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Architecture Diagrams

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Purpose and Scope

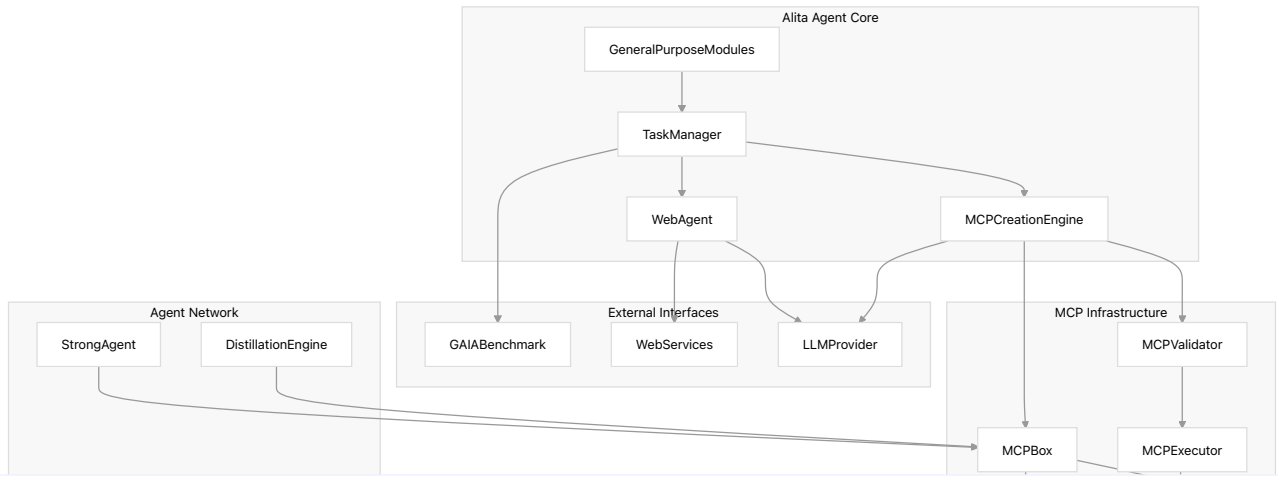
This document provides detailed architectural diagrams showing the structure and interactions of the Alita system components. The diagrams illustrate how the minimal predefinition principle is implemented through a web agent core, MCP creation engine, and distributed agent network.

For implementation details of specific components, see System Architecture. For MCP system specifics, see Model Context Protocol (MCP) System. For performance metrics and evaluation details, see Performance and Evaluation.

System Overview Architecture

The following diagram shows the high-level architecture of the Alita system, emphasizing the core components and their relationships:

Alita Core System Architecture



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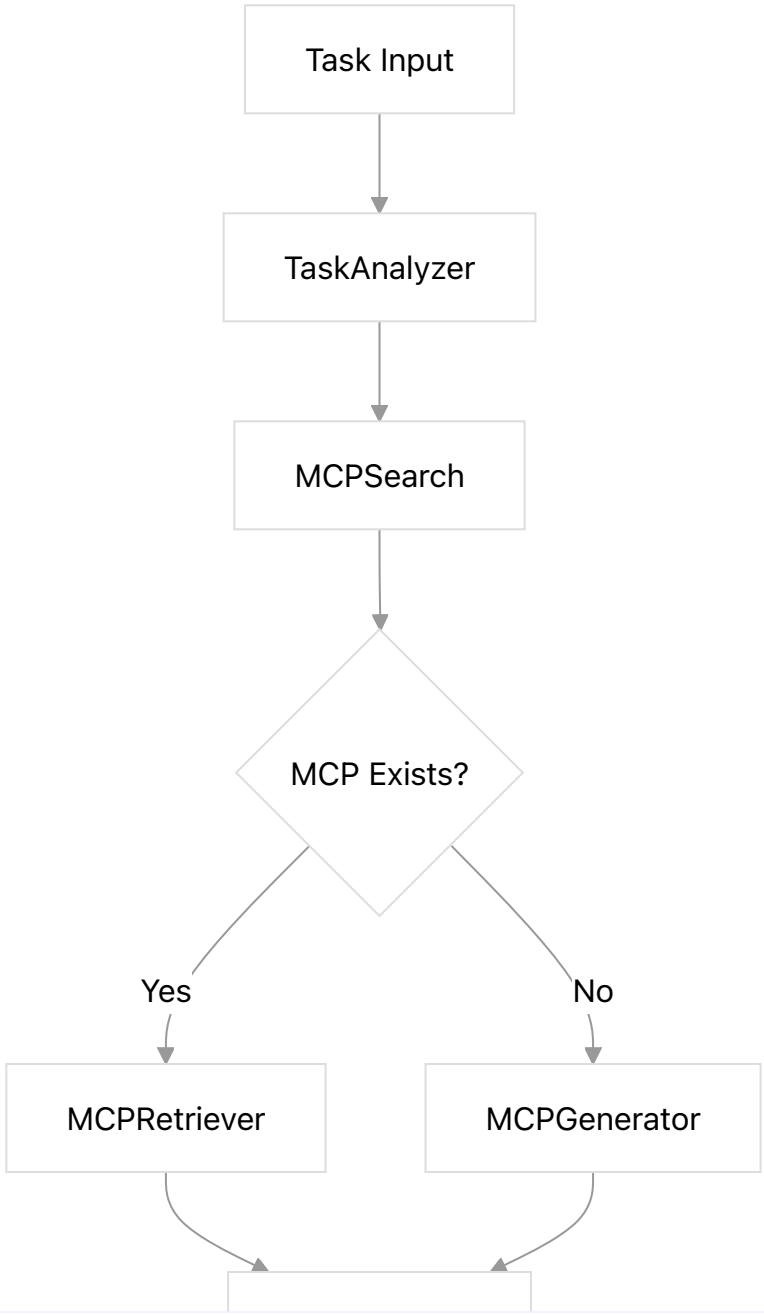
MCP Lifecycle Architecture

This diagram details the Model Context Protocol creation, execution, and storage lifecycle:

MCP Creation and Execution Flow



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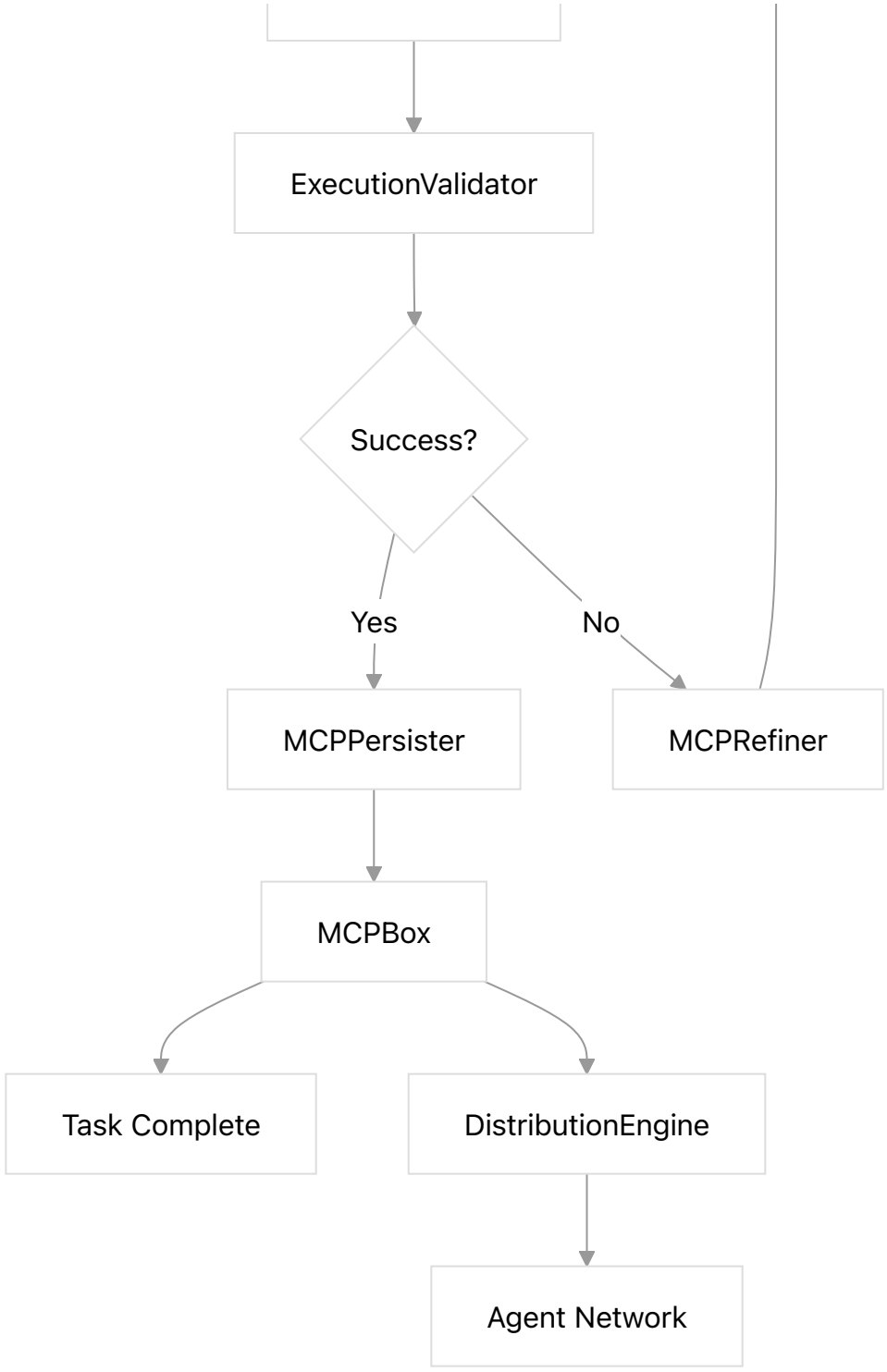
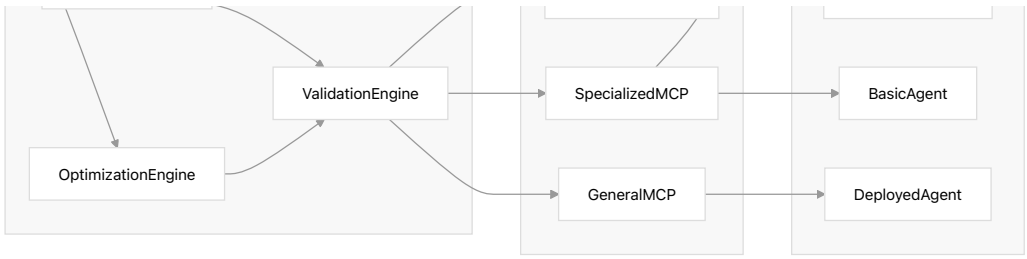
MCPExecutor



Sources: Inferred from MCP system descriptions and self-evolution principles.

Agent Knowledge Sharing Network

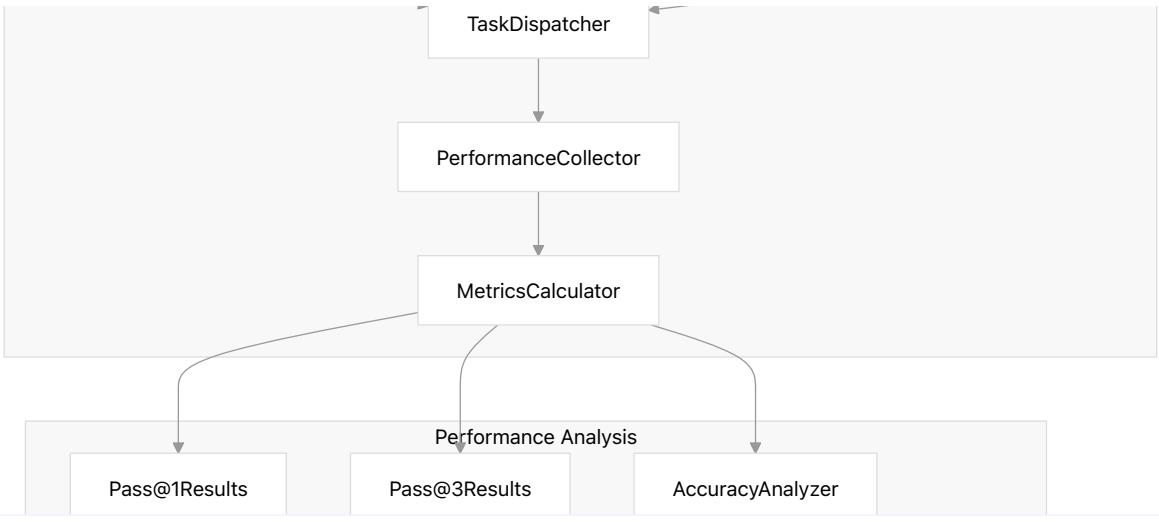


Sources: Based on agent distillation concepts and MCP sharing mechanisms.

GAIA Benchmark Integration Architecture

This diagram illustrates how the GAIA benchmark integrates with the Alita system for evaluation:

GAIA Evaluation Pipeline



Sources: Based on GAIA benchmark integration and performance evaluation requirements.

Data Flow Architecture

This diagram shows the primary data flows within the Alita system:

System Data Flow

Sources: Inferred from system architecture and component interactions.

Component Interaction Matrix

WebAgent	**LLMProvider**	API Call	Execute web browsing tasks
MCPCreationEngine	**MCPBox**	Read/Write	Store and retrieve MCPs
TaskManager	**WebAgent**	Function Call	Delegate web-based tasks
MCPValidator	**GAIABenchmark**	Evaluation	Validate MCP performance
DistillationEngine	**MCPBox**	Read	Access MCPs for knowledge transfer
StrongAgent	**MCPBox**	Write	Contribute high-quality MCPs
WeakAgent	**MCPBox**	Read	Access shared MCPs for capability enhancement

Sources: Based on system architecture analysis and component responsibilities.

System Boundaries and Interfaces

External System Interfaces

Sources: Based on external dependencies and system integration requirements.

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System Diagrams and Visualizations

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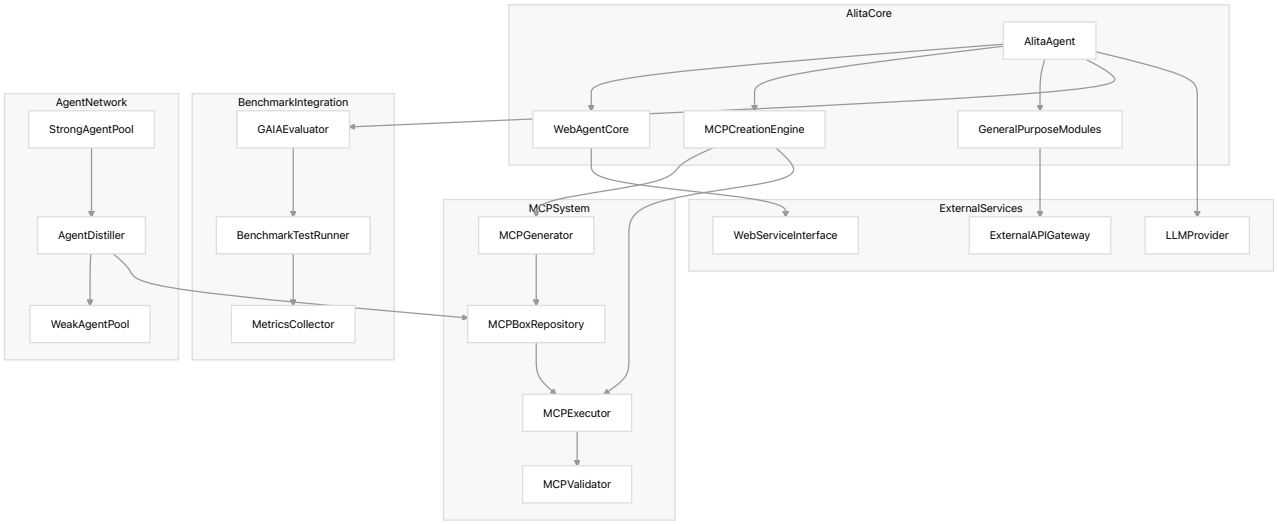
This document provides comprehensive visual representations of the Alita agent system architecture, component relationships, and data flows. The diagrams illustrate how the system achieves minimal predefinition with maximal self-evolution through the Model Context Protocol (MCP) system.

For implementation details of specific components, see MCP System. For performance metrics and evaluation results, see Performance and Evaluation.

System Architecture Overview

The following diagram shows the high-level architecture of the Alita system, mapping system concepts to their likely code representations:



This architecture demonstrates the core principle of minimal predefinition, where **`AlitaAgent`** relies

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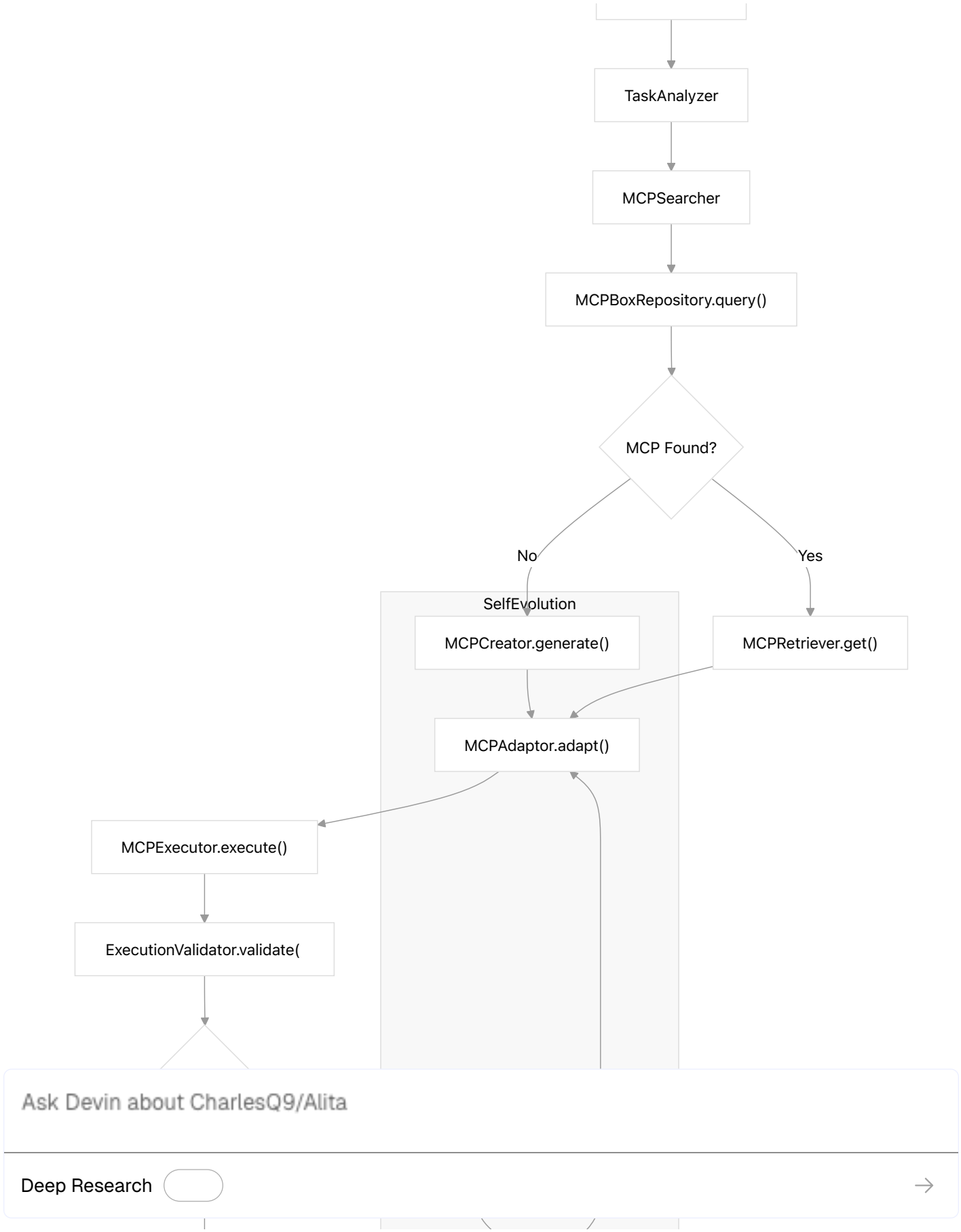
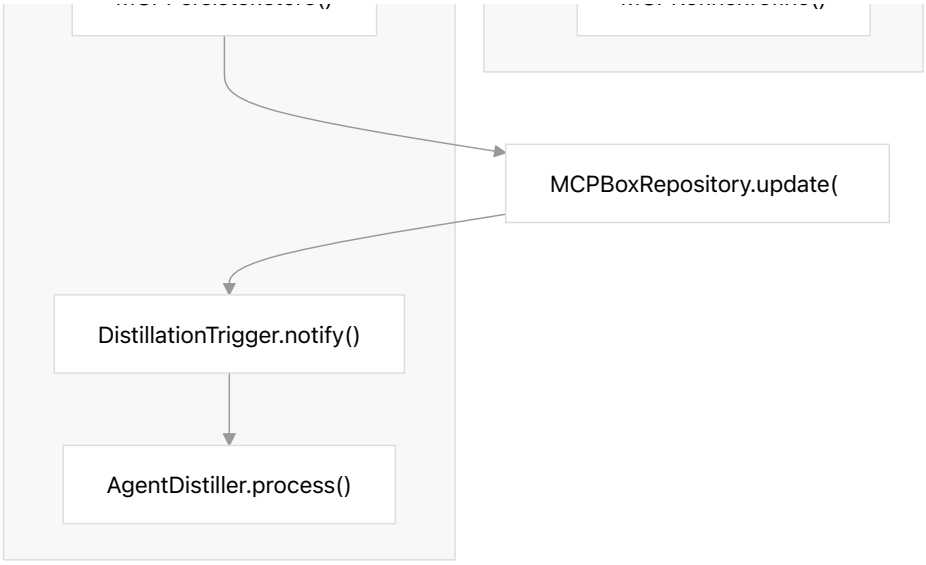
MCP Lifecycle and Component Interactions





