

Langgraph: The Secret to Building Intelligent Agents

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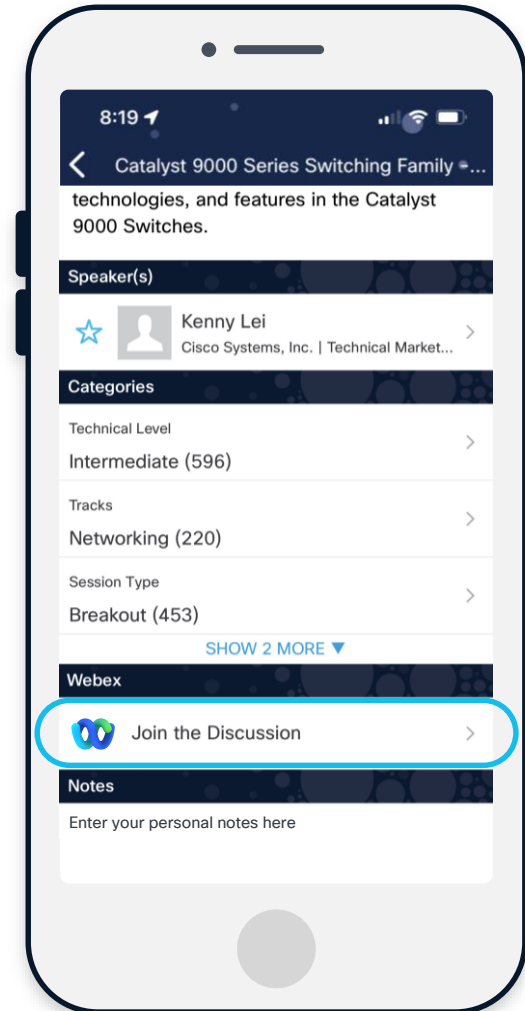
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Intro

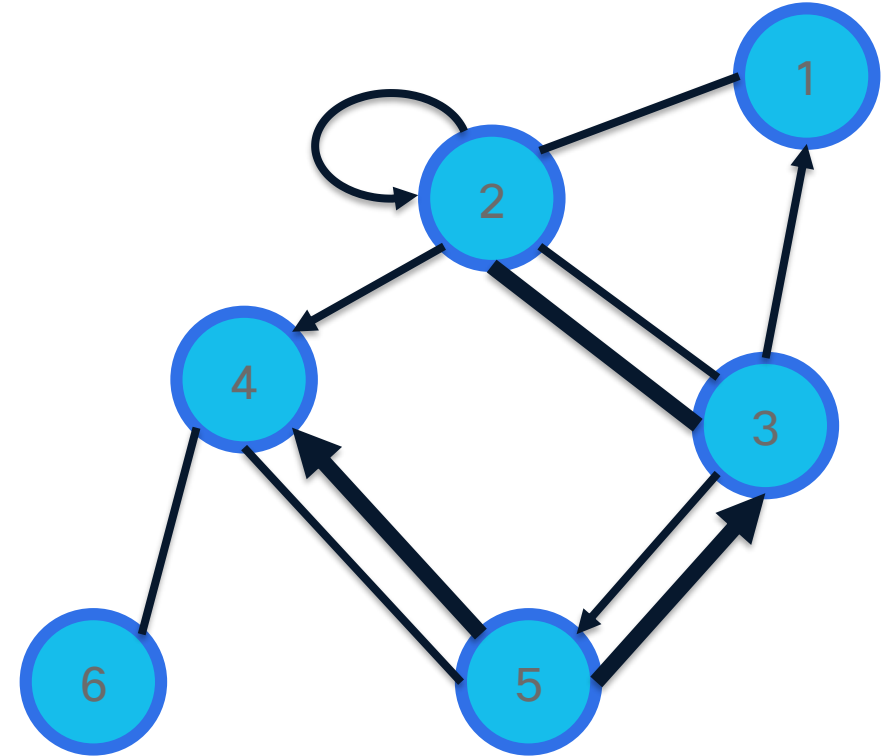
Why is a graph useful?

For Building!

- Algorithms.
- State machines.
- Workflows.

You can control the flow of the graph.

