Advanced Topic: Tools Advanced covering
 name_override, description_override, is_enabled, and failure_error_function.

Tools Advanced – 100 Q&A

Section 1: name_override

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Q: What is name_override in Tools Advanced?
A: It is a parameter that allows overriding the default name of a tool when registering or using it.

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Q: Why do we need name_override?
A: To provide a custom, human-readable, or task-specific name for the tool instead of the default function/class name.

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Q: How does name_override improve clarity?
A: It ensures that tools are referenced with meaningful names that match the agent’s workflow.

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Q: Can name_override avoid naming conflicts?
A: Yes, by assigning unique names when multiple tools have the same default name.

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Q: Example of name_override usage?
A:

Tool(function=search_data, name_override="WebSearch")

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Q: What happens if name_override is not used?
A: The system uses the default function or tool name.

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Q: Can name_override include spaces?
A: Yes, but usually snake_case or camelCase is preferred for consistency.

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Q: When should you avoid using name_override?
A: When the tool's original name is already descriptive and unambiguous.

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Q: Can two tools share the same name_override?
A: No, it can create ambiguity in tool selection.

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Q: Is name_override static or dynamic?
A: It is static unless explicitly updated during runtime.

Section 2: description_override

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Q: What is description_override?
A: A parameter that allows replacing the default description of a tool with a custom explanation.

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Q: Why is description_override important?
A: It provides agents with clear instructions about what the tool does, improving decision-making.

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Q: Example of description_override?
A:

```
Tool(
  function=translate_text,
  description_override="Translates text from English to Urdu"
)
```

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Q: How does description_override impact LLM reasoning?
A: The agent relies on tool descriptions to decide when and how to call the tool.

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Q: Can description_override be used for safety?
A: Yes, by clarifying tool limitations and safe usage boundaries.

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Q: What happens if the description is misleading?
A: The agent may misuse the tool or produce wrong results.

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Q: Who usually writes the description_override?
A: Developers designing the agent workflow.

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Q: Should description_override be verbose?
A: No, it should be concise, clear, and informative.

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Q: Can description_override support multilingual text?
A: Yes, developers can provide descriptions in any language.

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Q: Does description_override affect API calls?
A: No, it only changes metadata for agent reasoning.

Section 3: is_enabled

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Q: What is is_enabled in Tools Advanced?
A: A boolean flag that controls whether a tool is active or disabled.

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Q: Default value of is_enabled?
A: Typically True (enabled).

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Q: Why disable tools with is_enabled?
A: To restrict access temporarily without removing the tool definition.

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Q: Can is_enabled be toggled at runtime?
A: Yes, tools can be enabled/disabled dynamically based on conditions.

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Q: Example usage of disabling?
A:

Tool(function=debug_tool, is_enabled=False)

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Q: Does is_enabled=False remove the tool?
A: No, it only hides it from agent selection.

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Q: When should you set is_enabled=False?
A: When the tool is under maintenance or restricted for a specific task.

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Q: Can enabling/disabling tools help with security?
A: Yes, by restricting dangerous tools unless explicitly needed.

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Q: Does is_enabled affect tool metadata?
A: No, metadata remains intact, only availability changes.

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Q: Can multiple tools be toggled together?
A: Yes, via batch configuration or runtime logic.

Section 4: failure_error_function

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Q: What is failure_error_function?
A: A custom handler function that executes when a tool call fails.

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Q: Why is failure_error_function needed?
A: To gracefully manage tool errors instead of crashing the agent.

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Q: Example usage?
A:

```
Tool(
  function=fetch_data,
  failure_error_function=lambda e: f"Error: {str(e)}"
)
```

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Q: What type of input does failure_error_function take?

A: Usually an exception object or error message.

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Q: What type of output should it return?
A: A fallback response, error message, or structured error data.

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Q: Does failure_error_function replace normal error logs?
A: No, it complements them by handling failure gracefully.

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Q: Can it retry the tool execution?
A: Yes, developers can implement retry logic in it.

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Q: Does failure_error_function support async?
A: Yes, if implemented with async/await for async tools.

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Q: What happens if no failure_error_function is provided?
A: Default error handling applies (e.g., agent receives raw exception).