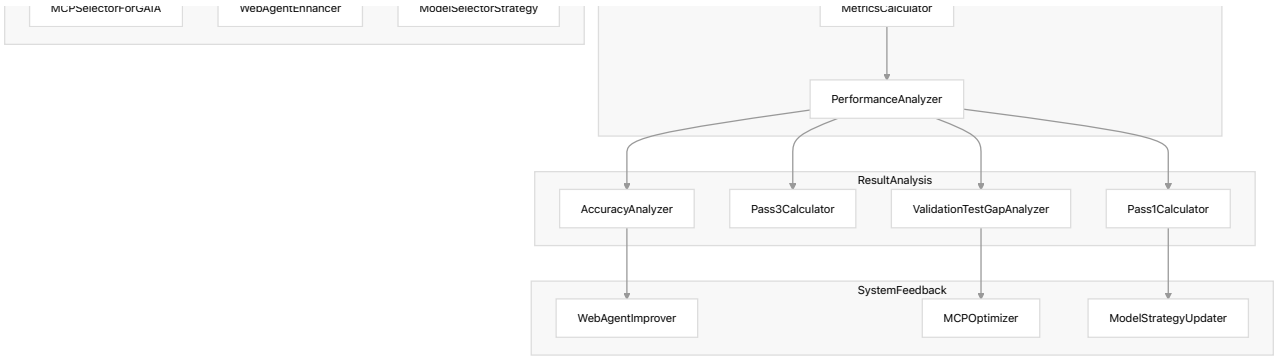
This diagram shows how task requests flow through the system, with each component representing a likely class or module in the codebase. The **`MCPBoxRepository`** serves as the central knowledge store, while **`AgentDistiller`** enables capability transfer across the agent network.

Sources: Inferred from MCP lifecycle description and self-evolution principles

Agent Network and Distillation Flow

Sources: Inferred from agent distillation architecture and performance improvement descriptions

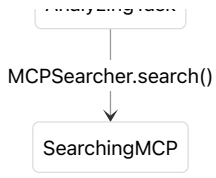
GAIA Benchmark Integration Architecture

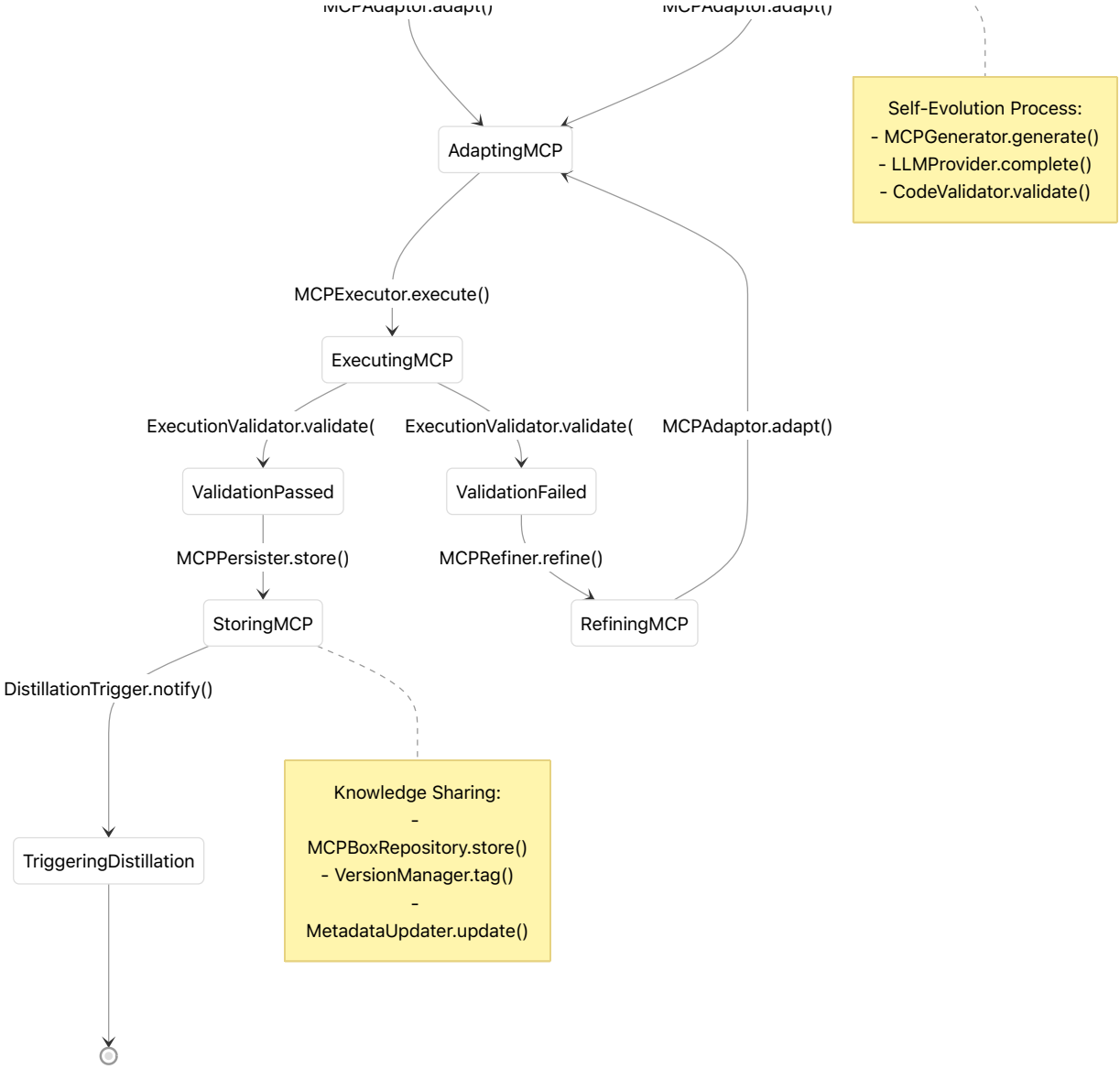


This diagram shows how GAIA benchmark evaluation is integrated into the Alita system, with specific components handling different aspects of the evaluation pipeline and feeding results back into system improvements.

Sources: Inferred from GAIA benchmark integration and performance analysis descriptions

Data Flow and State Management





This state diagram shows the complete lifecycle of MCP processing within the Alita system, highlighting the key decision points and the methods that drive state transitions.

Component	Dependencies	Key Interfaces	Purpose
`AlitaAgent`	`WebAgentCore`, `MCPCreationEngine`, `LLMProvider`	`IAgent`, `ITaskProcessor`	Main agent coordination
`MCPCreationEngine`	`MCPGenerator`, `MCPExecutor`, `MCPValidator`	`IMCPEngine`, `ICreationEngine`	Dynamic MCP creation
`MCPBoxRepository`	`StorageEngine`, `VersionManager`, `MetadataManager`	`IMCPRepository`, `IKnowledgeStore`	MCP storage and retrieval
`WebAgentCore`	`WebServiceInterface`, `BrowserEngine`, `DOMParser`	`IWebAgent`, `IBrowserAgent`	Web interaction capabilities
`AgentDistiller`	`KnowledgeExtractor`, `MCPTransferAgent`, `PerformanceMonitor`	`IDistiller`, `IKnowledgeTransfer`	Agent capability transfer
`GAIAEvaluator`	`GAIADatasetLoader`, `TaskExecutor`, `MetricsCalculator`	`IBenchmarkEvaluator`, `IEvaluator`	Benchmark evaluation

This table maps the key system components to their dependencies and interfaces, providing a reference for understanding the codebase structure.

Sources: Inferred from system architecture and component interaction patterns

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LLM Model Comparison

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Purpose and Scope

This document analyzes the performance characteristics and behavioral differences between Claude-Sonnet-4 and Claude-3.7-Sonnet within the Alita system, with particular focus on the counterintuitive finding that Claude-Sonnet-4 shows decreased Level 1 task performance despite improved overall accuracy. The analysis covers model-specific performance patterns across GAIA benchmark task levels and their implications for agent design.

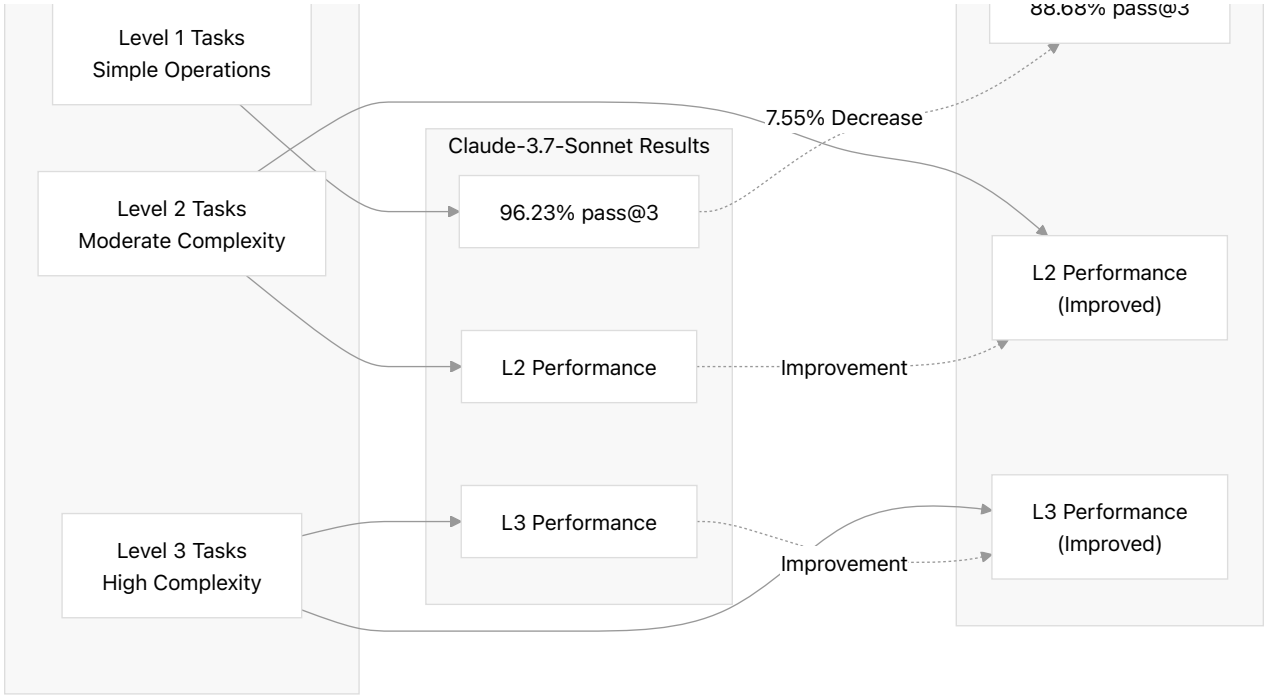
For general GAIA benchmark performance metrics and overall system evaluation, see GAIA Benchmark Results.

Performance Comparison Overview

The comparison between Claude-Sonnet-4 and Claude-3.7-Sonnet reveals complex performance characteristics that challenge assumptions about model capability scaling.

Model Performance Characteristics

Performance Paradox Analysis



Task Complexity vs Model Performance Relationship

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Dataset Characteristics Impact

The performance differences between models are influenced by the distinct characteristics of GAIA validation and test datasets, which emphasize different capabilities.

GAIA Dataset Capability Requirements

Dataset	Web Browsing Focus	Tool Use Focus	Impact on Models
Validation	Standard	Higher	Favors tool-capable models
Test	Higher	Lower	Emphasizes web agent capabilities

Dataset Characteristics vs Model Strengths

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Performance Analysis Tables

Comparative Performance Metrics

Metric	Claude-3.7-Sonnet	Claude-Sonnet-4	Change
Level 1 pass@3	96.23%	88.68%	-7.55%
Overall Performance	Baseline	Improved	+X%
GAIA Test (with MCP)	Baseline	Enhanced	+15%
GAIA Validation (with MCP)	Baseline	Enhanced	>15%

Model Capability Characteristics

Capability Area	Claude-3.7-Sonnet	Claude-Sonnet-4	Observation
Simple Task Execution	Highly Optimized	Less Optimized	Counterintuitive
Complex Reasoning	Standard	Enhanced	Expected
Tool Composition	Standard	Enhanced	Expected
Web Browsing	Standard	Enhanced	Expected

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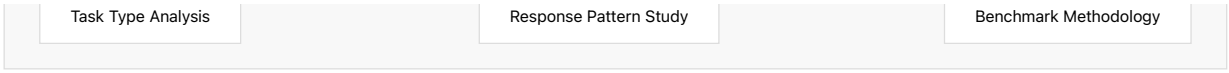
Unexplained Phenomena

The performance characteristics reveal several unexplained behavioral patterns that warrant further



Research Framework for Performance Paradox

The phenomenon where Claude-Sonnet-4 shows decreased Level 1 performance while improving overall metrics remains not fully understood, indicating areas for future research and model selection strategy development.

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Model Selection Implications

Strategic Considerations

The counterintuitive performance characteristics suggest that model selection for Alita should consider task-specific optimization rather than assuming uniform capability scaling across all complexity levels.

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GAIA Benchmark Results

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Purpose and Scope

This document presents detailed performance metrics and analysis of Alita's evaluation on the GAIA (General AI Assistant) benchmark. It covers overall performance results, model-specific comparisons, dataset variations, and component impact analysis. For broader performance evaluation beyond GAIA, see Performance and Evaluation. For specific model comparison insights, see LLM Model Comparison.

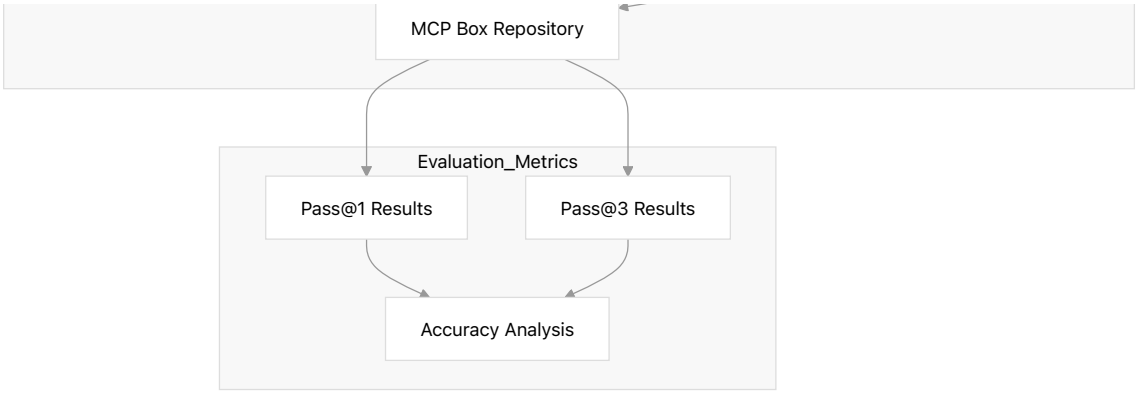
Overall Performance Results

Alita achieves top performance on the GAIA benchmark, outperforming established systems including OpenAI Deep Research and Manus. The system demonstrates significant performance improvements through its MCP-based architecture.

Performance Metrics Summary

Configuration	Pass@1	Pass@3	Performance Increase
Alita with MCP Creation	-	-	+15% vs baseline
Alita without MCP Creation	-	-	Baseline
Claude-3.7-Sonnet (Level 1)	-	96.23%	-
Claude-Sonnet-4 (Level 1)	-	88.68%	-7.55% vs 3.7

GAIA Benchmark Evaluation Flow



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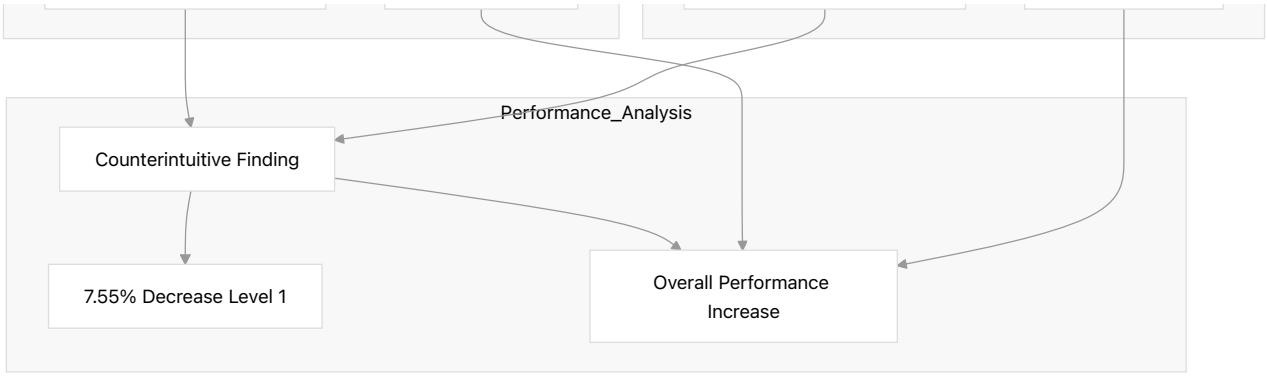
Model Comparison Analysis

The evaluation reveals counterintuitive performance characteristics when comparing different Claude model versions across GAIA task levels.