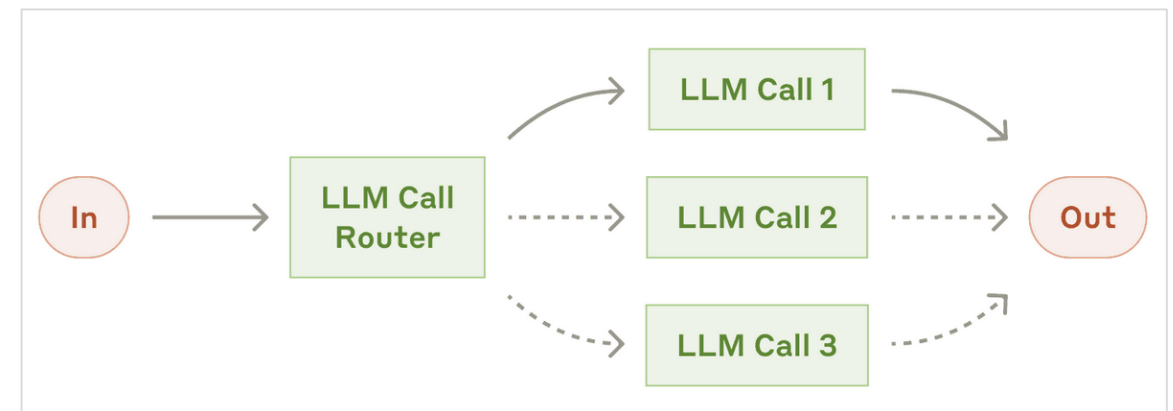
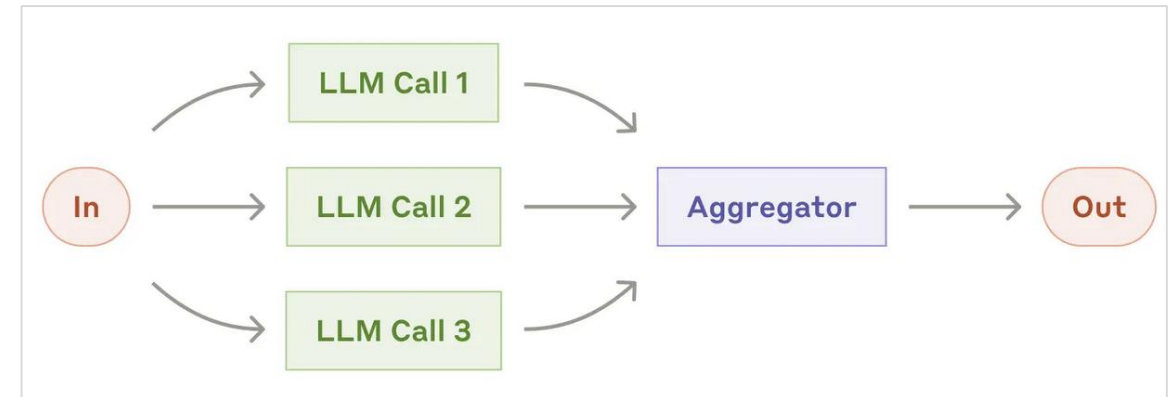
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graph_theory



Building like what?

Building Effective Agents

<https://www.anthropic.com/engineering/building-effective-agents>
<https://langchain-ai.github.io/langgraph/tutorials/workflows/>



What's out there

Code



<https://www.langchain.com/langgraph>



<https://ai.pydantic.dev/>



<https://www.crewai.com/>

OpenAI Agents SDK

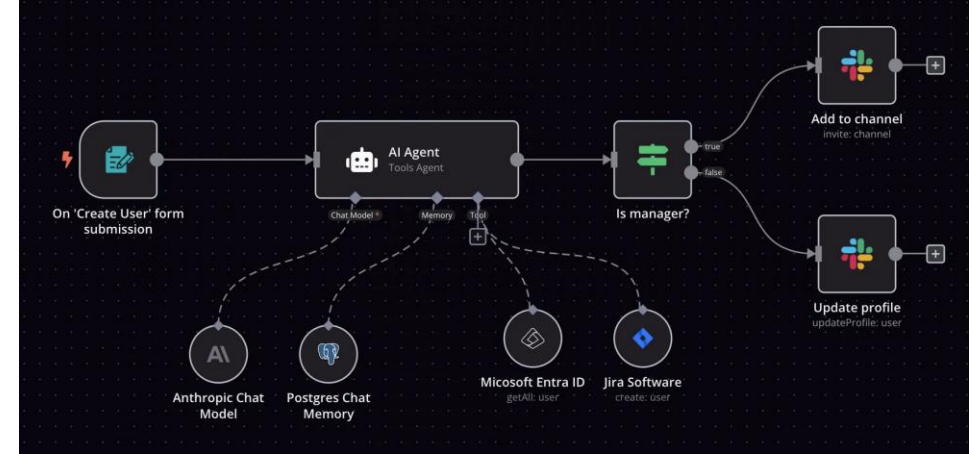
<https://openai.github.io/openai-agents-python/>



