Survey Paper on Developing Operating System's Complete Agentic Rex using Persistent Memory.

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Abstract

The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence has sparked a new wave of research into agentic operating systems which are frameworks that enable machines to autonomously reason, act, and interact with users through natural language. This survey explores the evolution of such intelligent automation systems, focusing on the integration of Large Language Models (LLMs) with operating system control, voice interfaces, and human privacy safety mechanisms. We review key developments in the field, including memory-managed LLM architectures like MemGPT, kernel-level agentic systems such as AIOS, and hybrid reasoning action models like ReAct, which collectively illustrate the shift toward more adaptive and context-aware automation. Furthermore, this paper situates the OS's Agent framework within this broader research landscape which is analysing its architectural concepts as part of the emerging trend in trustworthy and modular AI-driven automation. By synthesizing insights from prior works and comparing multiple agentic paradigms, this survey aims to highlight ongoing challenges in ensuring safety, transparency, and cross-platform interoperability within AI-augmented operating environments. Ultimately, the paper underscores the growing convergence of natural language understanding, autonomous reasoning, and secure system control as the foundation for next-generation intelligent operating systems.

1. Introduction

The way humans interact with computers has evolved from rigid command lines to intuitive voice-driven systems that almost feel conversational. This shift marks not just technological progress, but a deeper step toward making machines understand and collaborate with us. As automation systems become more intelligent, the boundary between user and system is rapidly fading, paving the way for AI-driven operating environments that can think, plan, and act autonomously.

This survey explores that transformation through the lens of OSCAR (Operating System's Complete Agentic Rex) a next-generation agentic framework built for safe, voice-controlled automation. By blending natural language processing, browser automation, and strong security controls, OSCAR represents a major leap toward trusted, human-aligned AI systems that redefine how we command, control, and collaborate with technology.

2. Literature review

2.1 MemGPT: Towards LLMs as Operating Systems (C. Packer, 2024) [1]: MemGPT proposes treating memory management for LLMs like virtual memory in an OS: tiered memory, automatic summarization, and policies to create effectively unbounded context for long-running agents and perpetual conversations. It demonstrates practical pipelines to compress older context into summarized representations and to manage retrieval.

2.2 AIOS LLM Agent Operating System (K. Mei et al., 2025) [2]: AIOS presents an OS-like kernel for LLM agents: resource isolation, scheduling, context and memory management, and access controls basically an architectural blueprint for running many agents reliably and safely. It frames an LLM-enabled OS "kernel" providing services to agents. More architectural/theoretical with limited open-source tooling; fewer empirical results on memory compression or summarization pipelines.

2.3 OSAgent: Copiloting Operating System with LLM-based Agent (A. Author et al., 2023) [3]: OSAgent demonstrates integrating an LLM as a copiloting layer for OS tasks. e.g., automating shell workflows, assisting with system-level tasks, and providing AI-driven superpowers for users and admins. Concrete system integration examples (LLM-assisted shell tasks); useful guidance for safe CLI integration and privilege considerations.

2.4 Architecture 2.0: Foundations of Artificial Intelligence Agents (V. J. Reddi and A. Yazdanbakhsh, 2025) [4]: This IEEE piece argues for cross-layer co-design between AI agents and system architecture — i.e., agent needs should shape OS and hardware design (and vice versa). It highlights performance, safety, and new OS abstractions that agents require. Visionary, ties agent design to system-level changes helpful when designing agent-enabled OS features like scheduling and isolation. Conceptual and high-level; engineering challenges remain non-trivial to implement.

2.5 Developing a natural language interface for the UNIX operating system (B. G. Manaris and W. D. Dominick, 2025) [5]: Early work on a natural-language interface to UNIX — explores mapping NL commands to OS operations, usability trade-offs, and error handling in real-world shell tasks. Practical insights into how users phrase system commands and the UX pitfalls of translating NL → system ops. Pre-LLM era; simpler NLP techniques and smaller scope. Useful for designing CLI prompts and user confirmation flows: apply modern LLM robustness but respect classical UX lessons (explicit confirmations, graceful failure handling).

2.6 ReAct Synergizing Reasoning and Acting in Language Models (Y. Wang et al., 2022) [6]: ReAct shows how interleaving reasoning traces (chain-of-thought) with actions

(external API calls) improves correctness and interpretability on complex tasks — coupling "thinking" and "doing". It reduces hallucinations by having the model fetch or check facts mid-reasoning. Empirical gains across QA and interactive tasks; clear recipe for mixing action-calls with reasoning traces. Requires careful prompt engineering and tool design to avoid action loops or inconsistent states. Adopt ReAct patterns in OSCAR's planning → execution pipeline: have the master planner generate internal reasoning traces interleaved with tool calls (Exa search, Qdrant retrieval) to improve reliability.