Claude Model Performance Comparison

Model Performance by Level



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Dataset Analysis: Validation vs Test

The GAIA benchmark presents distinct characteristics between its validation and test datasets, revealing important insights about task distribution and system requirements.

Dataset Characteristics Comparison

Aspect	Validation Dataset	Test Dataset
Primary Focus	Tool Use	Web Browsing
Web Agent Complexity	Simple (sufficient)	More demanding
Performance Drop	Lower	Significant
MCP Impact	Higher increase	~15% increase

Dataset Gap Analysis

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Component Impact Analysis

The MCP creation component provides measurable performance improvements, with the impact varying between validation and test datasets.

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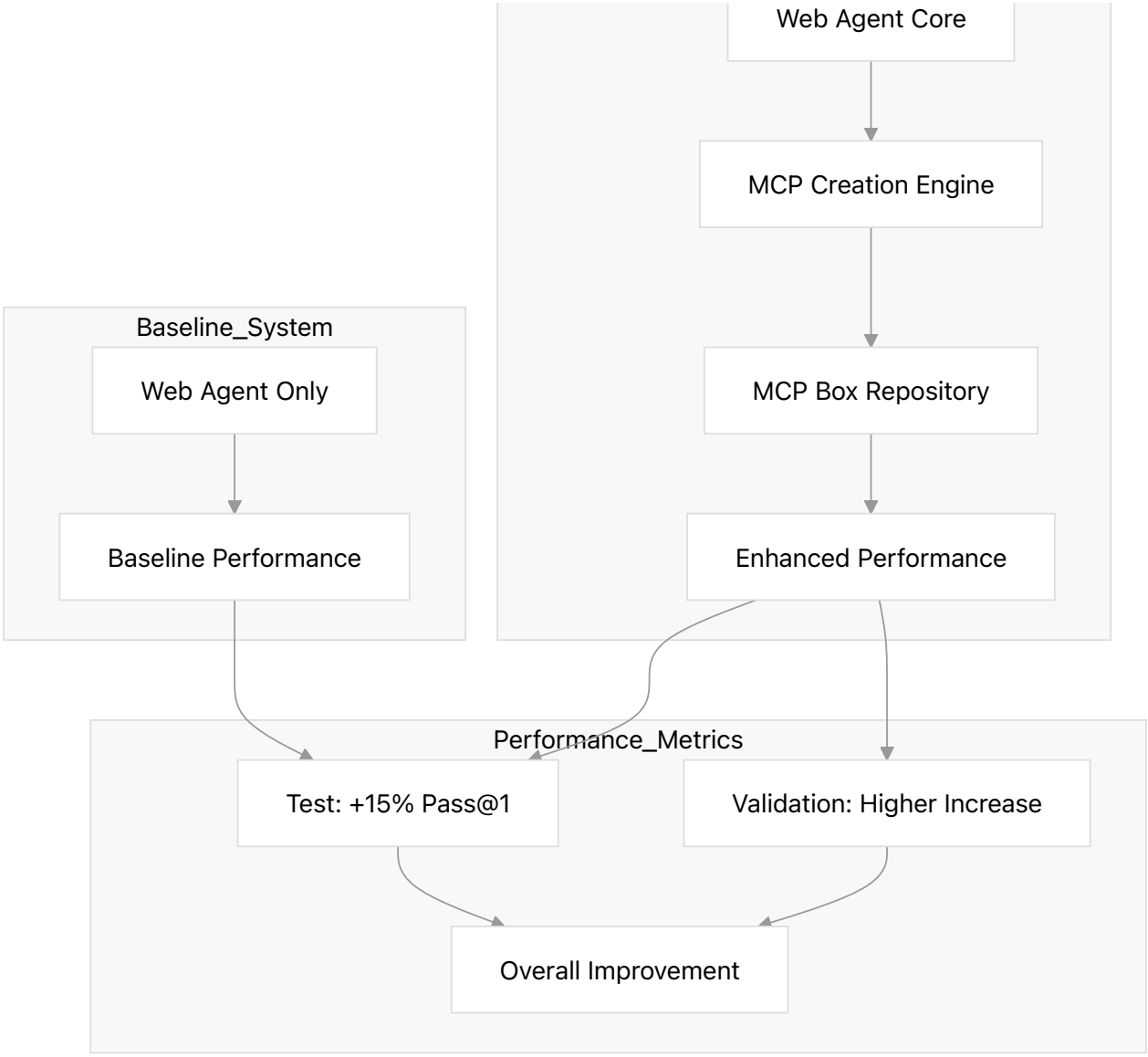
Component Performance Comparison



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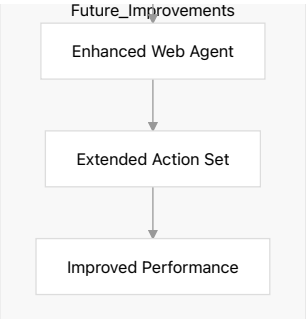
Technical Findings and Limitations

involve integrating a HuggingFace search tool, but this would not represent genuine problem-solving capability.

Web Agent Simplicity vs Requirements

The current web agent implementation is intentionally simple and supports limited actions. While this design proves sufficient for the validation dataset, it becomes a limiting factor for the test dataset's more demanding web browsing requirements.

System Architecture Limitations



Performance Verification Concerns

Manual testing reveals potential discrepancies in agent performance claims across the industry, suggesting that some companies may falsely advertise their GAIA benchmark results.

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Performance and Evaluation

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This document covers Alita's performance metrics, benchmark results, and evaluation methodologies. It focuses on quantitative analysis of the system's capabilities across different configurations, model choices, and component variations. For architectural details about the MCP system that enables these performance gains, see MCP System. For implementation details of individual components, see System Architecture.

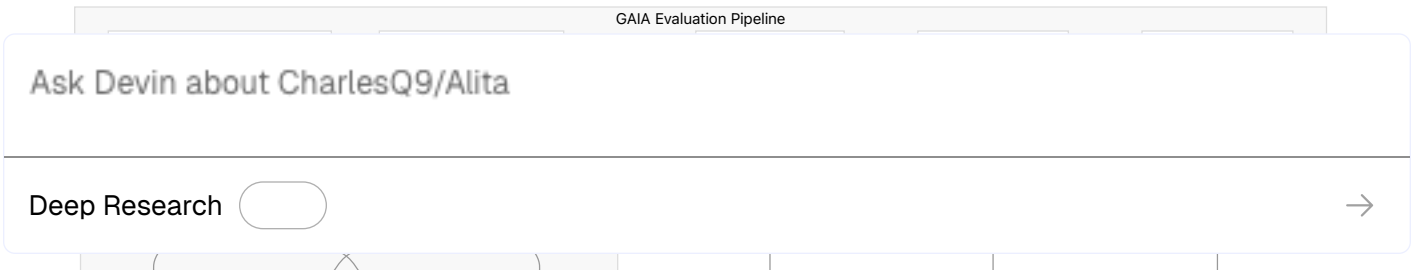
Overview and Benchmark Performance

Alita demonstrates state-of-the-art performance on the GAIA benchmark, achieving the top position and outperforming OpenAI Deep Research and Manus. The system's evaluation reveals several key insights about the relationship between minimal predefinition and performance outcomes.

GAIA Benchmark Results

The GAIA (General AI Assistant) benchmark serves as the primary evaluation framework for measuring Alita's general-purpose capabilities. Performance analysis reveals significant improvements when the MCP creation component is enabled.

Configuration	Dataset	Performance Increase
Alita with MCP Creation	GAIA Test	~15% increase in pass@1
Alita with MCP Creation	GAIA Validation	Higher than 15% increase
Base Alita	GAIA Test	Baseline performance



GAIA Performance Evaluation Framework

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Dataset Characteristics and Performance Gaps

Analysis reveals a significant gap between GAIA validation and test datasets in terms of task composition and required capabilities.

Dataset Type	Primary Focus	Secondary Focus	Alita Web Agent Adequacy
GAIA Validation	Tool Use	Web Browsing	Sufficient
GAIA Test	Web Browsing	Tool Use	Requires Enhancement

The GAIA test dataset emphasizes web browsing abilities over tool usage, creating performance challenges for Alita's simple web agent implementation. Despite this limitation, Alita maintains high ranking performance through the MCP creation system's adaptability.

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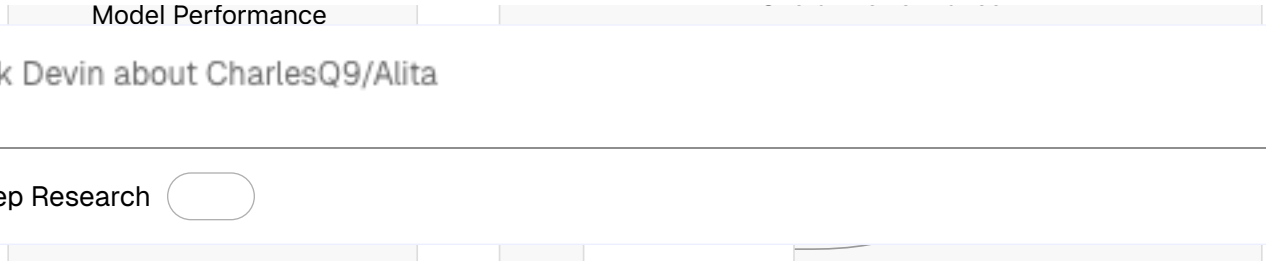
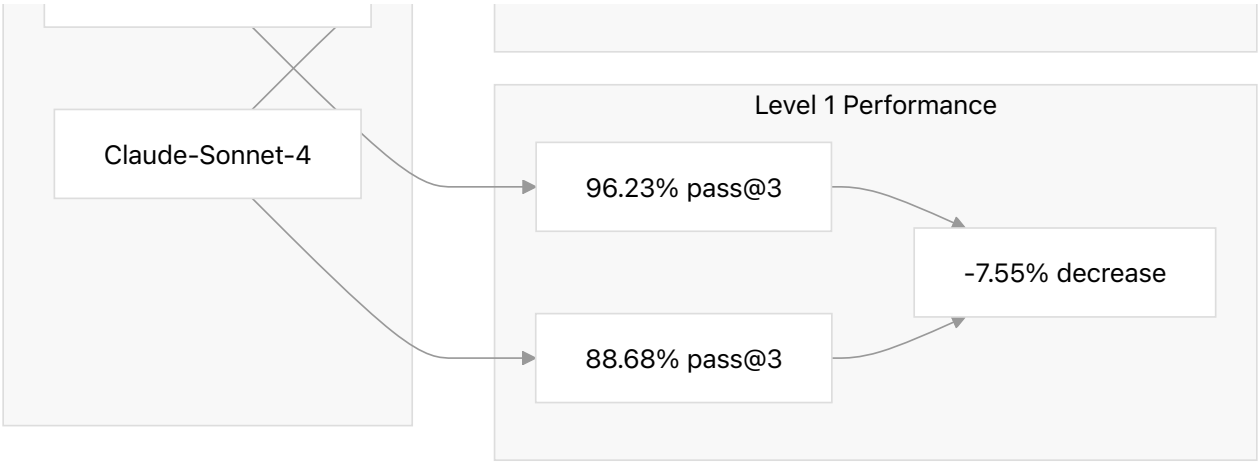
Model Comparison Analysis

Claude Model Performance Characteristics

A counterintuitive finding emerges when comparing Claude model variants across different task complexity levels.





Claude Model Performance Comparison

Model	Level 1 Accuracy (pass@3)	Overall Performance	Performance Paradox
Claude-3.7-Sonnet	96.23%	Baseline	Standard behavior
Claude-Sonnet-4	88.68%	Improved	Decreased L1, increased overall

This phenomenon represents an unexplained characteristic where the more advanced model performs worse on simpler Level 1 tasks while achieving better overall performance metrics.

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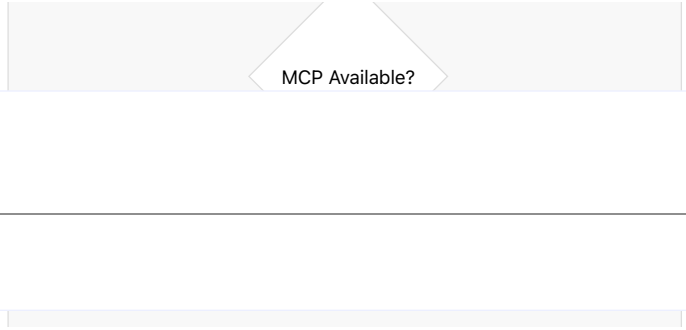
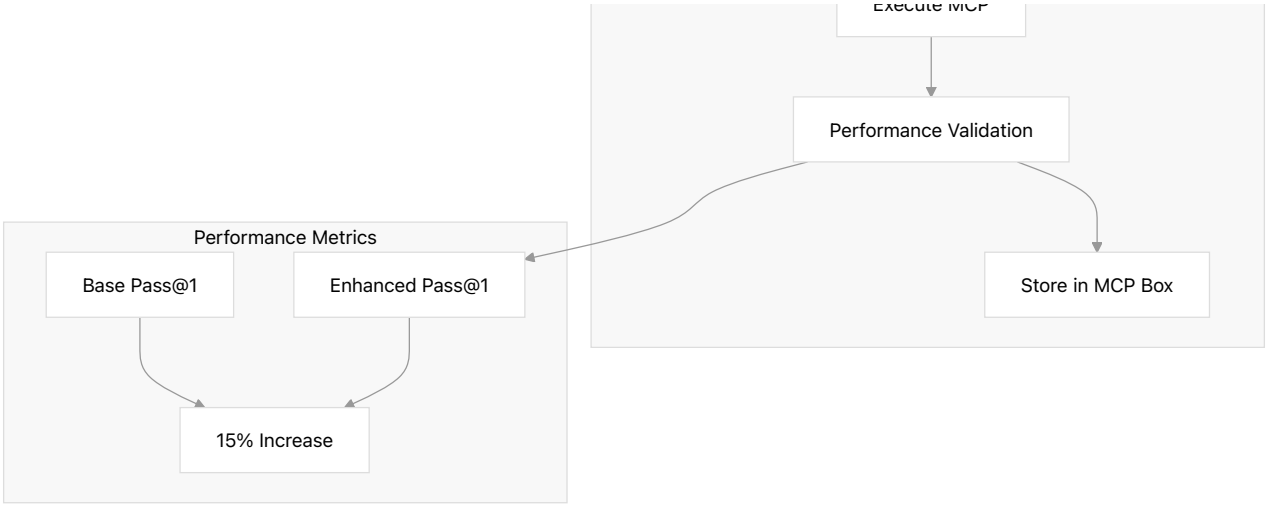
MCP System Performance Impact

Dynamic MCP Creation Benefits

The MCP (Model Context Protocol) creation system provides measurable performance improvements through dynamic capability generation rather than relying on predefined tools.





MCP Performance Enhancement Pipeline

Agent Distillation Performance Transfer

The MCP Box repository enables performance transfer between agents of different capabilities through auto-generated protocol sharing.

Transfer Type	Source Agent	Target Agent	Performance Impact
Capability Transfer	Stronger Agent	Weaker Agent	Significant improvement
Model Size Transfer	Large LLM Agent	Small LLM Agent	Substantial enhancement
Experience Transfer	Experienced Agent	New Agent	Faster capability acquisition

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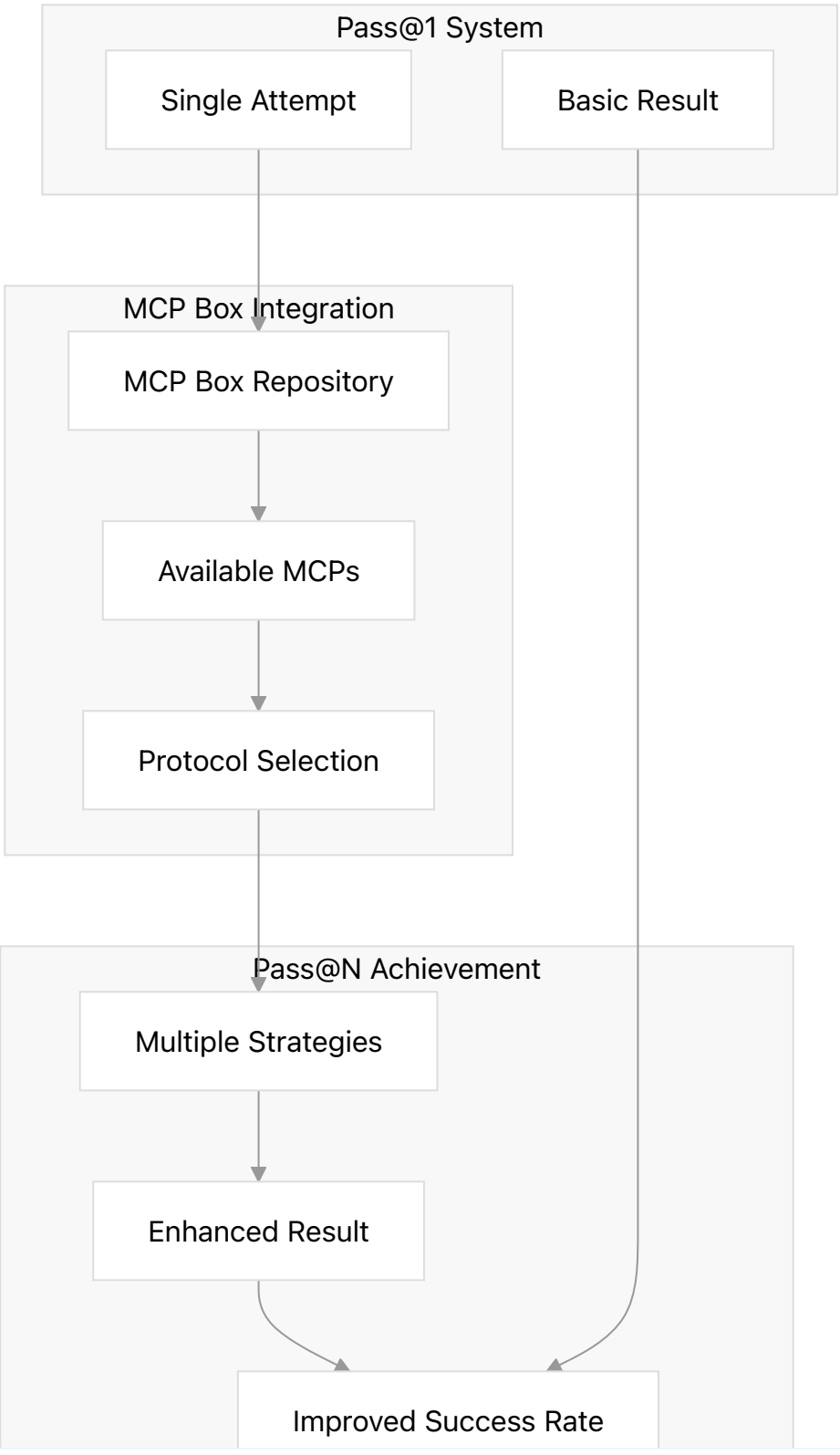
Pass@1 to Pass@N Transformation

(**pass@N**) performance characteristics without requiring multiple model executions.



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This mechanism allows agents to achieve **`pass@N`** performance characteristics by leveraging pre-existing successful MCPs from the repository, effectively simulating multiple attempts through protocol diversity.