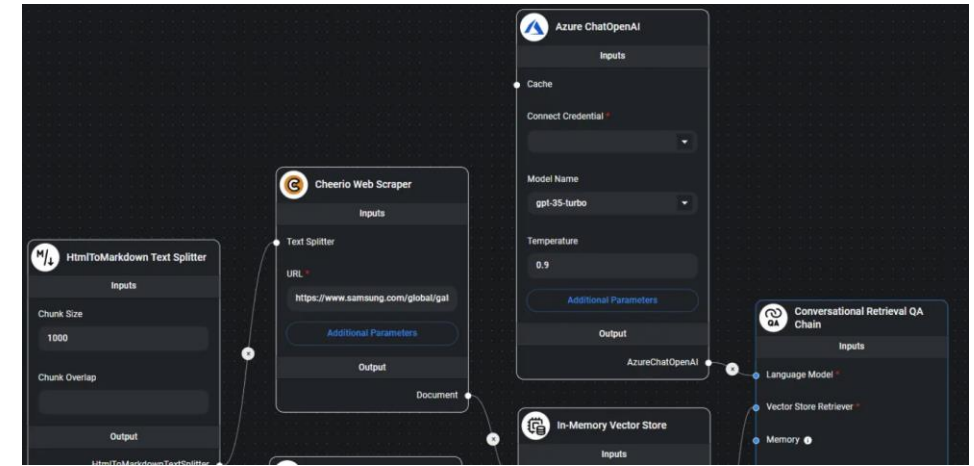
<https://www.llamaindex.ai>

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No-Code / Low-Code



<https://n8n.io/>



<https://flowiseai.com/>

Multi-agent orchestration

Connect Agents from different frameworks



<https://agntcy.org/>



<https://github.com/google/A2A>

BeeAI
Framework

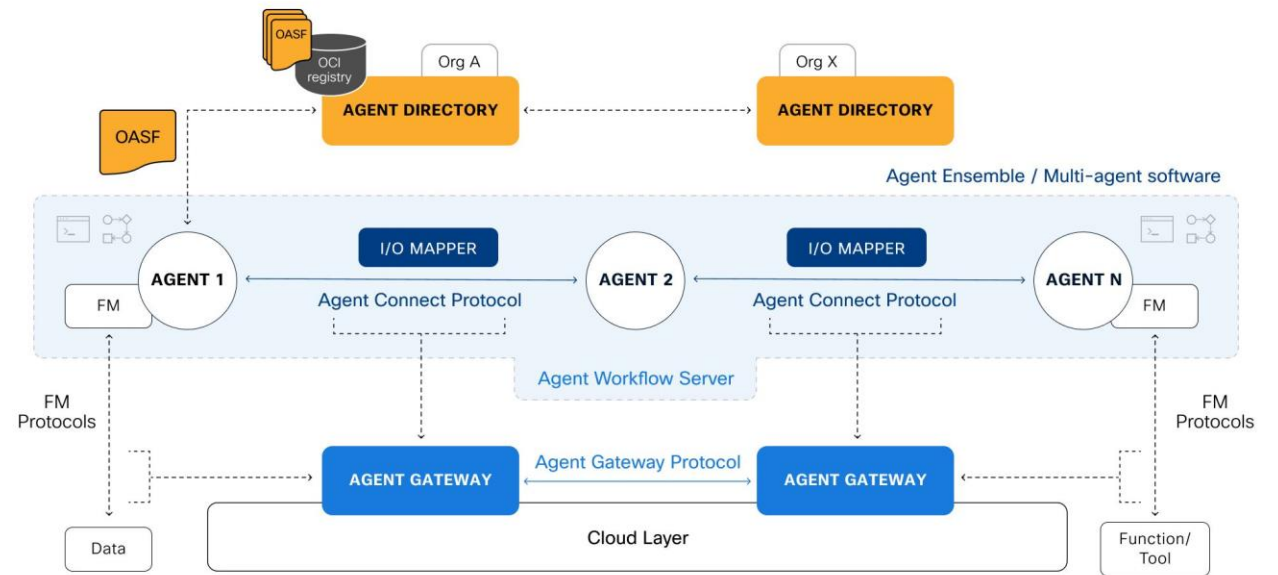
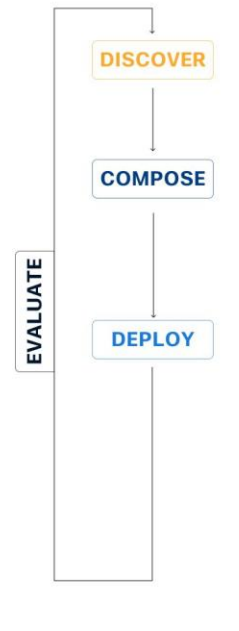


