, allowing them to remember user preferences (temperature_unit) and past interactions (output key).
- You implemented crucial safety guardrails using both before_model_callback (blocking specific input keywords) and before_tool_callback (blocking tool execution based on arguments like the city "Paris").

Through building this progressive Weather Bot team, you've gained hands-on experience with core ADK concepts essential for developing complex, intelligent applications.

Key Takeaways:

- Agents & Tools: The fundamental building blocks for defining capabilities and reasoning. Clear instructions and docstrings are paramount.
- Runners & Session Services: The engine and memory management system that orchestrate agent execution and maintain conversational context.
- **Delegation:** Designing multi-agent teams allows for specialization, modularity, and better management of complex tasks. Agent description is key for auto-flow.
- Session State (ToolContext, output_key): Essential for creating context-aware, personalized, and multi-turn conversational agents.

- Callbacks (before_model, before_tool): Powerful hooks for implementing safety, validation, policy enforcement, and dynamic modifications before critical operations (LLM calls or tool execution).
- Flexibility (LiteLlm): ADK empowers you to choose the best LLM for the job, balancing performance, cost, and features.

Where to Go Next?

Your Weather Bot team is a great starting point. Here are some ideas to further explore ADK and enhance your application:

- 1. Real Weather API: Replace the <code>mock_weather_db</code> in your <code>get_weather</code> tool with a call to a real weather API (like OpenWeatherMap, WeatherAPI).
- 2. **More Complex State:** Store more user preferences (e.g., preferred location, notification settings) or conversation summaries in the session state.
- 3. **Refine Delegation:** Experiment with different root agent instructions or sub-agent descriptions to fine-tune the delegation logic. Could you add a "forecast" agent?
- 4. Advanced Callbacks:
- 5. Use after_model_callback to potentially reformat or sanitize the
 LLM's response after it's generated.
- 6. Use after_tool_callback to process or log the results returned by a tool.
- 7. Implement before_agent_callback or after_agent_callback for agent-level entry/exit logic.
- 8. **Error Handling:** Improve how the agent handles tool errors or unexpected API responses. Maybe add retry logic within a tool.
- 9. Persistent Session Storage: Explore alternatives to

 InMemorySessionService for storing session state persistently (e.g., using databases like Firestore or Cloud SQL requires custom implementation or future ADK integrations).
- 10. **Streaming UI:** Integrate your agent team with a web framework (like FastAPI, as shown in the ADK Streaming Quickstart) to create a real-time chat interface.

The Agent Development Kit provides a robust foundation for building sophisticated LLM-powered applications. By mastering the concepts covered in

this tutorial – tools, state, delegation, and callbacks – you are well-equipped to tackle increasingly complex agentic systems.

Happy building!