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Evaluation Limitations and Considerations

GAIA Dataset Accuracy Constraints

The GAIA validation dataset contains inherent limitations that affect maximum achievable performance:

- **Incorrect Answers**: 4-5 incorrect answers in validation dataset
- **Theoretical Maximum**: Close to 100% accuracy impossible due to dataset errors
- **Workaround**: HuggingFace search tool integration can achieve artificial 100% accuracy

Performance Validation Challenges

Challenge Type	Description	Impact on Evaluation
Dataset Errors	Incorrect ground truth answers	Limits maximum achievable accuracy
Tool Integration	Simple solutions can inflate scores	Questions benchmark validity
Commercial Claims	Potentially false advertising by competitors	Requires manual verification

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Future Performance Projections

The system's performance is expected to scale with improvements in underlying LLM capabilities, particularly in coding and reasoning domains. The minimal predefinition approach positions Alita to benefit directly from these advances without requiring architectural modifications.

General Intelligence	Foundation performance	Simplified agent architectures

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Agent Distillation

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Purpose and Scope

This document explains how Alita implements agent distillation through Model Context Protocol (MCP) sharing, enabling knowledge transfer from stronger agents with larger LLMs to weaker agents with smaller LLMs. Agent distillation in Alita is achieved by reusing auto-generated MCPs rather than traditional knowledge distillation techniques, making the process "much cheaper and easier" than conventional approaches.

For information about the MCP creation process itself, see MCP Creation Process. For details about the MCP storage and sharing infrastructure, see MCP Box Repository.

Overview

Agent distillation in Alita represents a paradigm shift from traditional knowledge distillation methods. Instead of directly transferring learned parameters or behaviors between models, Alita enables distillation through the sharing of automatically generated MCPs. This approach allows stronger agents to effectively "teach" weaker agents by providing them with proven, reusable capabilities encapsulated as MCPs.

The distillation process operates on two primary dimensions:

- **Capability-based distillation**: Stronger agents teach weaker agents through proven MCP patterns
- **Scale-based distillation**: Agents with larger LLMs teach agents with smaller LLMs through optimized MCPs

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The knowledge transfer mechanism relies on stronger agents developing MCPs through iterative trial and error processes. These agents experiment with different approaches to solve complex tasks, gradually refining their strategies into reusable MCP patterns. Once validated, these MCPs become available to weaker agents, effectively transferring the problem-solving capabilities without requiring the weaker agents to undergo the same learning process.

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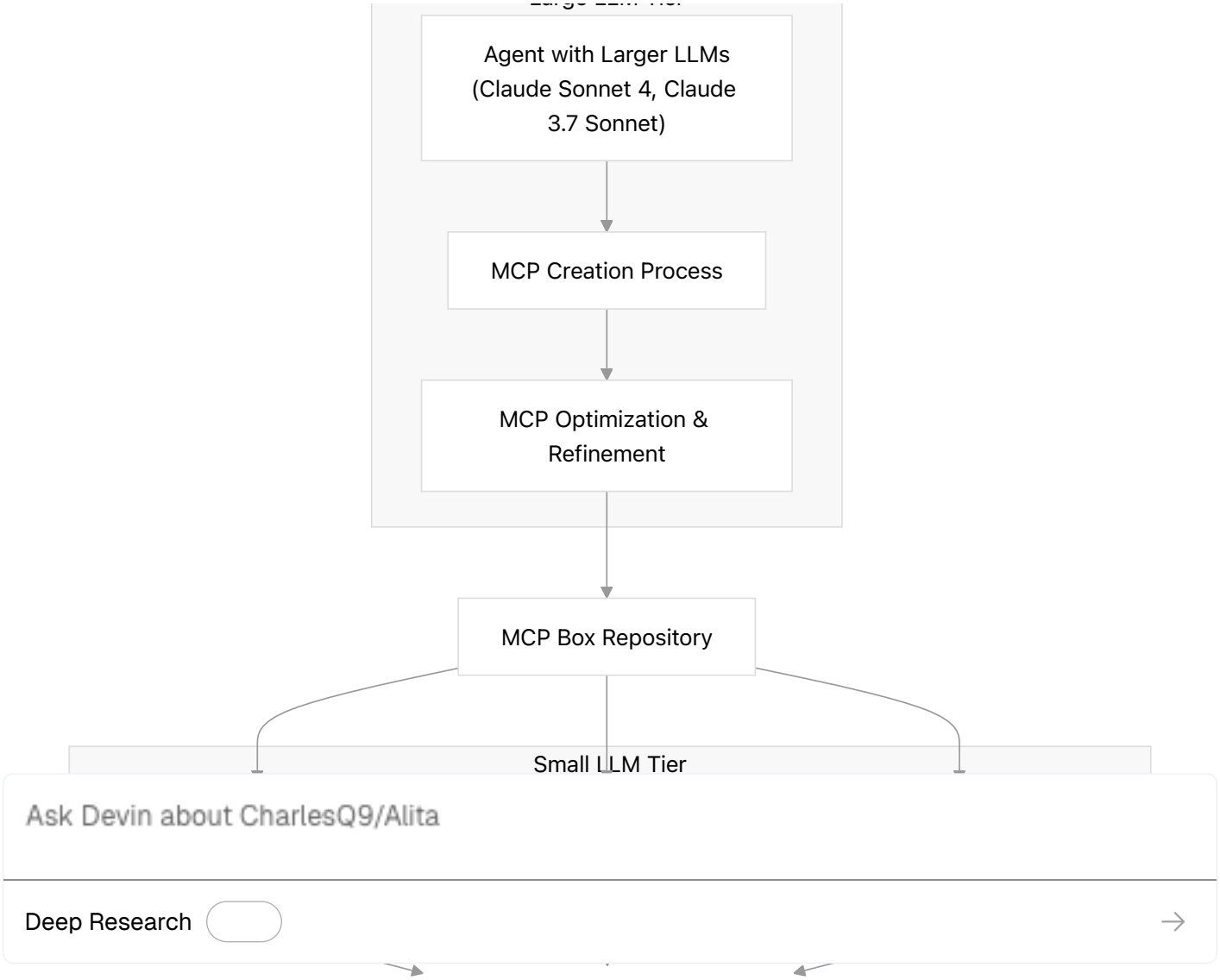
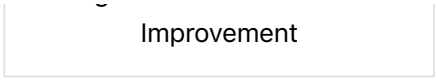
LLM Scale-Based Distillation





Agents equipped with larger LLMs can leverage their enhanced reasoning and coding capabilities to create sophisticated MCPs. These MCPs encapsulate complex problem-solving strategies that smaller LLMs might struggle to develop independently. Through the MCP Box repository, these capabilities become accessible to agents with smaller LLMs, democratizing access to advanced problem-solving approaches.

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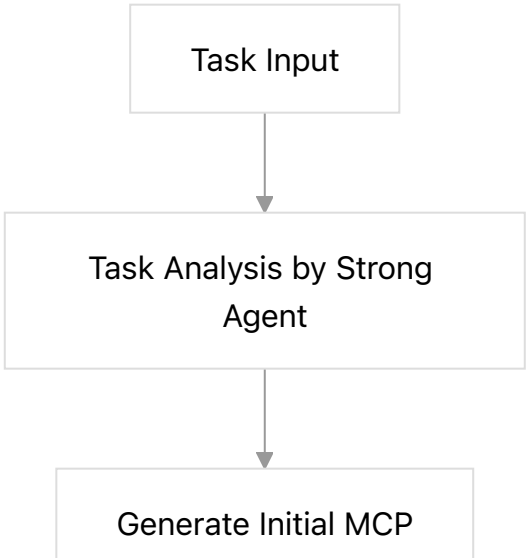
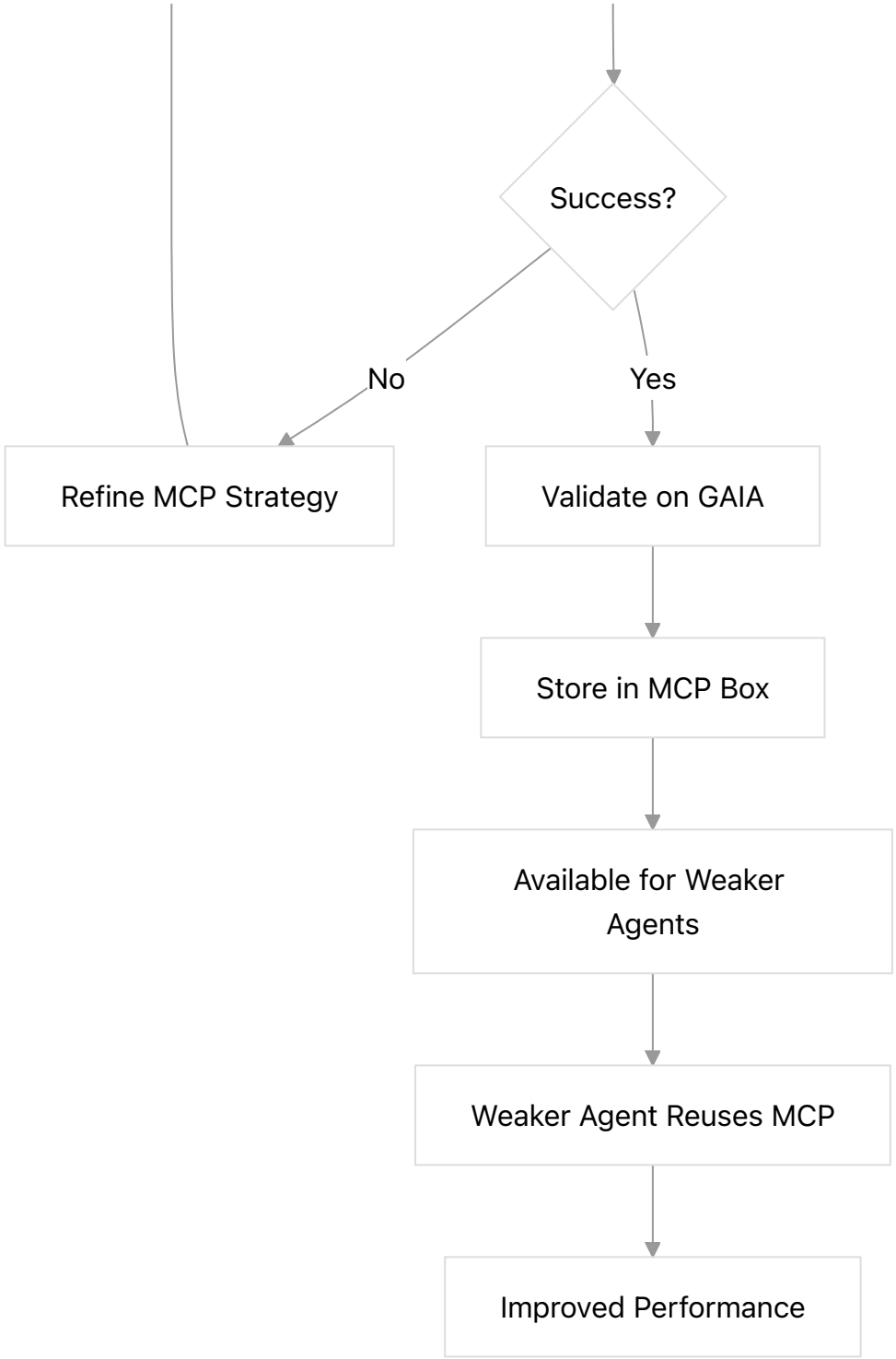
MCP-Based Distillation Process

Trial and Error Learning Cycle

The distillation process begins with stronger agents engaging in trial and error learning cycles. During task execution, these agents experiment with different approaches, generating and refining MCPs based on task requirements and success rates. This iterative process allows the agents to discover optimal strategies for specific problem domains.





The validation step ensures that only high-quality, proven MCPs enter the shared repository. This quality control mechanism is crucial for effective distillation, as it prevents the propagation of

Performance Enhancement Metrics

The effectiveness of agent distillation in Alita is measured through concrete performance improvements. The system demonstrates significant gains when weaker agents utilize MCPs developed by stronger counterparts:

Distillation Type	Performance Impact	Measurement Context
Strong → Weak Agent	Significant improvement	Task-specific performance
Large → Small LLM	Significant improvement	Cross-scale capability transfer
MCP-enabled vs baseline	~15% increase in pass@1	GAIA test dataset

The 15% performance increase specifically refers to Alita's improved pass@1 rate on the GAIA test dataset when utilizing the MCP creation component compared to the baseline without MCP creation capabilities.

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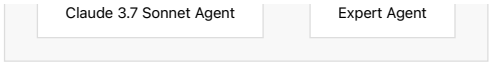
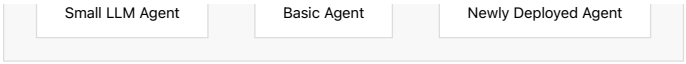
Implementation Architecture

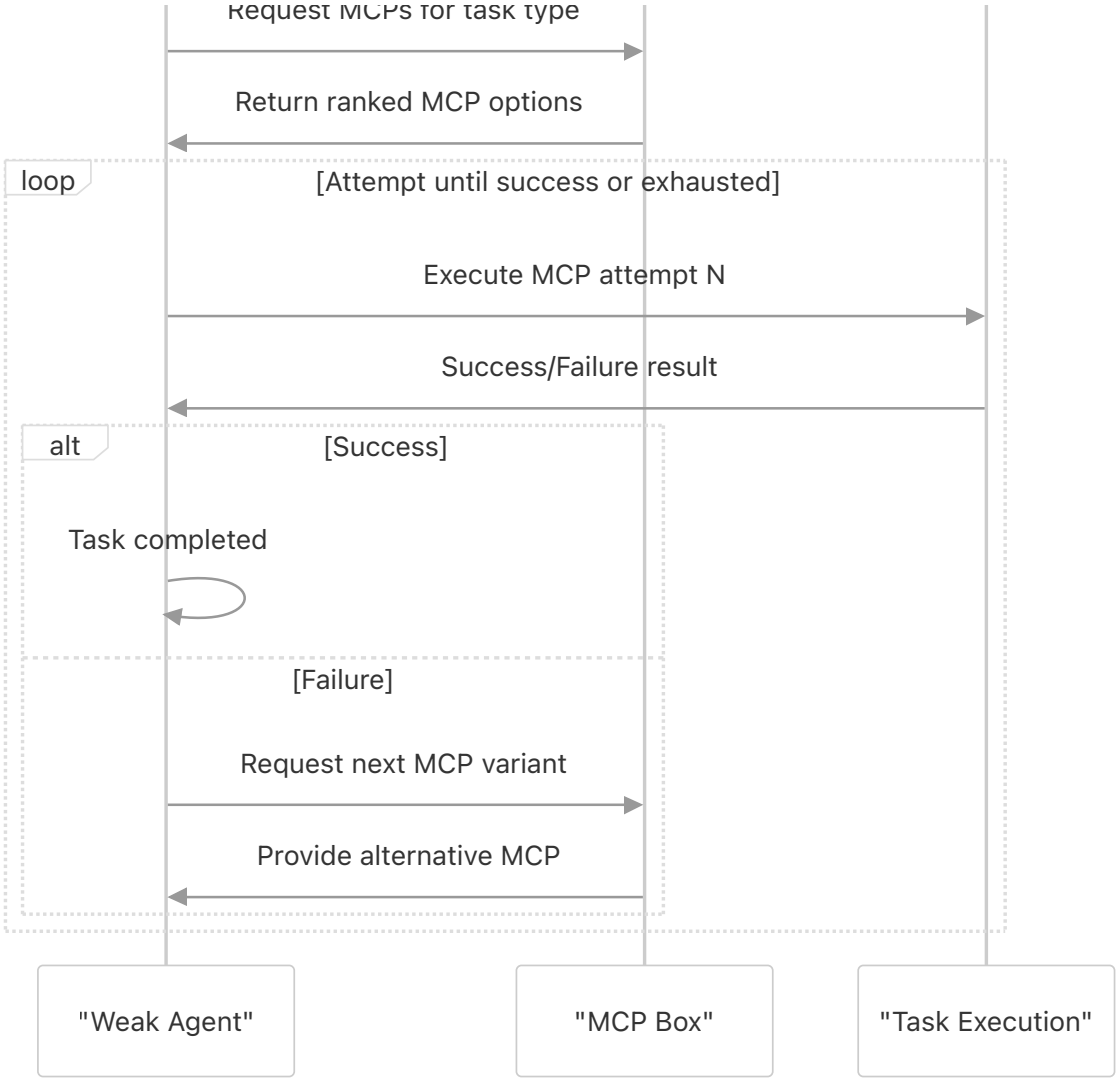
MCP Repository Integration





Pass@1 to Pass@N Enhancement

Agent distillation also enables transformation of single-attempt success (Pass@1) to multi-attempt success patterns (Pass@N). When weaker agents have access to multiple proven MCPs for similar problem domains, they can attempt different approaches sequentially, improving their overall success rate.



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Benefits and Limitations

Cost and Efficiency Advantages

The MCP-based distillation approach offers significant advantages over traditional knowledge distillation methods:

- **Reduced computational requirements**: No need for expensive parameter transfer or fine-tuning
- **Faster deployment**: MCPs can be immediately utilized by target agents
- **Modular knowledge transfer**: Specific capabilities can be shared without full model retraining
- **Scalable distribution**: Single MCPs can benefit multiple agents simultaneously

Current Limitations and Observations

The system exhibits some counterintuitive behaviors that highlight the complexity of LLM capabilities. Notably, upgrading from Claude 3.7 Sonnet to Claude Sonnet 4 resulted in decreased accuracy on Level 1 GAIA tasks (from 96.23% to 88.68% pass@3) despite overall performance improvements. This suggests that agent distillation effectiveness may vary across different model architectures and task complexities.

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MCP Box Repository

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Purpose and Scope

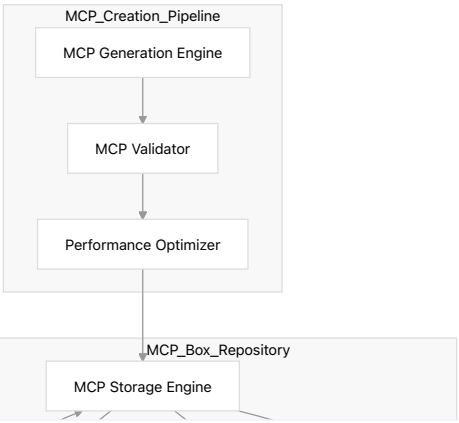
The MCP Box Repository serves as a centralized storage and sharing system for auto-generated Model Context Protocols (MCPs) within the Alita ecosystem. This document covers the repository's architecture, storage mechanisms, agent distillation capabilities, and performance enhancement features.

For information about MCP creation processes, see MCP Creation Process. For details on agent distillation mechanisms, see Agent Distillation.

Repository Architecture

The MCP Box Repository functions as a shared knowledge base that enables MCP reuse across different agent configurations and facilitates knowledge transfer between agents with varying capabilities.

MCP Box Storage System



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MCP Box Repository Storage Architecture

The repository implements a layered storage architecture where generated MCPs are validated, optimized, and indexed for efficient retrieval by different agent types.