<https://i-am-bee.github.io/beeai-framework/>

NVIDIA AgentIQ

<https://github.com/NVIDIA/AgentIQ/>

Still early environment...not a completed list

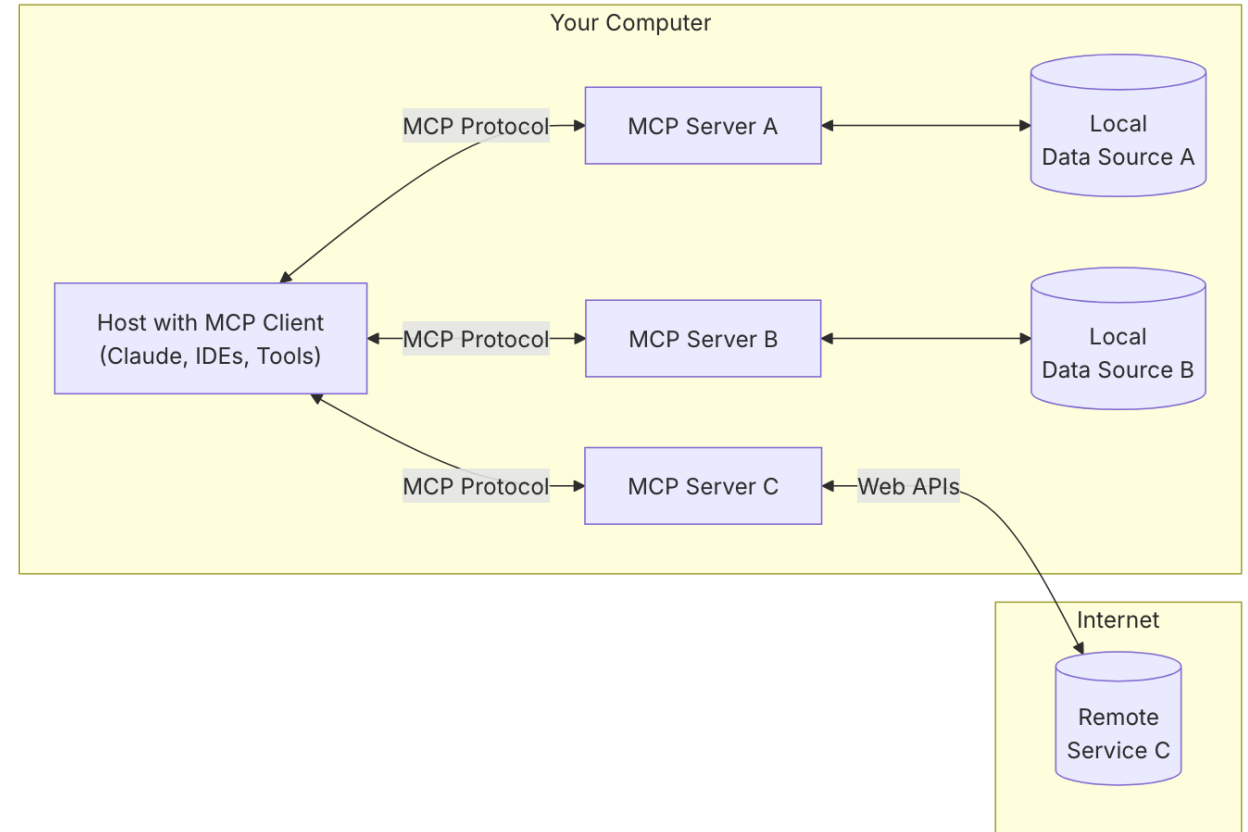


Model Context Protocol

Provide Context to your agent

- Tools.
- Resources.
- Prompts.

Tip, use official SDKs.



<https://modelcontextprotocol.io/introduction>

Core Concepts

Components

Nodes. Logic of your agents.