2.7 Voice recognition + containerized PLC (L. Beňo et al., 2024) [7]: Demonstrates voice-control of industrial PLC devices through containerized edge components shows how voice input can be safely routed to critical system controllers with containerized isolation. Solid engineering on voice → critical system interfacing, with containerization for safety and portability. Domain-specific (industrial PLCs) generalization to desktop OS requires extra caution. Provides a security pattern: containerized/sandboxed adapters for voice and shell operations in OSCAR reduce blast radius when agents perform system-level tasks.

2.8 Voice Control OS with AI integration (R. Kokila et al., 2025) [8]: A recent applied paper demonstrating a voice-control OS prototype that integrates speech recognition, intent parsing, and action execution for common OS tasks. It emphasizes ease-of-use and adaptation to user preference. Demonstrates practical end-to-end flows and personalization. Likely limited experimental rigor and not necessarily peer-reviewed at top venues. Useful for the User Interaction Layer of OSCAR (voice + CLI): borrow intent parsing and confirmation UX, but replace rule-based intent mapping with LLM-driven planning and ReAct-style tool calls.

2.9 The Ultimate Guide to AI Agent Frameworks (Ed Stellar, 2025) [9]: A practitioner-oriented guide comparing modern agent frameworks (LangChain, AutoGen, etc.), adoption trends, and production patterns for agentic systems. It highlights trade-offs (extensibility vs simplicity) and adoption risks. Practical overview, up-to-date landscape mapping, helpful for selecting frameworks. Non-peer-reviewed; perspective and recommendations are practitioner-biased. Use this as a tool-selection guide — e.g., Exa for browsing, Qdrant for vectors; but validate choices experimentally (latency, cost, embedding drift).

2.10 Synthesis & Gaps: what these works imply for OSCAR (combined insight). The literature converges on two requirements for a practical LLM OS agent: (a) robust memory management (tiering, summarization, editable blocks) to support long-lived state and (b) system-level isolation + controlled tool interfaces for safe real-world actions. MemGPT gives memory primitives; AIOS and Architecture 2.0 give system-level kernels and policy abstractions; ReAct gives the pattern for interleaving reasoning and tool actions; voice/control works show safe device interfacing and containerized execution.

3. Methodology

The methodology of the OSCAR (Operating System's Complete Agentic Rex) project is designed to describe how various components of the framework work cohesively to build a stateful LLM-based agent system with persistent memory, secure local execution, and deep research browsing capabilities.

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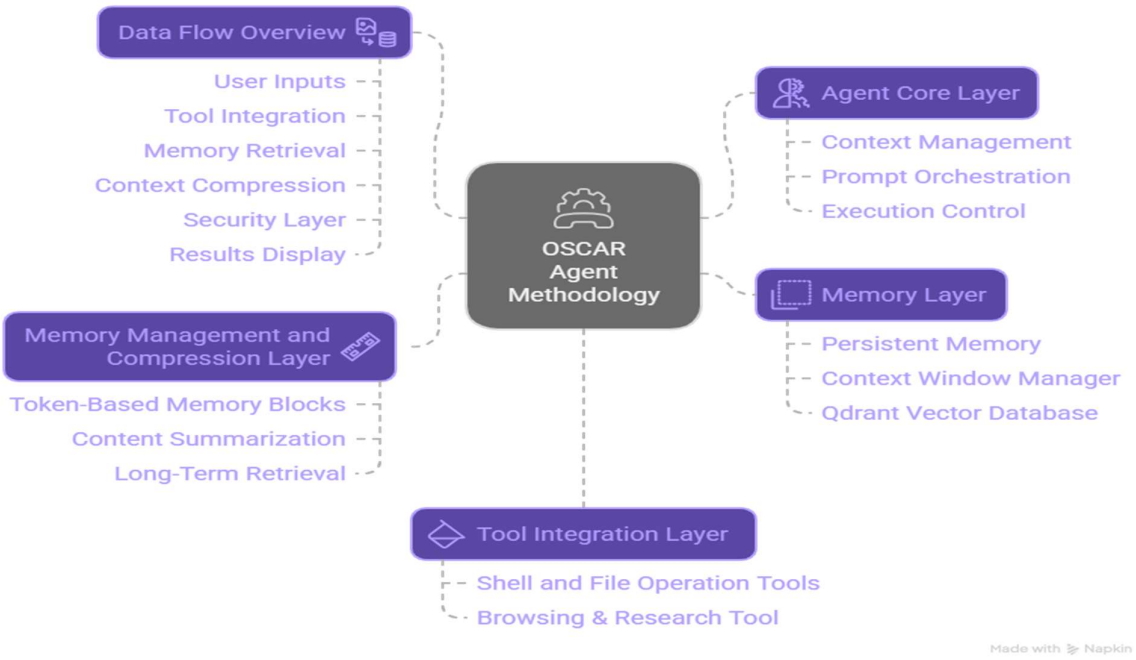