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Q: Can it prevent agent hallucinations?
A: Yes, by providing consistent fallback responses.

Section 5: Combined Concepts (Q41–Q70)

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Q: How do name_override and description_override work together?
A: They redefine both tool name and description for clarity.

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Q: Which parameter improves agent understanding more?
A: description_override, since the agent relies on descriptions.

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Q: Which parameter prevents tool conflict?
A: name_override.

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Q: Can is_enabled work with failure_error_function?
A: Yes, but errors won’t trigger if the tool is disabled.

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Q: What happens if a disabled tool is called by name?
A: It is ignored or returns an unavailable error.

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Q: Best practice when overriding names?
A: Keep them short, unique, and descriptive.

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Q: Best practice for overriding descriptions?
A: Clearly define tool purpose and input/output expectations.

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Q: How does failure_error_function help debugging?
A: It captures detailed error information in a controlled way.

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Q: Can all four parameters (name_override, description_override, is_enabled, failure_error_function) be used together?
A: Yes, for maximum control and safety.

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Q: Example combining all four?
A:

```
Tool(
  function=search_api,
  name_override="CustomSearch",
  description_override="Searches web for information",
  is_enabled=True,
  failure_error_function=lambda e: "Search temporarily unavailable"
)
```

Section 6: Advanced Usage (Q71–Q100)

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Q: Can name_override help multilingual agents?
A: Yes, by naming tools in the user’s preferred language.

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Q: Can description_override explain input_type expectations?
A: Yes, it should mention required arguments.

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Q: Can is_enabled be linked to user roles?
A: Yes, tools can be enabled only for admin-level users.

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Q: Can failure_error_function log errors externally?
A: Yes, it can push logs to monitoring systems.

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Q: What happens if failure_error_function itself fails?
A: The system may fall back to default exception handling.

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Q: Should failure_error_function expose sensitive errors?
A: No, it should sanitize messages for safety.

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Q: Can is_enabled be controlled by feature flags?
A: Yes, making it useful for A/B testing.

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Q: Can overrides improve LLM interpretability?
A: Yes, they make tools more transparent to the model.

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Q: What happens if two tools have the same overridden name?
A: The agent may get confused or misroute calls.

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Q: Should descriptions include failure cases?
A: Yes, for guiding the agent about tool limitations.

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Q: Example of disabling tool temporarily?
A: Maintenance mode: is_enabled=False.

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Q: Example of custom fallback with failure_error_function?
A: Returning cached results when API fails.

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Q: Can failure_error_function escalate errors?
A: Yes, by re-throwing or logging them.

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Q: How does is_enabled impact orchestration of multiple agents?
A: It allows selectively controlling which tools are visible.

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Q: Can dynamic switching of is_enabled optimize cost?
A: Yes, by disabling expensive API tools when not needed.

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Q: Is name_override always required?
A: No, only when customization is needed.

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Q: Is description_override necessary for every tool?
A: Recommended, but not strictly required.

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Q: Can failure_error_function be used for monitoring uptime?
A: Yes, by recording tool failures.

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Q: What does a misleading description_override cause?
A: Incorrect tool usage by the agent.

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Q: Can these advanced parameters improve safety?
A: Yes, they give fine-grained control over tool access and errors.

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Q: How does is_enabled affect security-sensitive tools?
A: It prevents accidental usage by disabling them until authorized.

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Q: Can overrides help in rapid prototyping?
A: Yes, by allowing flexible naming and descriptions.

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Q: Should failure_error_function always retry tools?
A: Not always; depends on error type.

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Q: Can these parameters work in combination with guardrails?
A: Yes, for stronger safety enforcement.

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Q: Are overrides visible to end-users?
A: Not always; mostly for the agent’s reasoning.

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Q: Should descriptions include examples?
A: Sometimes, to clarify tool behavior.

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Q: Can failure_error_function reduce hallucinations?
A: Yes, by returning structured fallback messages.

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Q: Can disabling tools improve performance?
A: Yes, fewer tools = faster agent decision-making.

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Q: Should all tools use overrides by default?
A: Not mandatory, but highly recommended.

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Q: What is the overall benefit of Tools Advanced parameters?
A: They provide customization, clarity, safety, and reliability in agent-tool interaction.