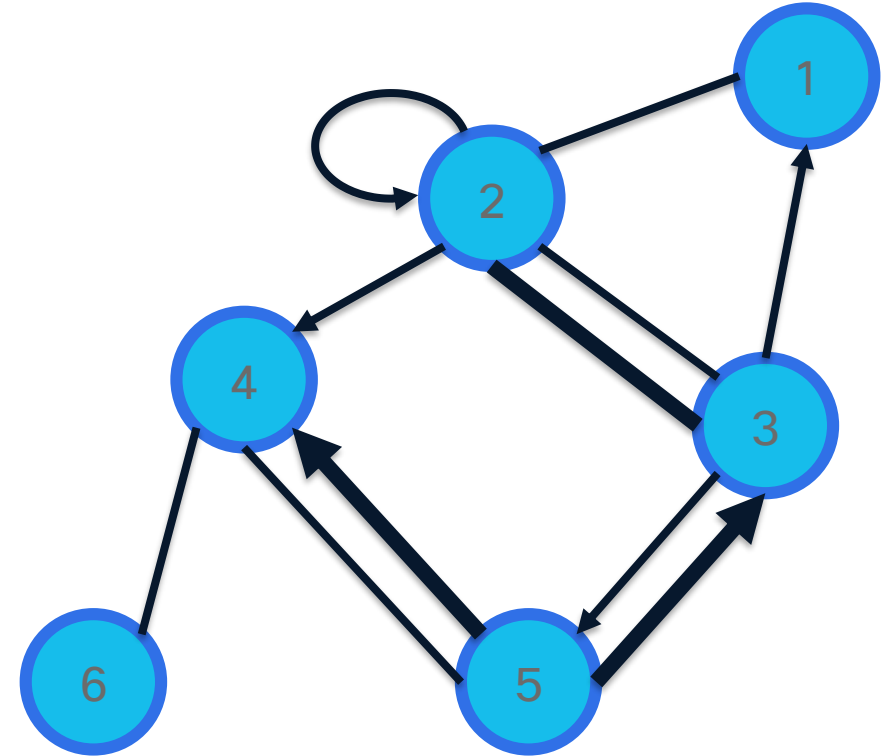
- This is where you call your agent(s).

Edges. Determines which Node to execute next.

- Control Flow.

State. Python object shared among nodes.

- This is Key!



https://langchain-ai.github.io/langgraph/concepts/low_level/

Nodes

```
from IPython.display import Image, display
from langgraph.graph import StateGraph
```

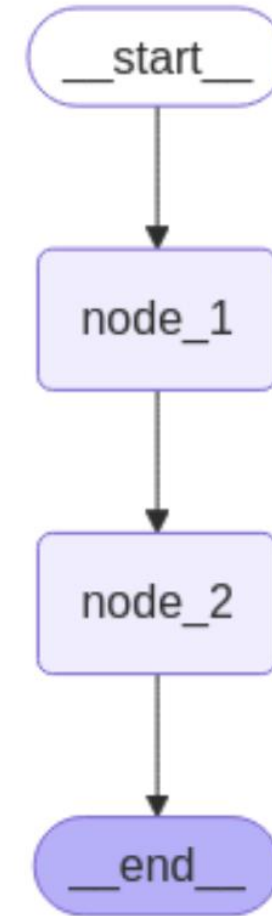
```
class State(TypedDict):
    graph_state: str
```

```
def node_1(state):
    print(f"-- Node 1 {state['graph_state']} --")
```

```
def node_2(state):
    print(f"-- Node 2 {state['graph_state']} --")
```

```
builder = StateGraph(State)
builder.add_node("node_1", node_1)
builder.add_node("node_2", node_2)

builder.set_entry_point("node_1")
builder.add_edge("node_1", "node_2")
builder.set_finish_point("node_2")
graph = builder.compile()
```



<https://github.com/langchain-ai/langchain-academy/blob/main/module-1/simple-graph.ipynb>

Control Flow

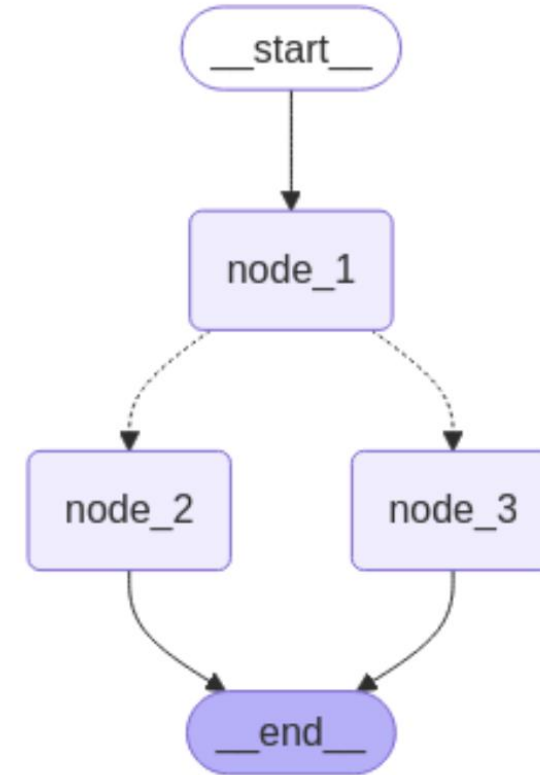
```
import random
from typing import Literal
from langgraph.graph import StateGraph, START, END
```

```
def decide_mood(state) -> Literal["node_2", "node_3"]:
    user_input = state['graph_state']
    if random.random() < 0.5:
        return "node_2"
    return "node_3"
```

```
builder = StateGraph(State)
builder.add_node("node_1", node_1)
builder.add_node("node_2", node_2)
builder.add_node("node_3", node_3)

builder.add_edge(START, "node_1")
builder.add_conditional_edges("node_1", decide_mood)
builder.add_edge("node_2", END)
builder.add_edge("node_3", END)

graph = builder.compile()
```