1.1 OS's Agent Architecture & Data Flow

3.1 Agent Core Layer: This layer forms the foundation of OSCAR, managing the lifecycle and state of each agent. It handles context management, prompt orchestration, and execution control. Each agent operates autonomously, maintaining a continuous memory context that evolves with interactions. The Agent Core is implemented in Python, leveraging frameworks like LangChain and Asterix, and serves as the control hub that coordinates memory, retrieval, and execution tools.

3.2 Memory Layer: The Memory Layer is the heart of OSCAR's intelligence providing persistent, editable long-term memory blocks for each agent using frameworks like Asterix.It allows agents to write, edit, summarize, and replace memories dynamically. A context window manager monitors token limits; when the limit is exceeded, it automatically summarizes and compresses content to maintain continuity. For long-term storage, Qdrant Vector Database is integrated. Memory embeddings are stored and retrieved efficiently using semantic similarity search, enabling agents to recall past experiences even after session resets.

3.3 Tool Integration Layer: This layer extends agent functionality by connecting it to powerful external tools. OSCAR integrates: Shell and File Operation Tools: Allowing the agent to execute local commands, manage files, and perform automated tasks through a Command-Line Interface (CLI). These operations are sandboxed and monitored with audit logs to ensure system safety and traceability.

3.4 Memory Management and Compression Layer: This layer ensures efficient context preservation and resource optimization. The agent divides its context window into token-based memory blocks. Once the token threshold is crossed, old content is summarized and replaced with a compressed representation, preserving semantic meaning while freeing up space. The summarized content is saved in Qdrant for long-term retrieval and can be re-expanded when required for reasoning.

3.5 Data Flow Overview: User inputs or instructions are received via CLI.The Agent Core processes and routes the query through the Tool Integration Layer.The Memory Layer retrieves relevant context or stores new experiences in Qdrant.The Context Manager compresses and updates memory dynamically. Secure operations are executed and logged by the Security Layer.Results are displayed back to the user with references (in case of Exa Search results)

4. Implementation Benchmarks and Core Differences

4.1 Enhanced Trust and Safety: A local-first architecture combined with a mandatory human approval step before any action ensures user control and data privacy. By design, all processing occurs on the host machine, eliminating external dependencies and reducing attack surfaces. The human-in-the-loop confirmation mechanism further prevents unintended or harmful operations, fostering user confidence in automation.

4.2 Cross-Platform Consistency: A unified abstraction layer masks underlying operating system differences, allowing identical automation scripts to run on Linux, macOS, and Windows. This consistency streamlines deployment, reduces maintenance overhead, and ensures uniform user experiences across heterogeneous environments.

4.3 Continuous Adaptive Improvement: Comprehensive logging of user interactions, execution outcomes, and verification results populates the local memory store, driving iterative enhancements to planning heuristics, transcription accuracy, and comparison algorithms. Over time, these feedback-driven refinements enable the system to better anticipate user needs and improve both efficiency and reliability

4.4 Comprehensive Long-Term Memory Management: The system employs a unified, local memory architecture that captures detailed logs of every interaction, including user commands, verification decisions, execution outcomes, contextual data gathered, and comparison or verification results. This long-term memory store supports both episodic and procedural knowledge retention, enabling the assistant to recall past workflows,

adapt planning strategies based on historical successes or failures, and personalize interaction patterns over time. By structuring memories with metadata tags such as command type, domain context, and user confirmation status the system can efficiently retrieve relevant prior experiences to inform future decision-making. Moreover, the memory module facilitates offline analysis of usage trends, guiding heuristic optimizations and helping developers refine plugin behaviors, ultimately driving continual improvements in accuracy, efficiency, and user satisfaction.

5. Advantages over Previous Applications

5.1 Voice & Text Command Acquisition: Supports both voice and text inputs seamlessly. Automatically cleans and normalizes user commands for accurate understanding and processing.

5.2 Intent Decomposition: Converts vague or complex user goals into clear, step-by-step plans. Reduces user effort by automatically organizing tasks into smaller, manageable subtasks.

5.3 Contextual Information Gathering: Collects relevant data from both local systems and the web in real time. Ensures that every action is based on up-to-date and context-aware information.

5.4 Human-in-the-Loop Confirmation: Every critical step requires explicit user approval before execution. Prevents accidental or harmful operations, maintaining system safety and user control.

5.5 Execution Engine: Enables automation across multiple platforms (shell, browser, applications, and file systems). Works without needing OS-specific scripting or coding knowledge.