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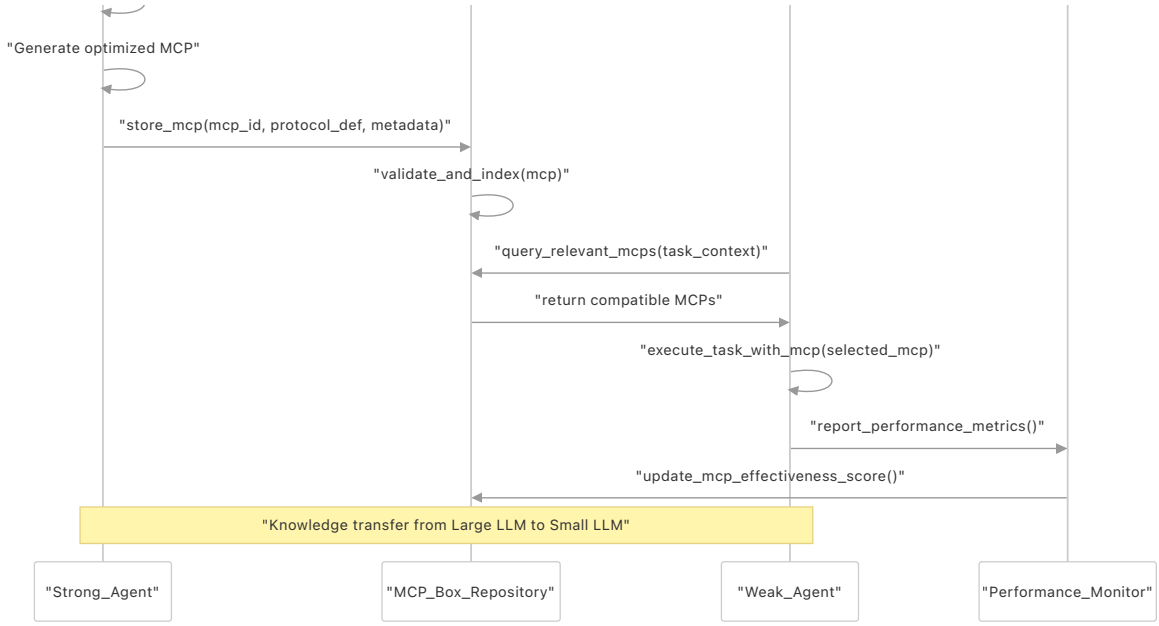
Agent Distillation Workflow



Agent Distillation Through MCP Sharing

This sequence demonstrates how stronger agents with larger LLMs create optimized MCPs that weaker agents can reuse, achieving "distillation that is much cheaper and easier" than traditional

Performance Enhancement Mechanisms

Pass@1 to Pass@N Enhancement

The MCP Box enables significant performance improvements by allowing agents to access previously successful protocols for similar tasks.

Enhancement Type	Description	Performance Impact
MCP Reuse	Direct application of existing MCPs	~15% increase on GAIA test dataset
Protocol Composition	Combining multiple MCPs for complex tasks	Higher success rate on multi-step problems
Adaptive Selection	Dynamic MCP selection based on task context	Improved Pass@1 approaching Pass@N performance

Pass@N Enhancement Through MCP Reuse

The system transforms single-attempt task execution into a multi-attempt approach by leveraging the repository of proven MCPs, significantly improving success rates.

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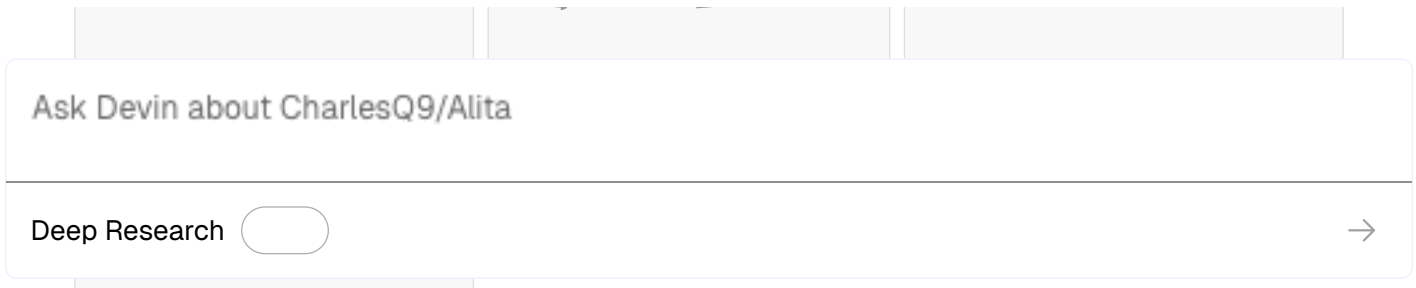
Agent Knowledge Transfer

Cross-Agent Learning Architecture



Multi-Tier Agent Knowledge Transfer System

The repository enables a hierarchical knowledge transfer where agents with larger LLMs create MCPs that significantly improve the performance of agents with smaller LLMs, democratizing advanced capabilities across the agent network.

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Repository Management

MCP Lifecycle Management

The MCP Box implements comprehensive lifecycle management for stored protocols:

Lifecycle Stage	Repository Function	Implementation
Creation	`store_new_mcp()`	Validation and initial indexing
Optimization	`optimize_mcp_performance()`	Usage-based refinement
Versioning	`manage_mcp_versions()`	Backward compatibility maintenance
Deprecation	`mark_deprecated()`	Graceful protocol retirement

Quality Assurance System

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Performance Analytics

The MCP Box tracks detailed usage analytics to optimize the repository's effectiveness:

- **Reuse Frequency**: Tracks which MCPs are most commonly selected
- **Success Rates**: Monitors task completion rates per MCP
- **Agent Performance**: Measures improvement in agent capabilities
- **Compatibility Metrics**: Tracks cross-agent MCP compatibility

The system demonstrates a **15% performance increase** on GAIA test datasets when agents utilize repository MCPs compared to creating new protocols from scratch, validating the repository's effectiveness in enabling scalable agent knowledge sharing.

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MCP Creation Process

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Purpose and Scope

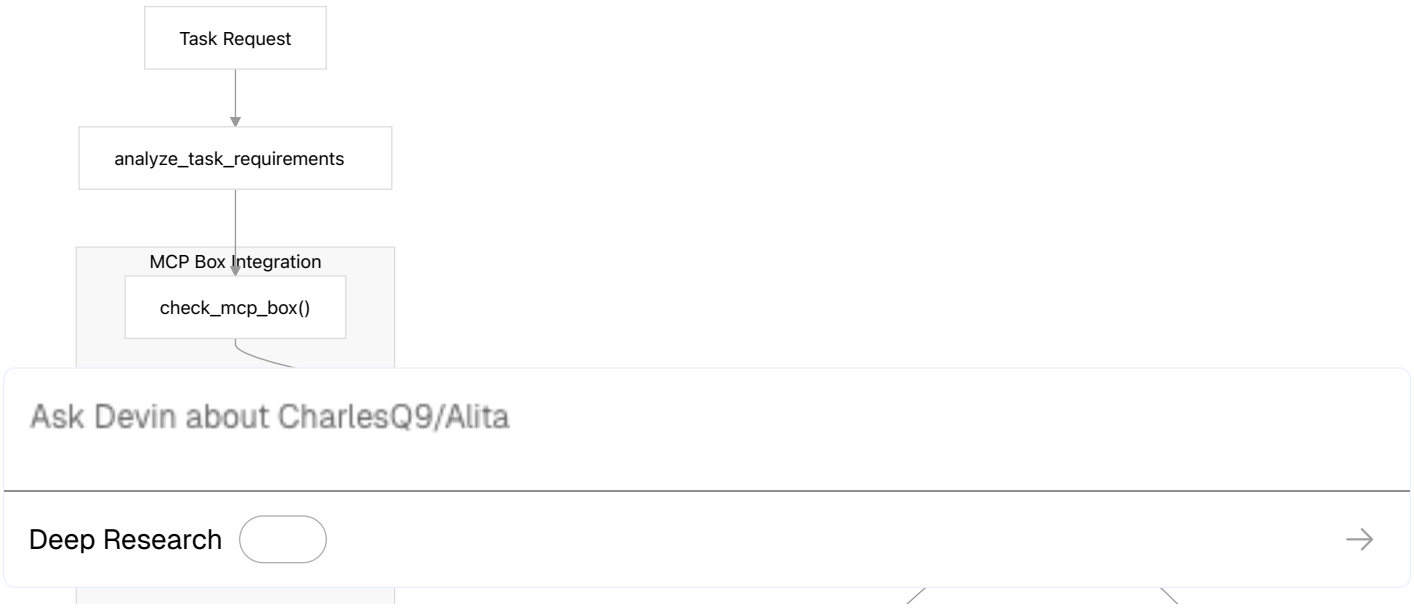
This document explains how Alita dynamically generates, adapts, and executes Model Context Protocols (MCPs) based on task requirements. The MCP creation process is the core mechanism that enables Alita's self-evolution capabilities, transforming from minimal predefinition to maximal adaptability.

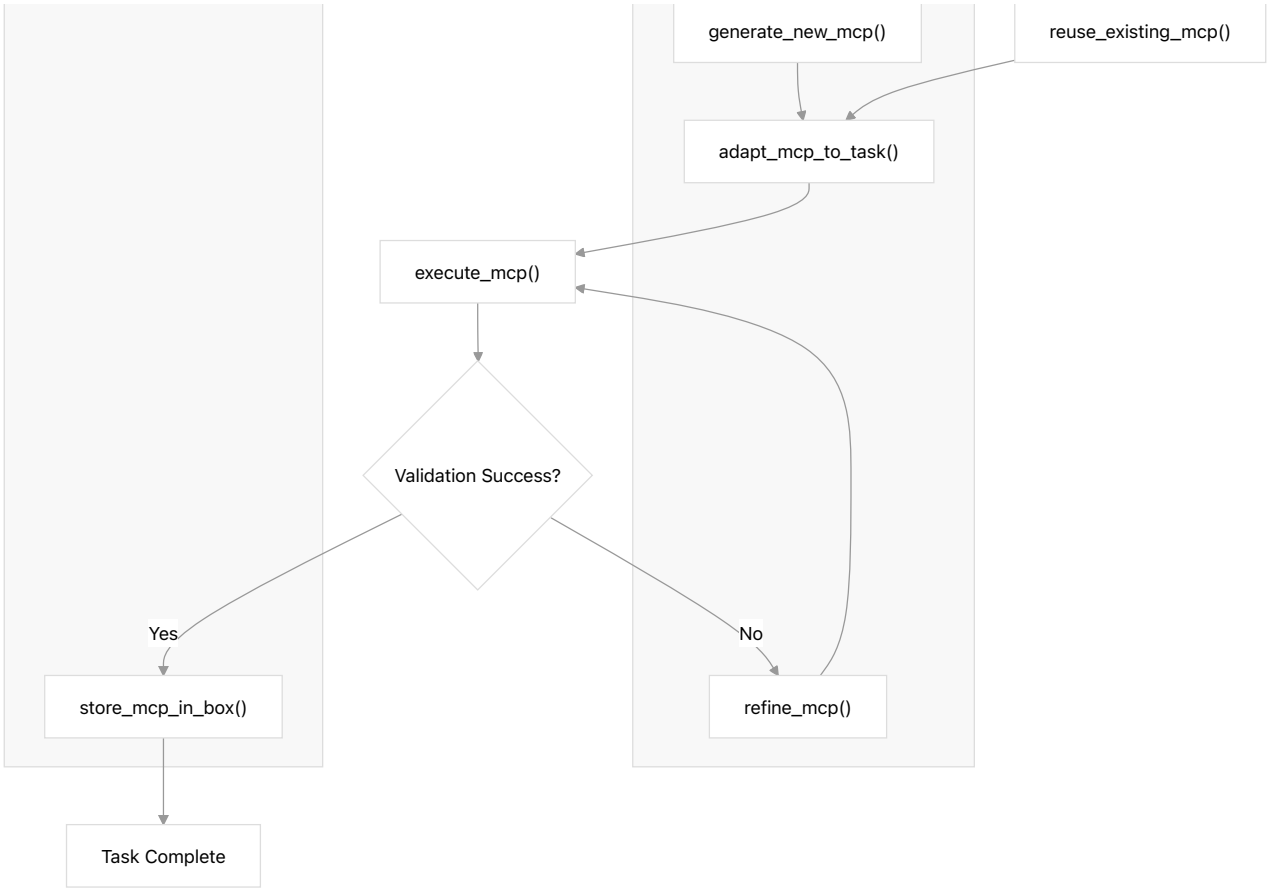
For information about MCP storage and sharing across agents, see MCP Box Repository. For details on how MCPs enable knowledge transfer between agents, see Agent Distillation.

Overview

The MCP creation process represents a fundamental shift from static, predefined tools to dynamic capability generation. Rather than relying on manually engineered components, Alita autonomously creates, refines, and reuses MCPs as tasks demand. This approach enables the system to handle novel scenarios without requiring extensive pre-engineering of specific tools or workflows.

MCP Creation Lifecycle Flow





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Task Analysis and Requirement Determination

The MCP creation process begins with comprehensive task analysis to determine what capabilities are needed. This analysis identifies:

- Required external interfaces and protocols
- Data processing requirements
- Integration points with existing systems
- Performance constraints and validation criteria

Task Analysis Decision Matrix

Task Characteristic	MCP Strategy	Rationale
Novel domain	Create new MCP	No existing protocol available
Similar to previous	Adapt existing MCP	Leverage proven patterns
Composite requirements	Combine multiple MCPs	Maintain modularity
Performance critical	Optimize existing MCP	Balance speed and capability

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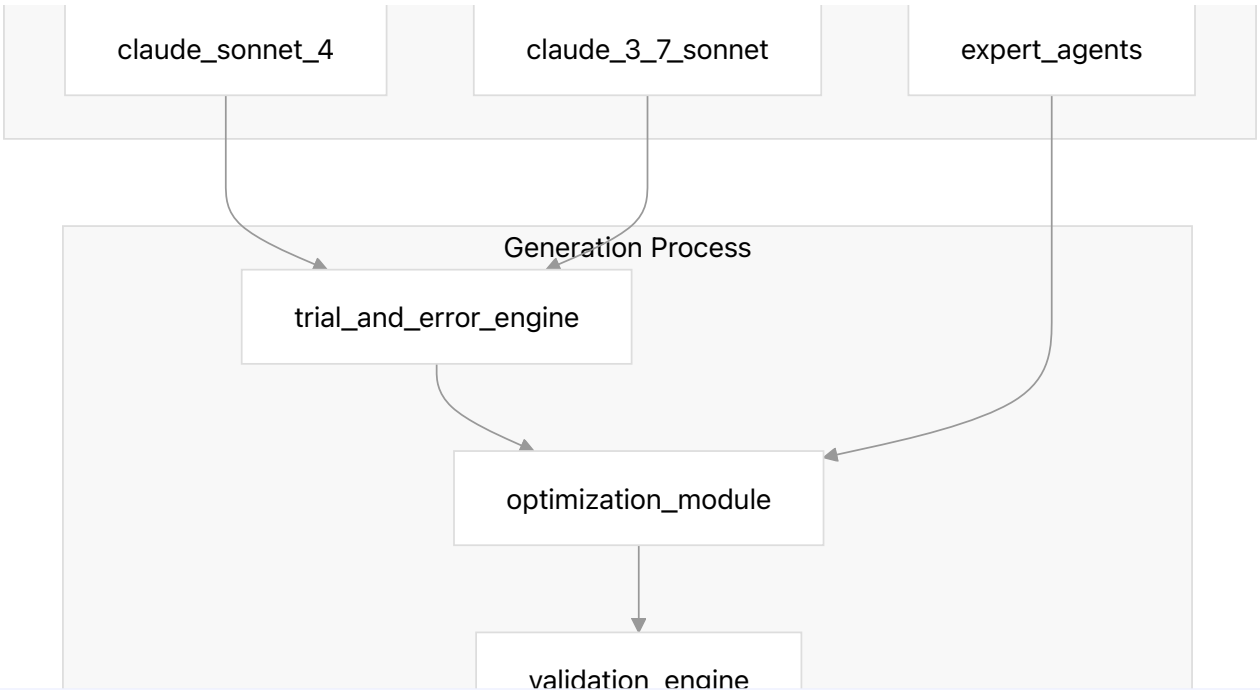
Dynamic MCP Generation

When existing MCPs cannot satisfy task requirements, Alita initiates dynamic generation through trial and error optimization. This process leverages the underlying LLM's capabilities to create protocol specifications that bridge the gap between task requirements and available interfaces.

MCP Generation Architecture



The generation process creates MCPs that are "fit to GAIA by trial and error" rather than manually engineered, enabling more adaptive and context-appropriate solutions.

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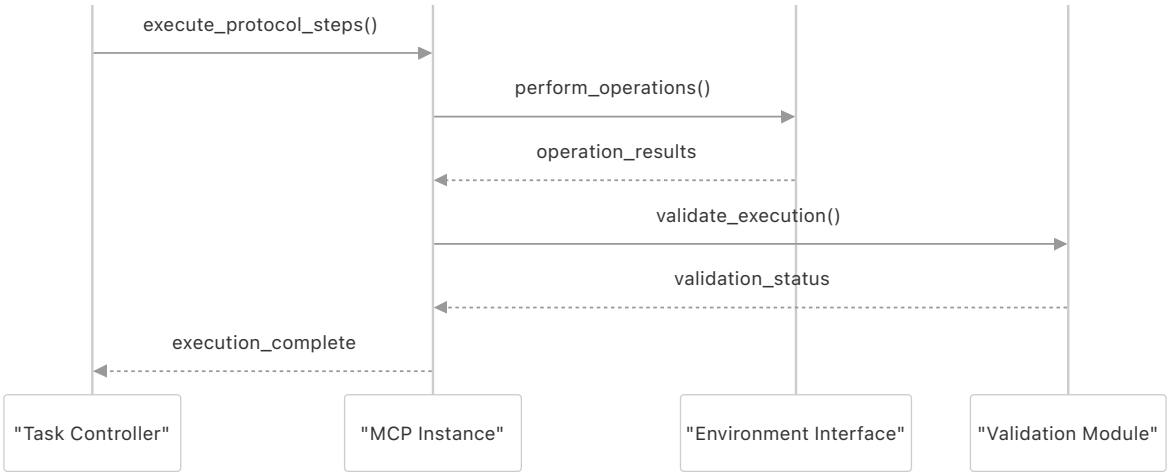
MCP Adaptation and Execution

Once generated or retrieved, MCPs undergo adaptation to align with specific task requirements. This adaptation process ensures that generic protocol patterns can be customized for particular use cases while maintaining reusability for future tasks.

Adaptation Process Flow



The execution phase applies the adapted MCP to the actual task environment, handling interface mismatches and environmental constraints that would challenge predefined tools.