Tools

```
from langgraph.graph import StateGraph, START, END,
MessagesState
from langgraph.prebuilt import ToolNode,
tools_condition
from langchain_openai import ChatOpenAI
```

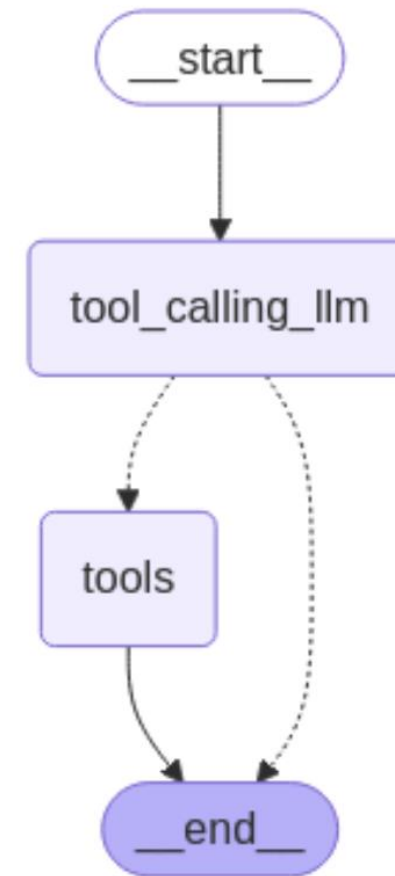
```
def multiply(a: int, b: int) -> int:
    """Multiply a and b.

    Args:
        a: first int
        b: second int
    """
    return a * b
```

```
llm = ChatOpenAI(model="gpt-4o")
llm_with_tools = llm.bind_tools([multiply])
```

```
# Node
def tool_calling_llm(state: MessagesState):
    return {"messages":
        [llm_with_tools.invoke(state["messages"])]}
```

<https://github.com/langchain-ai/langchain-academy/blob/main/module-1/router.ipynb>



MCP Integration

```
from langchain_mcp_adapters.client import MultiServerMCPClient
from langgraph.prebuilt import create_react_agent

async with MultiServerMCPClient(
    {
        "math": {
            "command": "python",
            "args": ["/path/to/math_server.py"],
            "transport": "stdio",
        },
    },
) as client:
    agent = create_react_agent(
        "anthropic:claude-3-7-sonnet-latest", client.get_tools()
    )
    math_response = await agent.ainvoke(
        {"messages": [{"role": "user", "content": "what's (3 + 5) x 12?"}]}
    )
```

Run the graph

```
builder = StateGraph(MessagesState)

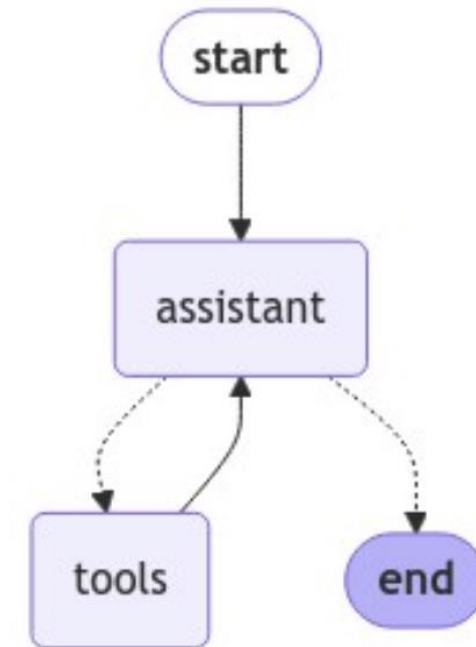
builder.add_node("assistant", assistant)
builder.add_node("tools", ToolNode(tools))

builder.add_edge(START, "assistant")
builder.add_conditional_edges("assistant",
                              tools_condition,
                              )
builder.add_edge("tools", "assistant")
graph = builder.compile()
```

```
messages = [HumanMessage(content="Add 3 and 4.
Multiply the output by 2. Divide the output by 5")]
```