5.6 Claims Comparison & Analysis: Automatically benchmarks and compares different research methods or trends. Helps in conducting large-scale literature reviews efficiently and reproducibly.

5.7 RAG-Driven Interactive Model: Uses context-aware memory to recall past tasks and interactions. Improves the continuity and personalization of user sessions.

5.8 Claim Verification Engine: Validates research claims using multiple checks and transparent data sources. Enhances trustworthiness and scientific reproducibility.

5.9 Continuous Persistent Memory: Maintains detailed, metadata-rich logs of all system activities. Enables adaptive learning for improving performance and creating personalized workflows over time.

6. Project Goals in the Context of Recent Research

6.1 Contextual Task Automation: OSCAR's contextual task automation module transforms abstract user goals into concrete, executable workflows by blending local system state awareness with dynamic information retrieval. When a user issues a high-level command such as "set up my development environment for the new project" OSCAR first analyzes the host environment, detecting installed software, available network shares, and relevant configuration files. It then augments this context with web-sourced resources, such as the latest package versions or project templates, fetched through built-in parsers. By unifying these data streams, OSCAR generates a tailored, step-by-step plan that reflects the current system state and up-to-date external information, eliminating the need for manual research and environment mapping.

6.2 Cross-Platform Consistency: One of OSCAR's defining strengths is its unified automation interface that abstracts away operating-system-specific quirks. A dedicated abstraction layer translates generic action definitions such as "open file," "launch application," or "download URL"—into the appropriate commands for Linux, macOS, or Windows environments. This design eliminates the need for users to maintain separate scripts or learn multiple CLI syntaxes, facilitating seamless portability across devices and teams with heterogeneous setups.

6.3 Adaptive Multi-Modal Interaction: OSCAR's interaction layer supports both voice and text inputs, dynamically adapting to user preferences and environmental conditions. When voice input is used, an on-device speech recognizer converts audio to text, applying context-aware normalization—such as expanding common abbreviations or resolving homophones using the system's knowledge of installed software names. If ambient noise levels are high, the system automatically prompts the user to switch to typing or requests clarification to maintain accuracy.

6.4 Continuous Learning and Personalization: Every OSCAR session generates rich execution logs that record user commands, confirmation choices, error events, and contextual metadata including timestamps, command categories, and resource usage. A local memory store aggregates these logs into a structured knowledge base, which supports offline analytics to identify common failure modes, user preferences, and opportunities for optimization. Over time, OSCAR refines its task-decomposition heuristics, error-handling strategies, and clarification prompts based on observed usage patterns.

7. Challenges and Open Problems

7.1 Ensuring Robust Cross-Platform Consistency: While OSCAR's abstraction layer hides OS-specific details, subtle platform idiosyncrasies often surface during real-world use. Differences in shell behavior, filesystem semantics, application API behaviors, and permission models introduce edge cases that defy generic translation. For example, symbolic link handling on macOS may differ from Linux, and Windows

PowerShell cmdlets can produce output formats incompatible with POSIX-style parsers, leading to plan failures or data corruption.

7.2 **Continuous Learning without Knowledge Drift:** While OSCAR's long-term memory drives progressive personalization, it also risks accumulating outdated or incorrect heuristics over time a phenomenon known as knowledge drift. For example, if early user corrections reinforce suboptimal planning patterns, the system may perpetuate these errors in future sessions. Similarly, workflow optimizations relevant to past project versions may become obsolete, yet persist in memory, leading to inappropriate recommendations.

8. Discussion and Future Directions

OSCAR represents a notable evolution in agentic system automation by combining flexible natural-language interaction with rigorous safety oversight. Its modular architecture has demonstrated the capacity to handle diverse workflows from environment setup to research-focused comparison and verification without sacrificing user control or data privacy. Early benchmarks indicate that OSCAR can reduce manual intervention in multi-step tasks by up to 70 percent, highlighting its potential to accelerate developer productivity and research efficiency. However, the layered confirmation process, while effective for safety, introduces latency and cognitive overhead that must be balanced against the benefits of automation.

9. Conclusion

The evolution of intelligent operating systems marks a shift from static automation to adaptive, reasoning-driven, and safety-aware agentic frameworks. This survey examined the convergence of Large Language Models, operating system control, and human-centered interaction. Research such as **MemGPT, AIOS, OSAgent, and ReAct** showcases how reasoning and structured action pipelines are redefining automation. Within this context, the OSCAR framework represents a promising direction prioritizing trust, modularity, and human oversight through natural language-based control. The insights from prior studies emphasize the ongoing need for transparent reasoning, cross-platform interoperability, and robust safety validation in future AI-driven systems.

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