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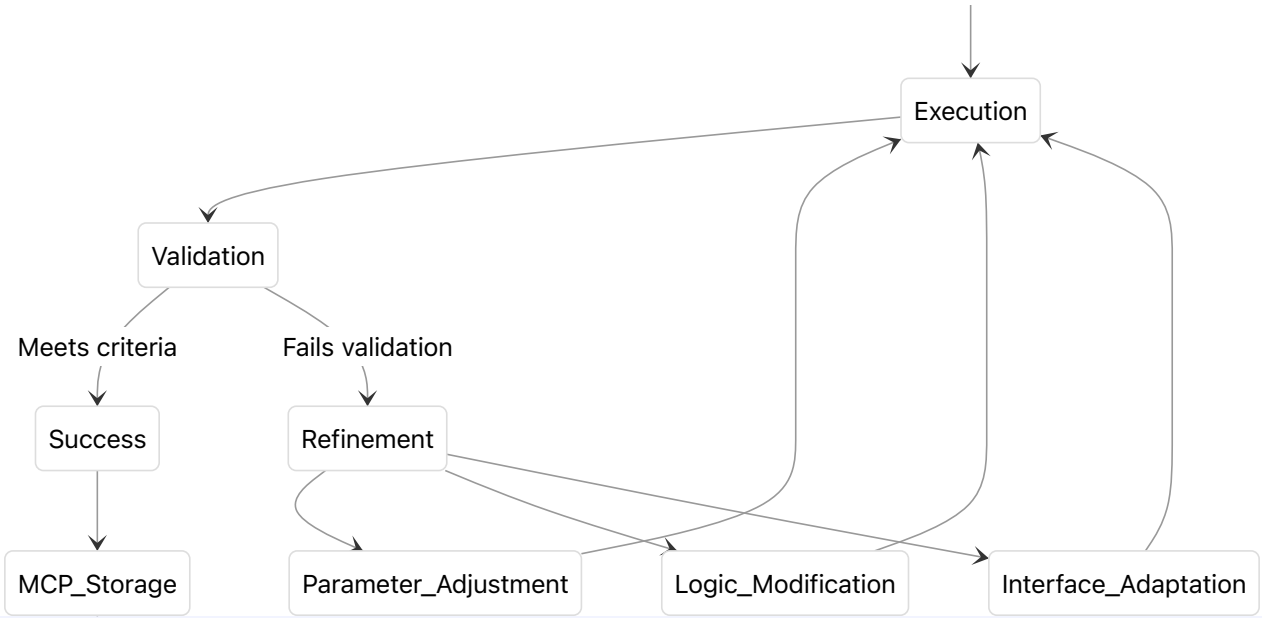
Validation and Iterative Refinement

MCP validation occurs through execution against real task requirements, with refinement cycles enabling continuous improvement. Failed executions trigger automatic refinement rather than requiring manual intervention.

The validation process includes:

- **Functional Validation**: Verifying the MCP produces expected outputs
- **Interface Compatibility**: Ensuring proper integration with target systems
- **Performance Assessment**: Measuring execution efficiency and resource usage
- **Reusability Analysis**: Determining potential for future task application

Refinement Cycle



Successful MCPs are stored in the MCP Box for future reuse, contributing to the system's growing capability library. This creates a positive feedback loop where each successful task execution expands the available protocol repertoire.

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Performance Impact and Benefits

The MCP creation process delivers measurable performance improvements. On the GAIA test dataset, Alita with MCP creation achieves approximately 15% higher pass@1 performance compared to versions without dynamic MCP creation capability.

Key Benefits:

- **Adaptive Capability**: Handles novel tasks without predefined tool limitations
- **Reusability**: Generated MCPs become assets for future task execution
- **Compositional Flexibility**: Enables creative combination of capabilities
- **Environment Independence**: Overcomes interface mismatches that constrain traditional agents

The creation process also enables agent distillation, where stronger agents generate MCPs that weaker agents can reuse, making high-performance capabilities accessible across different LLM configurations.

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Model Context Protocol (MCP) System

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Purpose and Scope

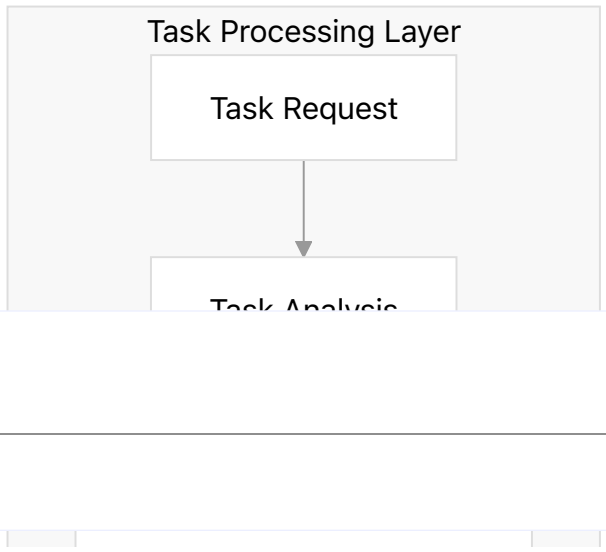
This document covers Alita's Model Context Protocol (MCP) system, which enables dynamic capability creation and self-evolution through on-the-fly protocol generation and reuse. The MCP system represents the core mechanism that allows Alita to autonomously expand its capabilities without relying on manually predefined tools or workflows.

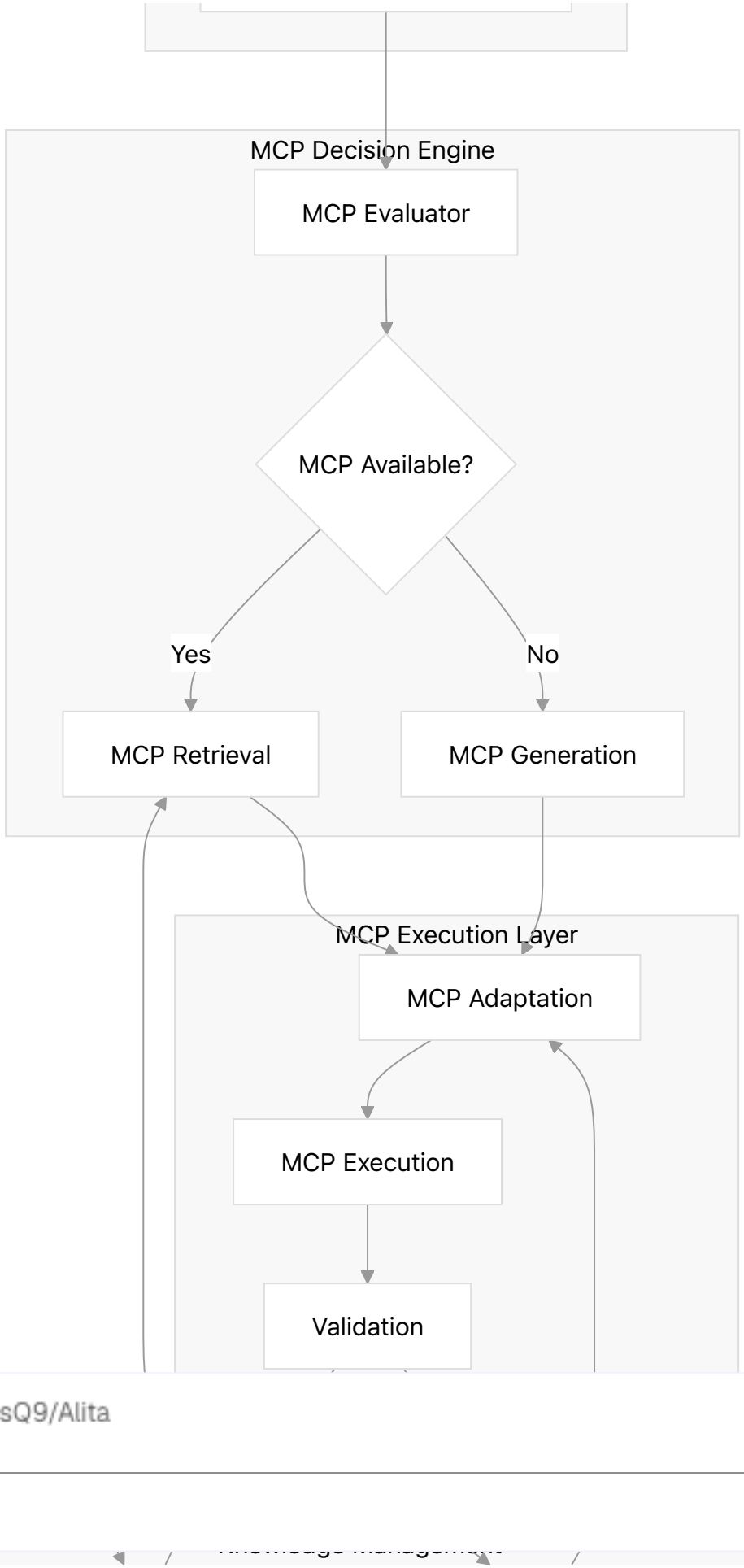
For information about the overall system architecture and core principles, see System Architecture. For details about specific MCP creation processes, see MCP Creation Process. For information about the MCP storage and sharing system, see MCP Box Repository.

MCP System Overview

The Model Context Protocol system in Alita leverages an open protocol standard that defines how different systems provide context to Large Language Models (LLMs). Rather than using static, predefined tools, Alita dynamically generates, adapts, and reuses MCPs based on the specific demands of each task.

Core MCP Architecture





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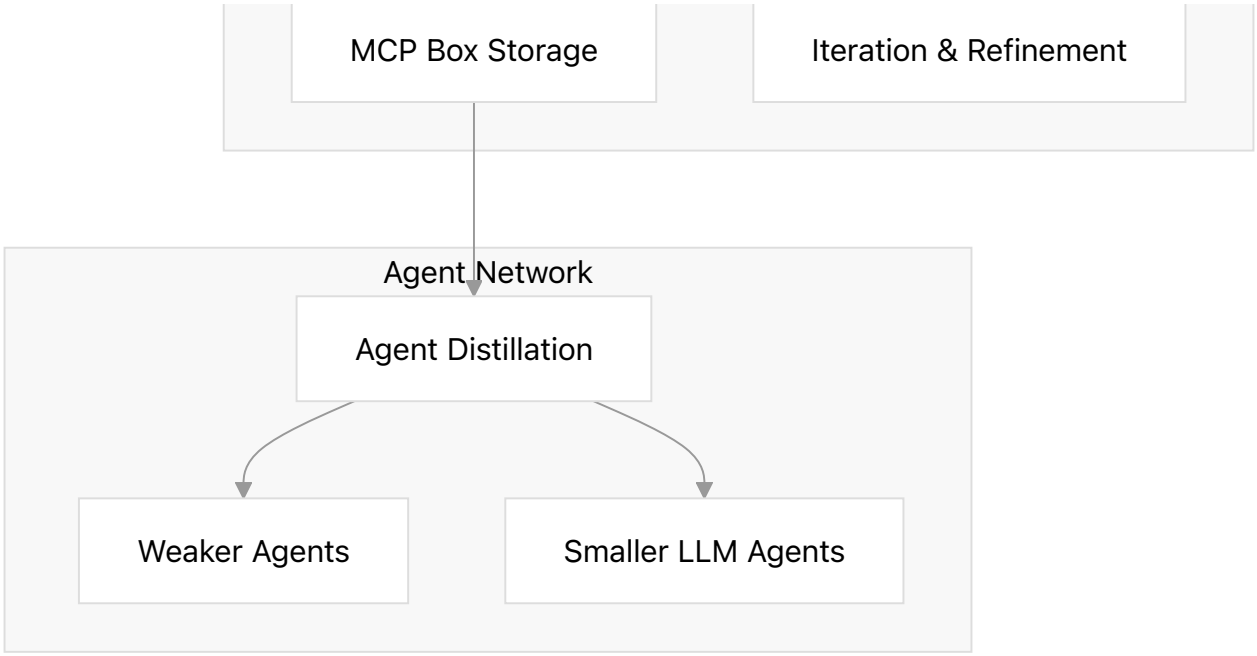

MCP System Architecture: Dynamic protocol creation and reuse flow enabling autonomous capability expansion

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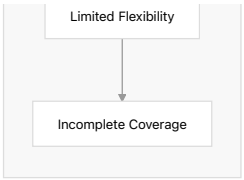
MCP vs Traditional Tool Architecture

The fundamental difference between MCPs and traditional tools lies in their creation and management approach:

Aspect	Traditional Tools	Model Context Protocols
Creation	Manual engineering	Dynamic generation
Reusability	Limited to specific contexts	High cross-task adaptability
Environment Management	Complex integration	Standardized protocol interface
Evolution	Static, requires manual updates	Self-evolving through trial and error
Coverage	Incomplete, predefined scope	On-demand capability creation



MCP vs Traditional Tools: Comparison showing the shift from static predefinition to dynamic capability creation

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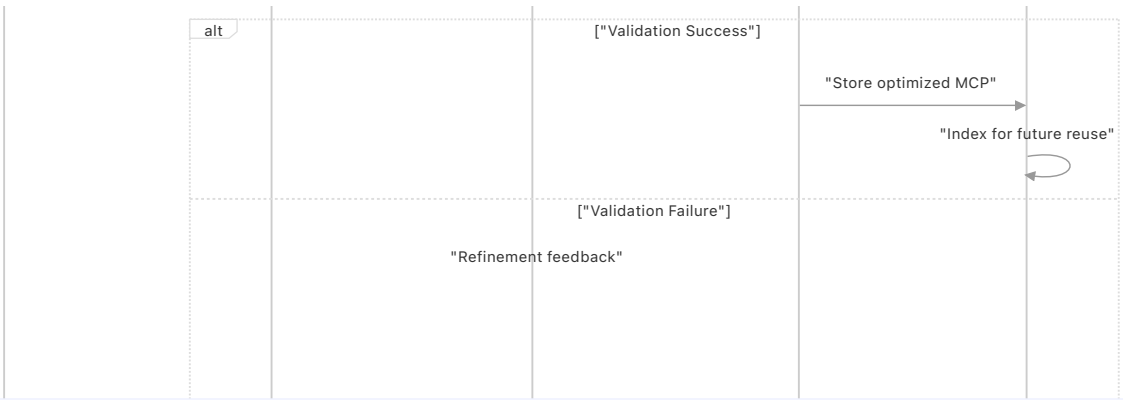
Dynamic MCP Generation Process

The MCP generation process operates through a trial-and-error methodology that enables continuous refinement and optimization of protocols based on task performance.

MCP Creation Workflow



MCP Generation Sequence: Trial-and-error process for creating and refining MCPs

The system implements a sophisticated trial-and-error approach where MCPs are continuously refined based on performance feedback. This process enables Alita to develop task-specific capabilities that are both effective and reusable across similar contexts.

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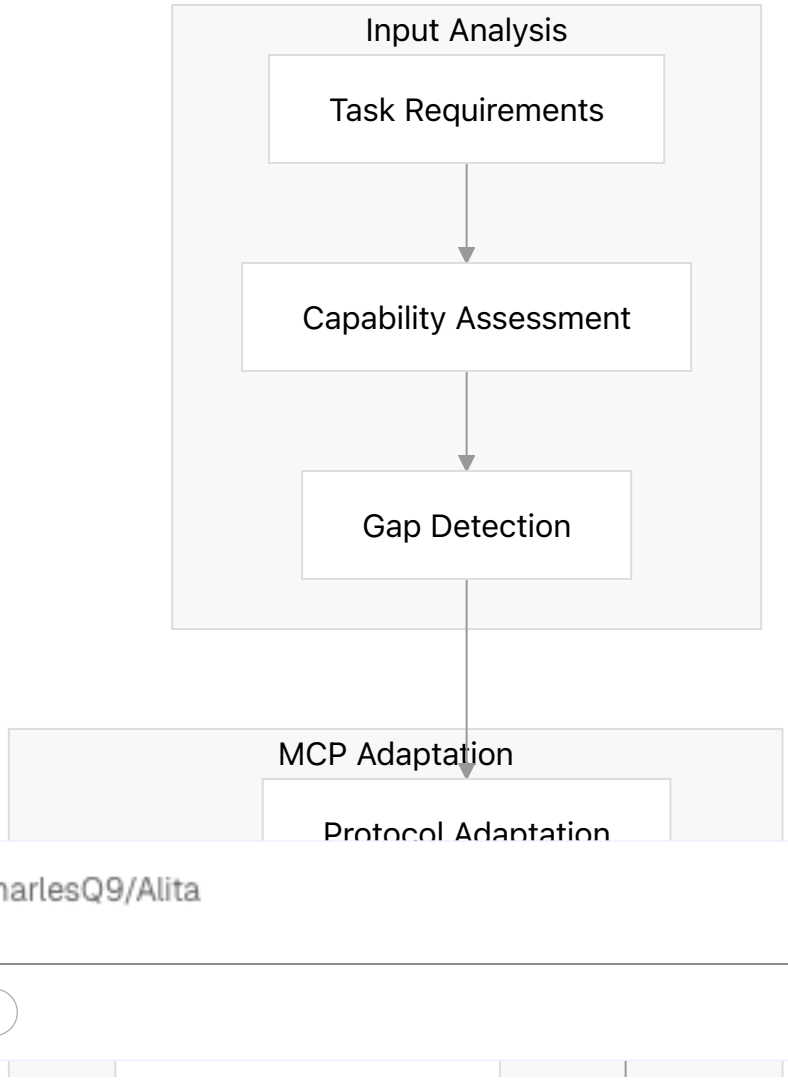
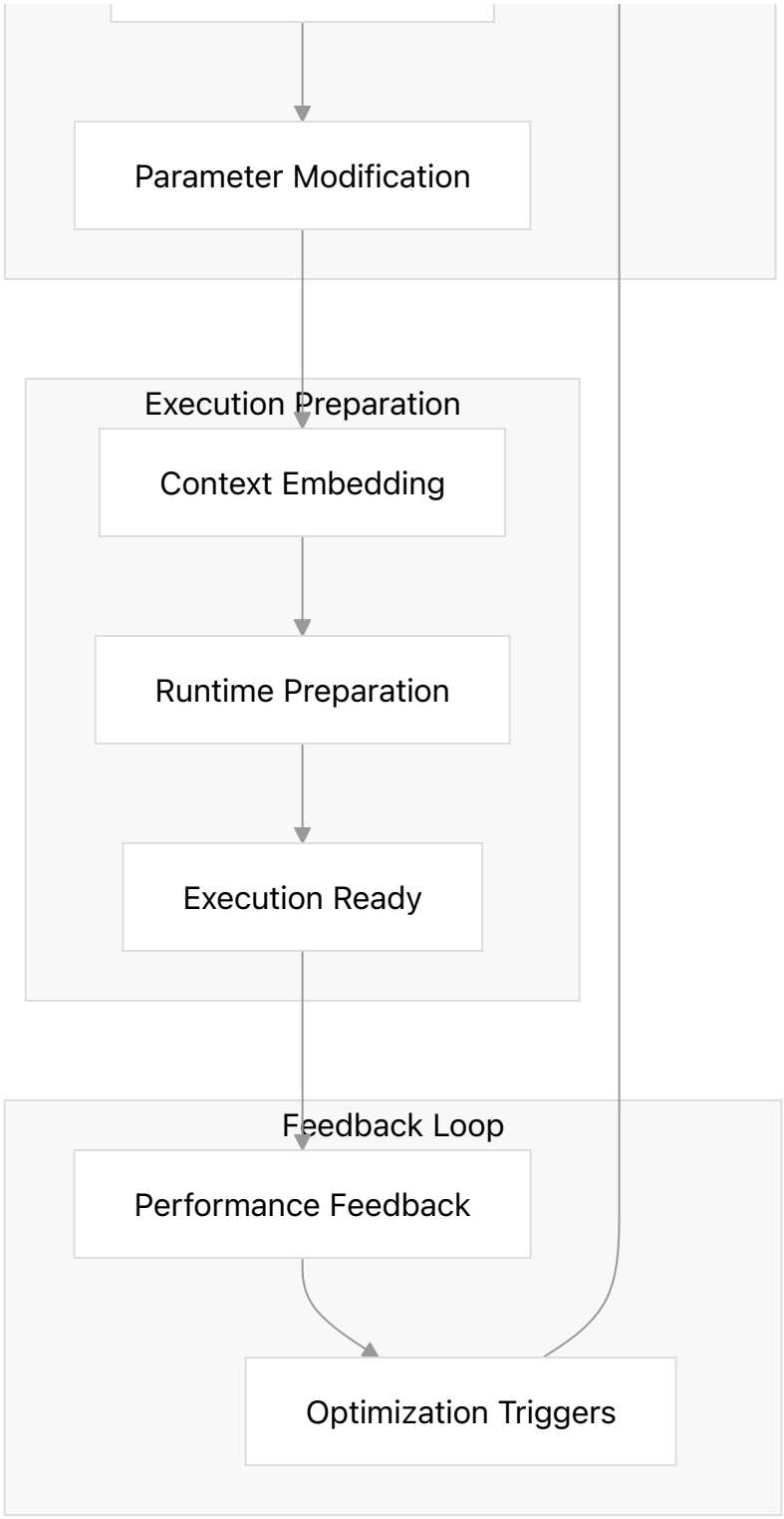
MCP Adaptation Mechanisms

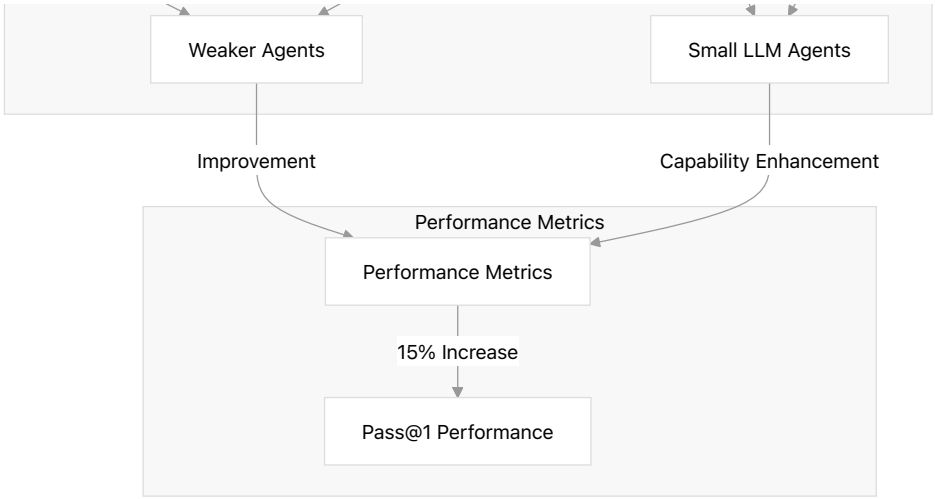




MCP Adaptation Flow: Process for modifying existing MCPs to meet specific task requirements

The MCP Box serves as a centralized repository for storing, indexing, and distributing auto-generated MCPs across the agent network. This system enables knowledge sharing and capability transfer between different agents and configurations.