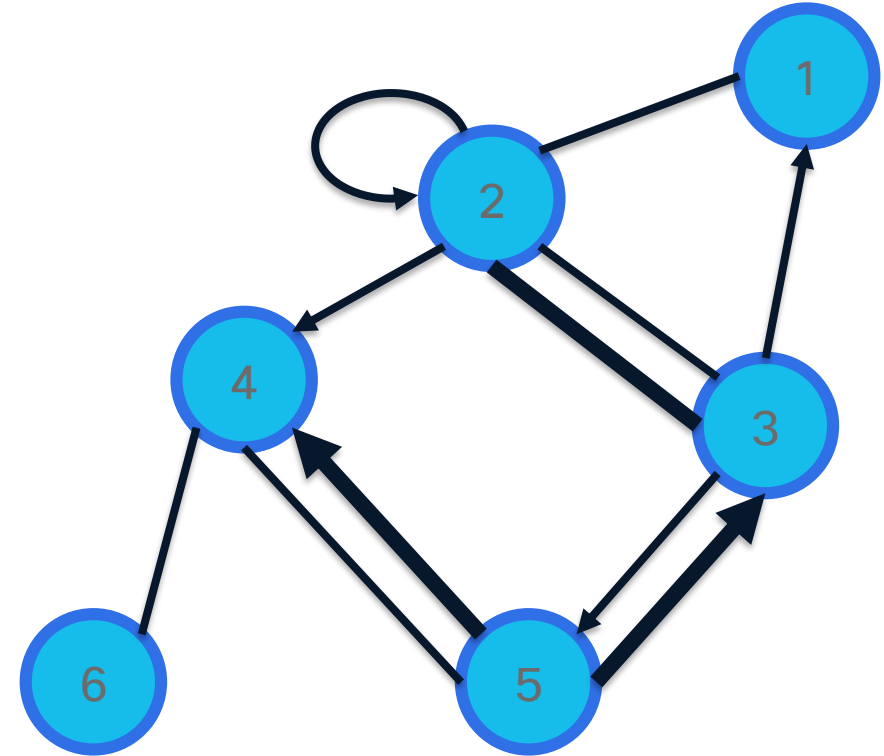
```
messages = graph.invoke({"messages": messages})
```

```
for m in messages['messages']:
    m.pretty_print()
```



Other Components

- Structure Output
- Memory
- Human in the loop
- Evals
- Subgraphs
- Multi-agent
- And many more..

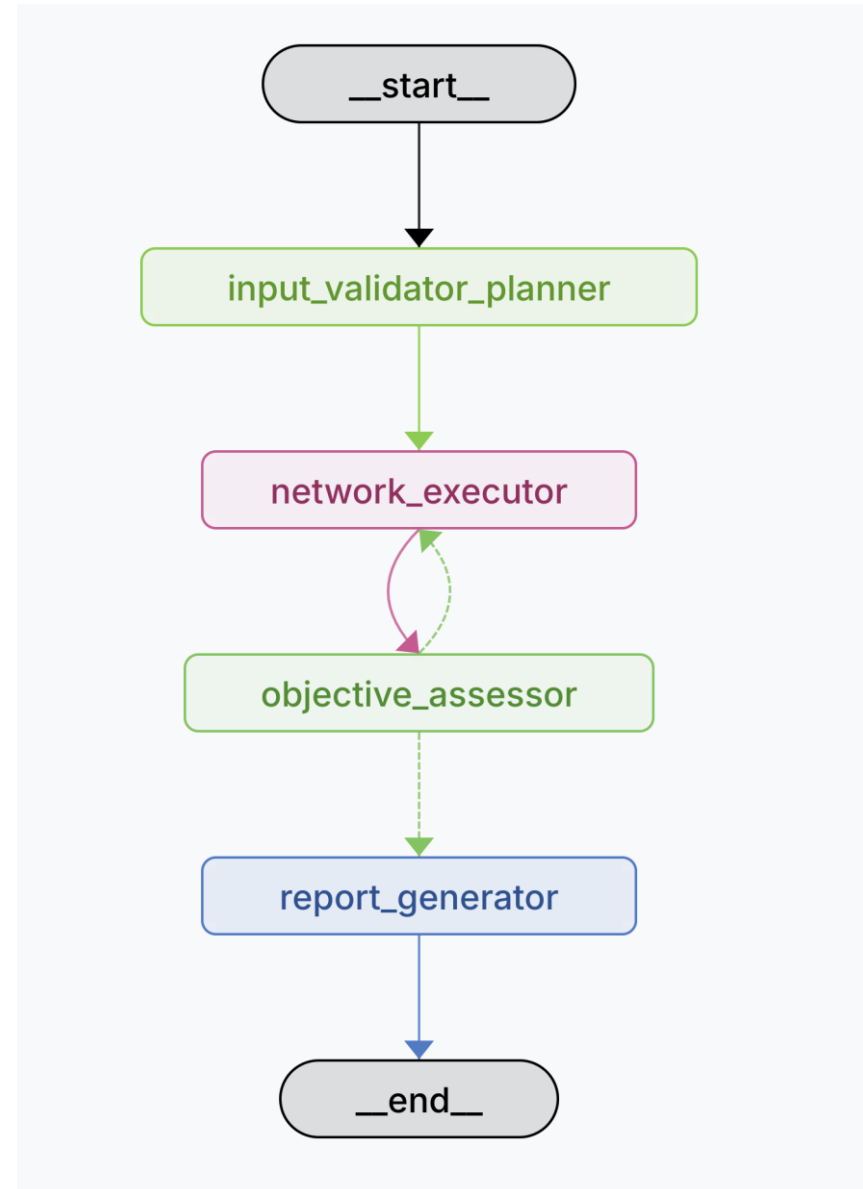


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Demo

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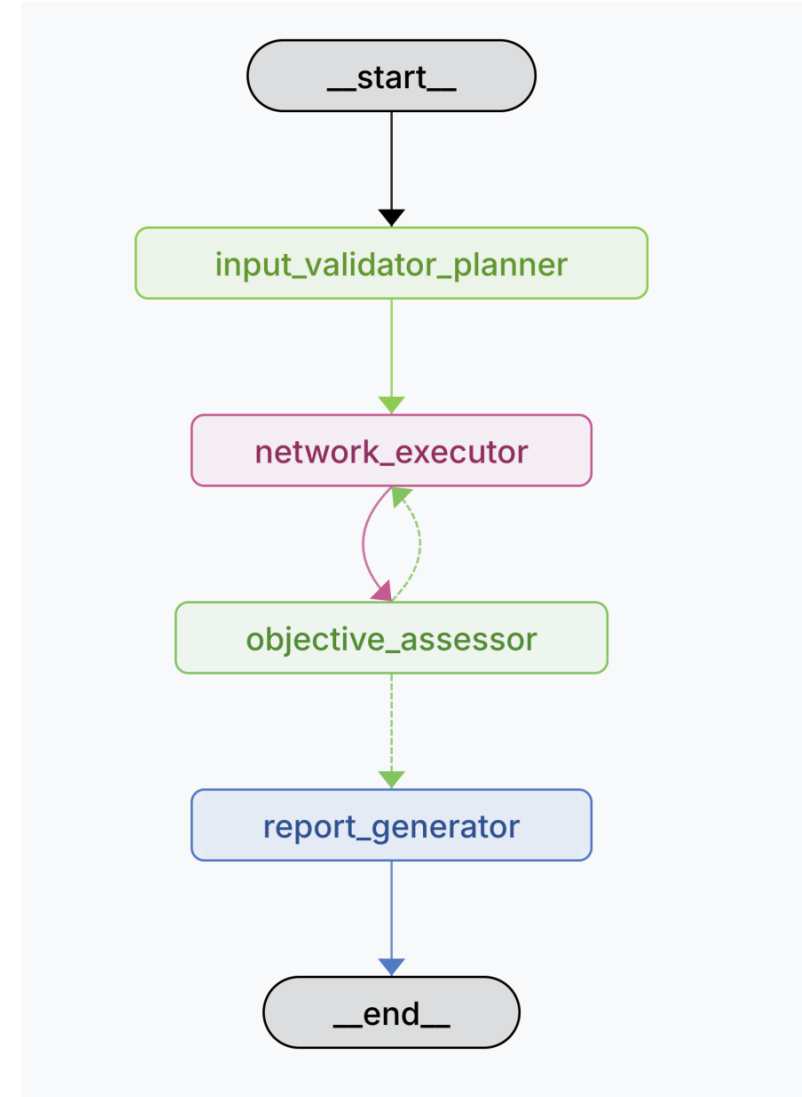
- Objective; extract state & configuration from the network.
- gGNMI tool connected via MCP.
- XRd topology.



Wrap up

Lessons Learned

- Control the State and Flow with graphs.
- Agent workflow is easier with a Graph.
- An observability tool is crucial.
- The learning curve can be challenging.



Call to Action

- Check out the Langgraph course from Langgchain.
- Write your own graph!

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Module 2: State and Memory ▾

Module 3: UX and Human-in-the-Loop ▾

Module 4: Building Your Assistant ▾

Module 5: Long-Term Memory ▾



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