Repository Architecture



MCP Box Architecture: Repository system enabling agent distillation and knowledge sharing

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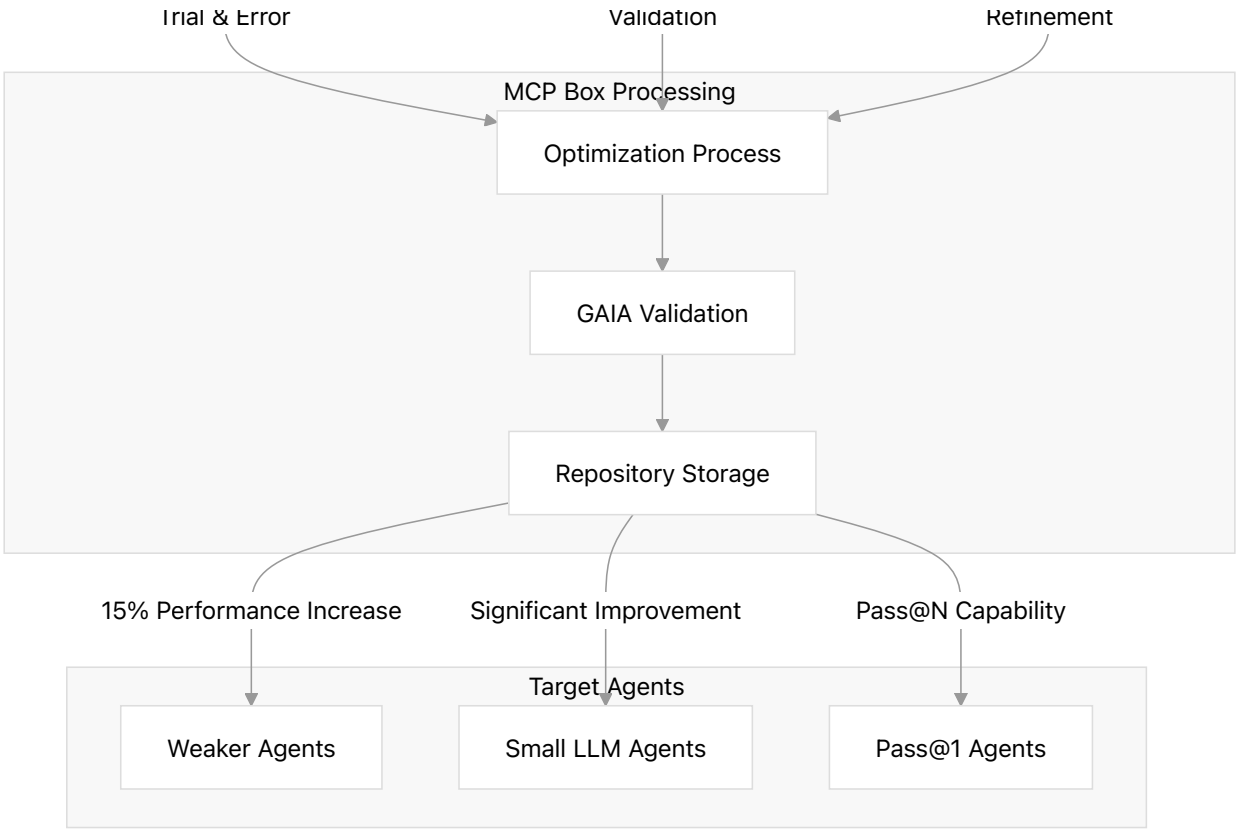
Agent Distillation Through MCP Sharing

Distillation Benefits

Distillation Benefits

1. **Stronger Agent → Weaker Agent**: Auto-generated MCPs designed through trial and error by sophisticated agents can be directly reused by less capable agents
2. **Large LLM Agent → Small LLM Agent**: Agents with larger, more powerful LLMs can create MCPs that significantly improve the performance of agents running smaller models
3. **Pass@1 → Pass@N**: The MCP Box connection enables single-attempt approaches to achieve multi-attempt performance levels



Integration with Core System

The MCP system integrates seamlessly with Alita's core architecture, working alongside the web agent core and general-purpose modules to enable comprehensive task handling capabilities.

System Integration Points

System Integration Architecture: MCP system integration with Alita core components

The MCP system operates as a central capability expansion mechanism, receiving task requirements from the web agent core and general-purpose modules, then dynamically creating or retrieving appropriate protocols to handle specific requirements. This integration enables Alita to maintain its minimal predefinition principle while achieving maximal self-evolution capabilities.

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Future Evolution Potential

The MCP system is designed to scale with improvements in LLM capabilities. As noted in the documentation, "Alita will be even stronger with LLMs' increasing coding and reasoning capabilities in the future." This suggests that the MCP system's effectiveness will continue to improve as underlying language models become more capable at code generation and protocol design.

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System Architecture

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Purpose and Scope

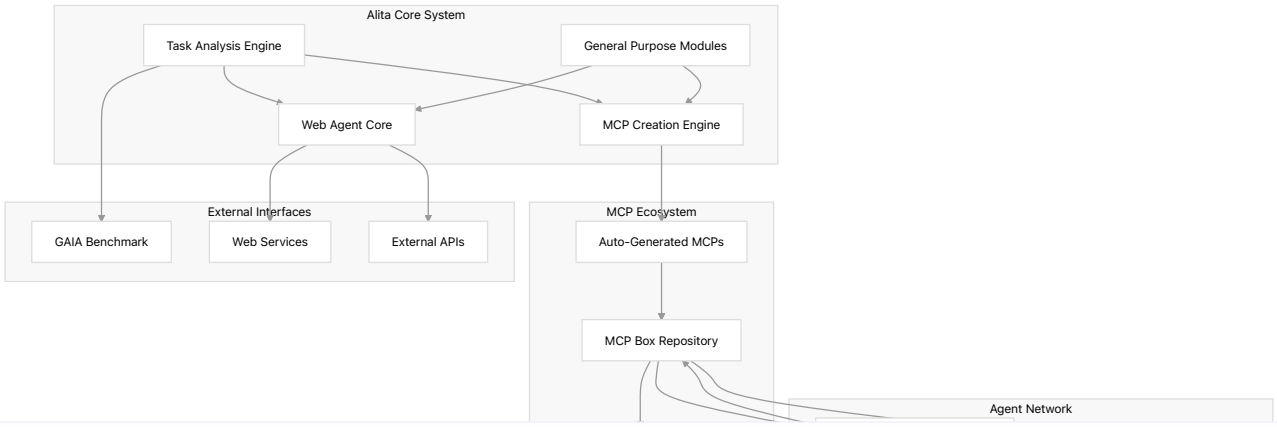
This document describes the high-level architecture of the Alita generalist agent system, focusing on the core components and their interactions that enable minimal predefinition with maximal self-evolution capabilities. It covers the foundational architectural patterns, component relationships, and data flows that distinguish Alita from traditional predefined-tool approaches.

For detailed information about the core design philosophy behind this architecture, see Core Principles. For specifics on the MCP system implementation, see Model Context Protocol (MCP) System.

Overall System Architecture

The Alita system implements a radically simplified architecture built around a single core capability (web agent) that dynamically expands through Model Context Protocol (MCP) creation and reuse.

High-Level Component Overview



This architecture demonstrates the core principle of starting with minimal predefinition (single web agent core) and enabling maximal self-evolution through dynamic MCP creation and sharing.

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Core Architectural Components

Web Agent Core

The Web Agent Core represents Alita's single predefined capability, serving as the foundational interaction mechanism with external systems. This component deliberately maintains minimal functionality to avoid the traditional trap of extensive manual predefinition.

Component	Purpose	Interaction Pattern
`Web Agent Core`	Primary interface for web-based interactions	Receives tasks from Task Analysis Engine
`Browser Interface`	Handles web navigation and content extraction	Called by Web Agent Core for external data
`Action Executor`	Executes web-based actions	Triggered by MCP-generated protocols

The web agent supports basic navigation actions but intentionally avoids complex predefined workflows, enabling dynamic capability expansion through MCP creation.

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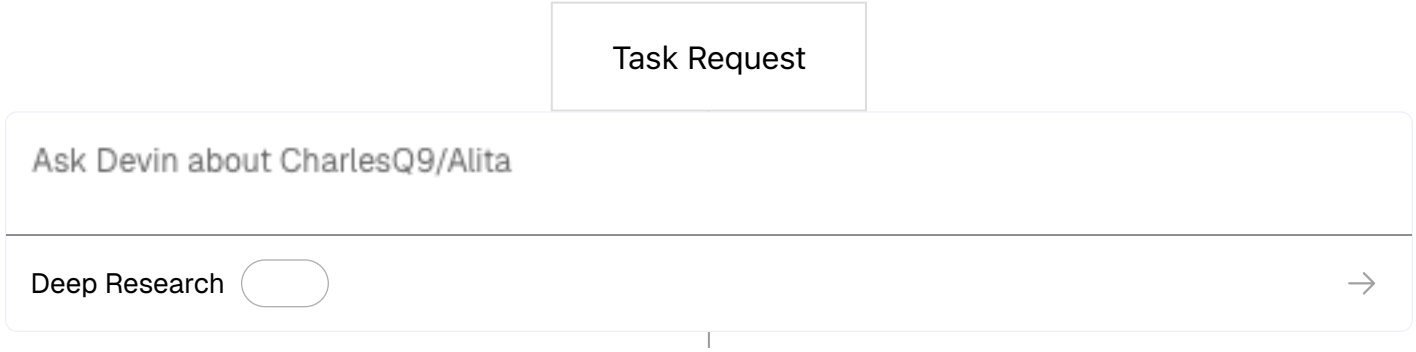
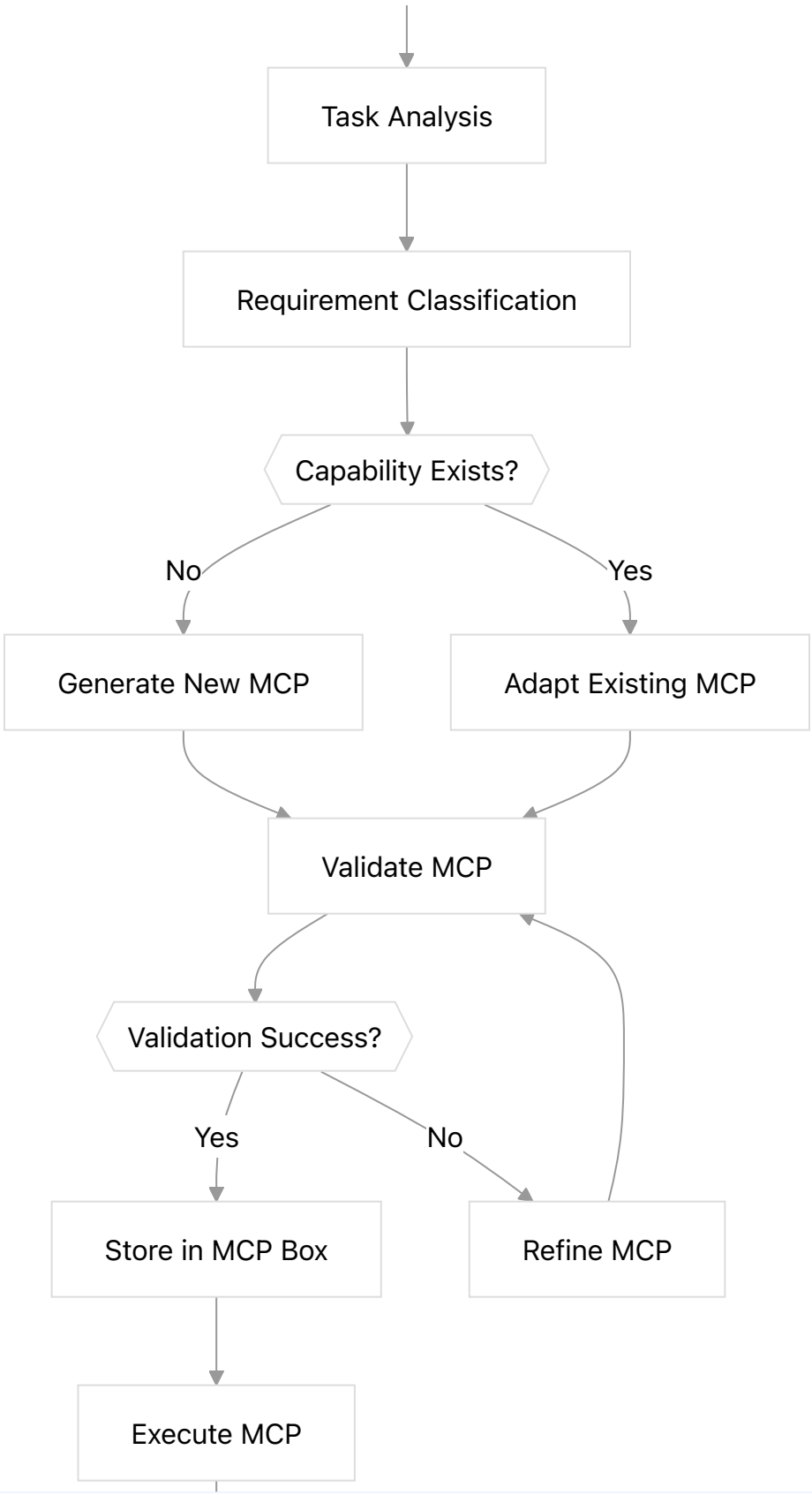
MCP Creation Engine

The MCP Creation Engine implements the core self-evolution mechanism, dynamically generating Model Context Protocols based on task requirements rather than relying on static, predefined tools.





MCP Creation and Validation Flow

The engine operates through trial-and-error optimization, leveraging the underlying LLM's capabilities to create MCPs that are specifically fitted to task requirements.

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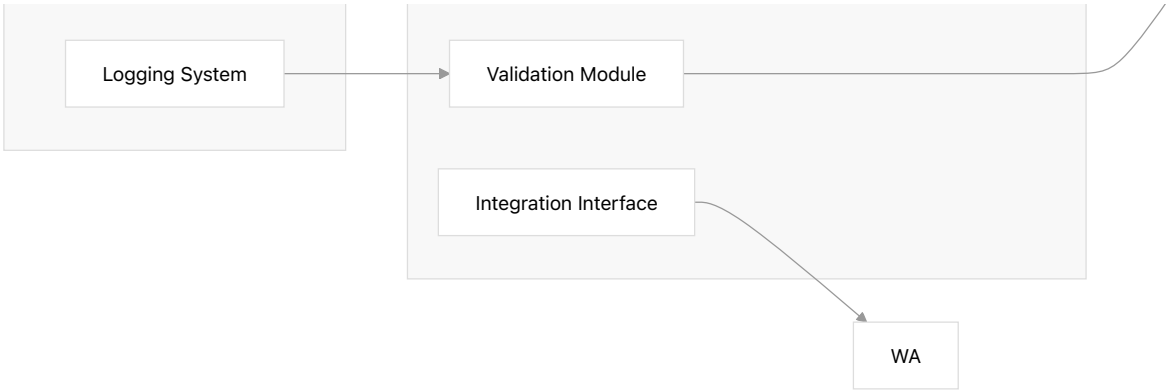
General Purpose Modules

General Purpose Modules provide the foundational capabilities that enable self-directed capability expansion without constraining the agent to specific task types or modalities.



General Purpose Modules Architecture

These modules avoid task-specific hardcoding, instead providing flexible primitives that can be composed dynamically based on MCP requirements.

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Storage Type	Purpose	Access Pattern
`High-Quality MCPs`	Validated, production-ready protocols	Direct reuse by all agents
`Specialized MCPs`	Task-specific optimized protocols	Selective reuse based on task similarity
`General-Purpose MCPs`	Broadly applicable protocols	Default fallback for new agents

The repository enables two critical capabilities:

- **Agent Distillation**: Stronger agents with larger LLMs create MCPs that weaker agents can reuse
- **Pass@1 to Pass@N**: Multiple MCP attempts improve success rates

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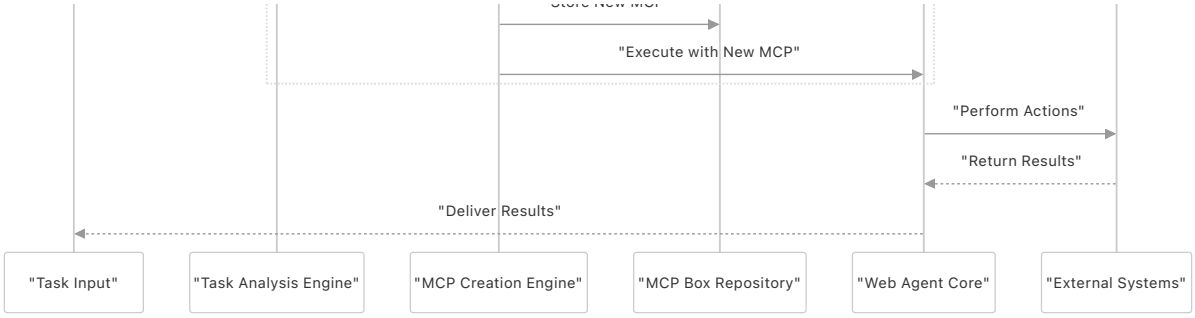
Component Interaction Patterns

Task Processing Flow



Task Processing Sequence

Task Processing Sequence

This interaction pattern demonstrates how Alita dynamically determines whether to reuse existing capabilities or evolve new ones based on task requirements.

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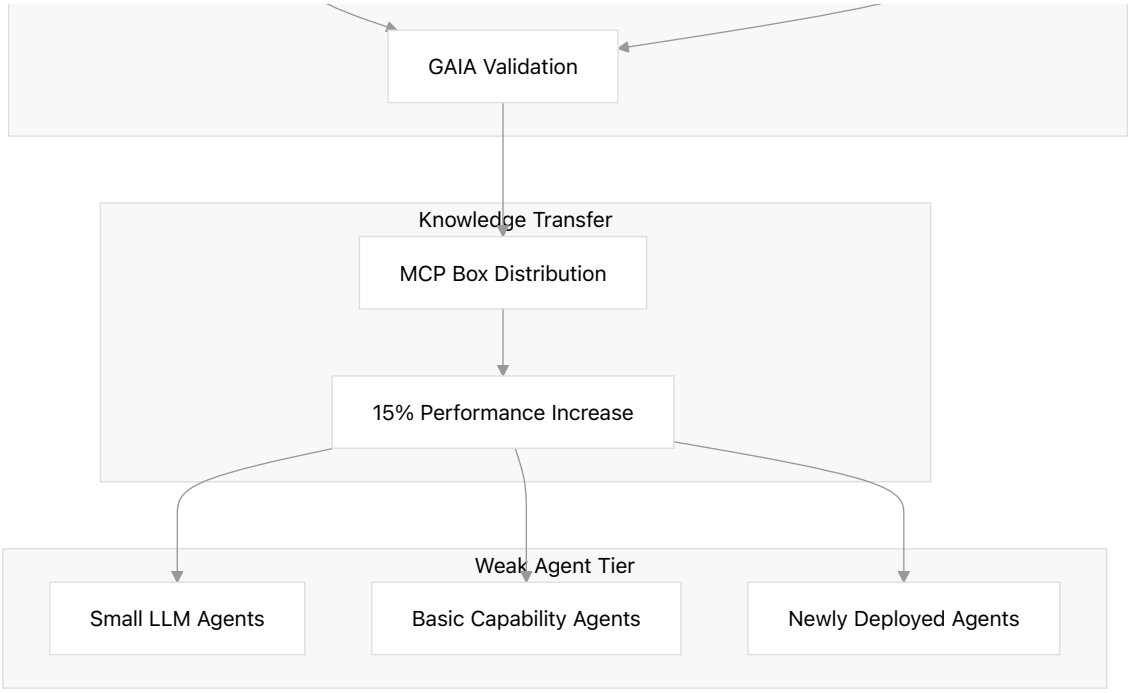
Agent Distillation Network



Agent Distillation Architecture

Architectural Design Principles

Minimal Predefinition Implementation

The architecture intentionally constrains predefined capabilities to demonstrate that complex behaviors can emerge from simple foundations:

- **Single Core Capability**: Only web agent functionality is predefined
- **No Hardcoded Workflows**: All task-specific logic generated dynamically
- **Minimal Tool Set**: Avoids the "large-scale, manually predefined tools" approach

Maximal Self-Evolution Enablement

The system architecture prioritizes capability expansion mechanisms over static functionality:

- **Dynamic MCP Generation**: Creates new capabilities on-demand
- **Adaptive Reuse**: Modifies existing MCPs for new contexts
- **Continuous Learning**: Each task becomes an evolution opportunity

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Performance and Scalability Characteristics

GAIA Benchmark Integration

The architecture integrates with GAIA benchmark evaluation to provide continuous feedback for system evolution:

Performance Metric	Result	Architectural Impact
Pass@1 Improvement	15% increase with MCP creation	Validates dynamic capability generation
Validation vs Test Gap	Performance drop on test dataset	Reveals web agent limitations
Claude Model Comparison	Sonnet 4 worse on Level 1 tasks	Highlights model selection complexity

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Core Principles

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Purpose and Scope

This document explains the fundamental design philosophy underlying the Alita agent system, specifically the principles of minimal predefinition versus maximal self-evolution. It covers how these principles differ from traditional agent approaches and their implementation through Model Context Protocols (MCPs). For detailed system architecture, see System Architecture. For MCP implementation details, see MCP System.

Traditional Agent Limitations

Most general-purpose agents rely heavily on large-scale, manually predefined tools and workflows. This approach introduces three critical limitations that constrain agent effectiveness:

Limitation	Description	Impact
Incomplete Coverage	Impractical to predefine all tools for diverse real-world tasks	Cannot handle novel or unexpected scenarios
Limited Creativity	Pre-designed workflows constrain compositional flexibility	Inhibits adaptive behaviors and creative problem-solving
Interface Mismatch	Tool interfaces often incompatible with agent frameworks	Difficulty integrating non-Python tools with Python-based frameworks

These challenges fundamentally hinder the scalability, adaptability, and generalization capabilities of existing generalist agents.

Traditional Agent Architecture Problems

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Alita's Core Design Principles

Alita implements a radically different approach based on two fundamental principles that prioritize simplicity over complexity:

Principle 1: Minimal Predefinition

Definition: Equip the agent with only a minimal set of core capabilities, avoiding manually engineered components for specific tasks or modalities.

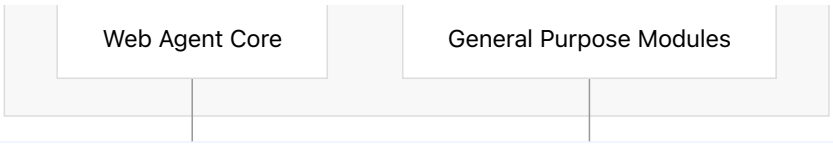
Implementation: Alita starts with a single core capability - the web agent - plus a small set of general-purpose modules. This contrasts sharply with traditional agents that come pre-loaded with extensive tool libraries and predefined workflows.

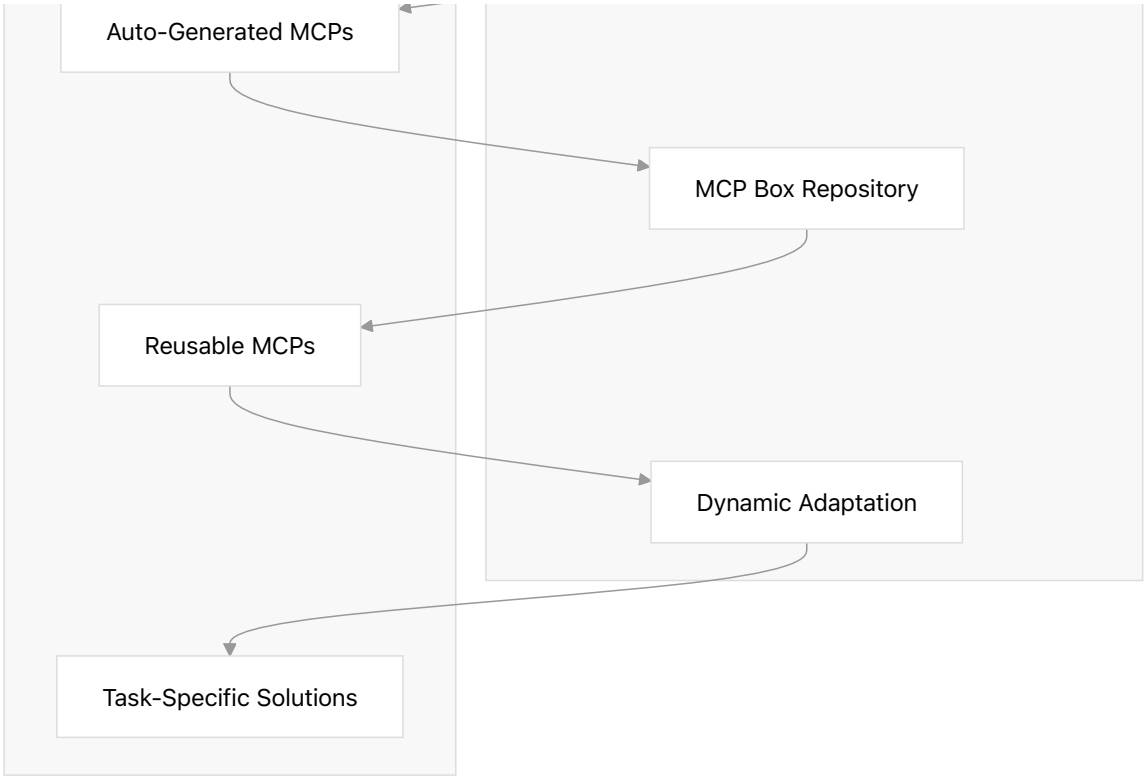
Principle 2: Maximal Self-Evolution

Definition: Empower the agent to autonomously create, refine, and reuse external capabilities as needed.

Implementation: Rather than relying on static, predefined tools, Alita dynamically generates, adapts, and reuses Model Context Protocols (MCPs) based on task demands. This enables on-the-fly capability construction.

Alita's Core Principles Implementation





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Principle Comparison: Traditional vs Alita

The fundamental philosophical difference between traditional agents and Alita can be summarized in their approach to capability management:

Aspect	Traditional Agents	Alita
Initial Setup	Large-scale predefined tools	Single web agent + minimal modules
Capability Expansion	Manual engineering	Autonomous MCP creation
Tool Management	Static tool libraries	Dynamic MCP generation
Task Adaptation	Constrained by predefined workflows	Unlimited compositional flexibility

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Benefits of Core Principles

The minimal predefinition and maximal self-evolution approach yields several significant advantages:

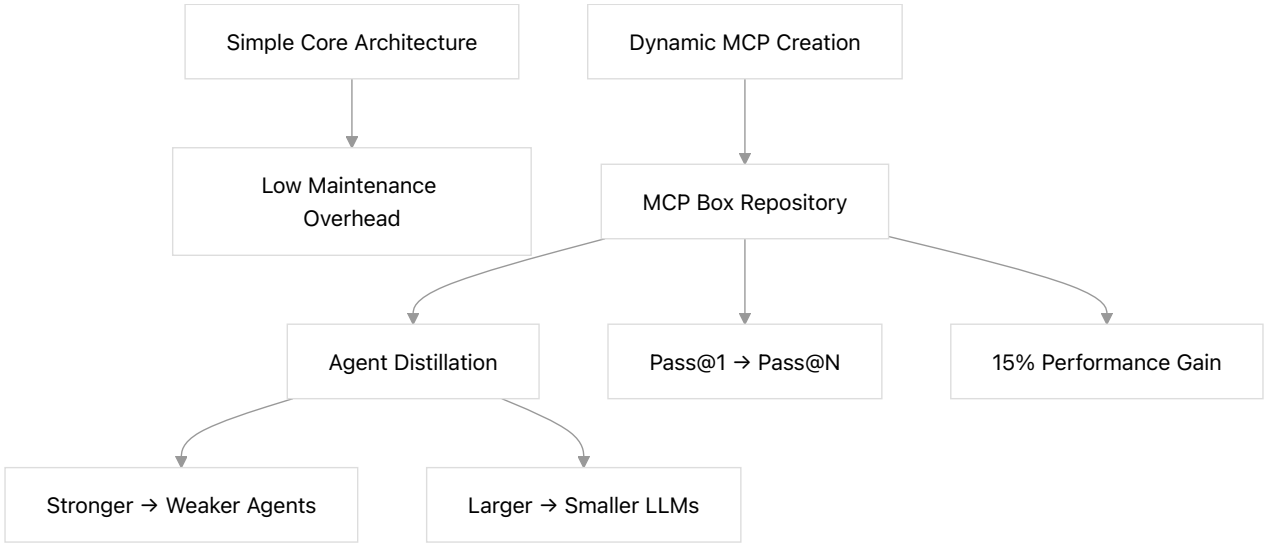
Agent Distillation

- **Stronger-to-Weaker Transfer**: Auto-generated MCPs enable stronger agents to teach weaker agents through trial-and-error refined capabilities
- **LLM Size Independence**: Agents with larger LLMs can share MCPs with agents using smaller LLMs, significantly improving performance
- **Cost Efficiency**: This distillation method is "much cheaper and easier" than traditional approaches

Performance Enhancement

- **Pass@1 to Pass@N**: The MCP Box repository transforms single-attempt capabilities into multi-attempt performance improvements
- **Measured Impact**: Approximately 15% performance increase on GAIA test dataset when using MCP creation component

Future Scalability



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Design Philosophy Impact

This approach represents a paradigm shift from manually designed capabilities to autonomous capability construction. The core insight is that **"simplicity is the ultimate sophistication"** - by starting with minimal components and enabling self-evolution, Alita achieves greater flexibility and adaptability than systems with extensive predefined toolsets.

The shift from static tool libraries to dynamic MCP construction unlocks a fundamentally new path for building agents that are simultaneously simple in design yet profoundly capable in execution.

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Purpose and Scope

This document provides a comprehensive introduction to Alita, a generalist agent system designed with minimal predefinition and maximal self-evolution capabilities. Alita represents a paradigm shift from traditional agent architectures that rely on extensive pre-engineered tools and workflows toward a simplified design that emphasizes autonomous capability development through Model Context Protocols (MCPs).

For detailed information about the core design principles, see Core Principles. For technical implementation details of the MCP system, see Model Context Protocol (MCP) System. For performance analysis and benchmark results, see Performance and Evaluation.

System Philosophy and Design

Alita challenges the conventional approach of building generalist agents with large-scale, manually predefined tools and workflows. Instead, it implements two fundamental principles:

Minimal Predefinition: Alita starts with only essential core capabilities, avoiding manually engineered components for specific tasks or modalities. The system includes just a web agent core and a small set of general-purpose modules.

Maximal Self-Evolution: The agent autonomously creates, refines, and reuses external capabilities as needed through dynamic MCP generation and adaptation.

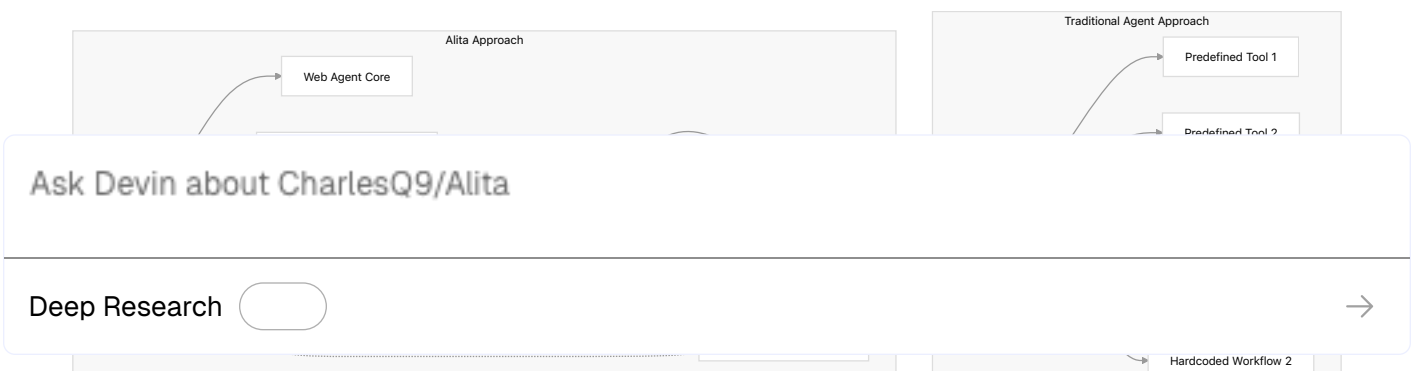

Diagram 1: Traditional vs Alita Agent Architecture

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Core System Architecture

Alita's architecture centers around dynamic MCP creation and reuse rather than static tool predefinition. The system consists of several key components that work together to enable self-evolution:

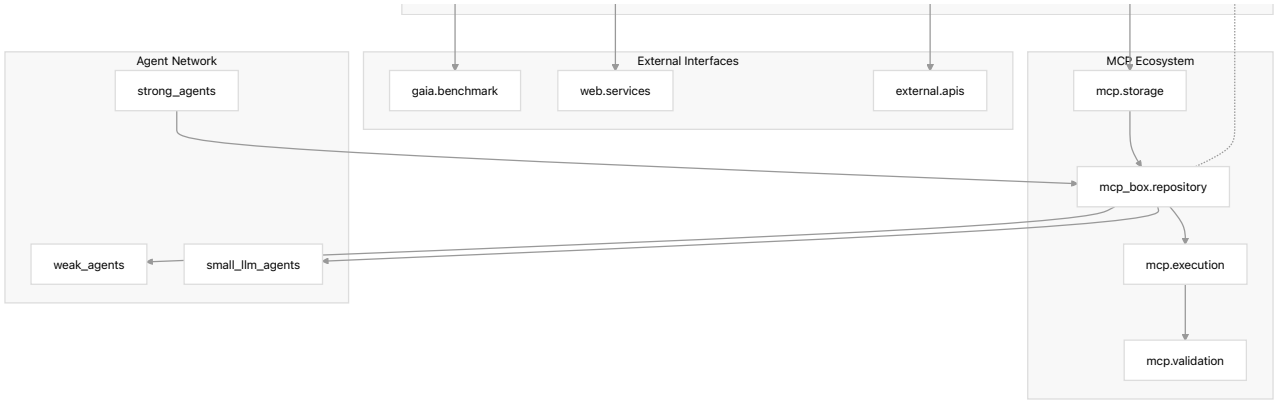

Diagram 2: Alita System Component Architecture

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Key Capabilities and Benefits

MCP-Driven Self-Evolution

Alita leverages Model Context Protocols as the foundation for dynamic capability creation. Rather

Tool Coverage	Limited by predefined tools	Unlimited through dynamic MCP creation
Flexibility	Constrained by hardcoded workflows	Adaptive through MCP composition
Compatibility	Interface mismatches common	Standardized MCP protocol
Scalability	Manual engineering required	Autonomous capability expansion

Agent Distillation Network

The MCP Box repository enables a novel form of agent distillation where stronger agents teach weaker agents through MCP sharing. This creates two primary benefits:

Capability Transfer: Stronger agents with larger LLMs generate high-quality MCPs through trial and error, which can then be reused by agents with smaller LLMs to significantly improve performance.

Pass@1 to Pass@N Enhancement: The MCP Box allows single-attempt performance to approach multi-attempt performance by providing access to previously successful solution patterns.

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Performance Highlights

Alita achieves top performance on the GAIA benchmark, outperforming systems like OpenAI Deep Research and Manus. Key performance observations include:

- **15% improvement** in pass@1 performance on GAIA test dataset when using MCP creation component versus without it
- **Counterintuitive LLM behavior**: Claude Sonnet 4 shows decreased Level 1 accuracy (88.68% vs 96.23% pass@3) compared to Claude 3.7 Sonnet, despite better overall performance
- **Dataset variance**: Significant differences between GAIA validation and test datasets, with test dataset emphasizing web browsing over tool use

The system demonstrates that simpler architectures with self-evolution capabilities can outperform more complex, heavily pre-engineered solutions

Alita's design anticipates continued improvement as LLM coding and reasoning capabilities advance. The architecture supports a vision where future general AI assistants require minimal predefined tools and workflows, with human developers focusing on designing modules that enable and stimulate agent creativity and evolution rather than solving specific problems directly.

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