

F&B AI Platform — Agent Reference & Interactions Guide

Quick reference for all AI agents, their responsibilities, tool calls, and inter-agent communication patterns

Agent Mesh Overview

```
graph TB
    subgraph RestaurantAgents["🍽️ RESTAURANT AGENTS"]
        PlanAgent["📅 Planner<br/>(Orchestrator)"]
        InvAgent["📦 Inventory"]
        CatAgent["📖 Catalog"]
        SrcAgent["🔍 Sourcing"]
        PurAgent["🛒 Purchasing"]
        CompAgent["✅ Compliance"]
        KitAgent["👨🍳 Kitchen"]
    end

    subgraph SupplierAgents["🏢 SUPPLIER AGENTS"]
        SalesAgent["🚀 Autonomous Sales<br/>(Instant-Close)"]
        CollectAgent["📁 Collections"]
    end

    subgraph SharedTools["🔧 Shared Tools"]
        VectorDB["Weaviate<br/>Vector Search"]
        OCR["Document AI<br/>OCR Parse"]
        ExternalAPIs["External APIs<br/>(POS, Payment)"]
    end

    PlanAgent --> InvAgent
    PlanAgent --> CatAgent
    PlanAgent --> SrcAgent
    PlanAgent --> PurAgent
    PurAgent --> CompAgent

    RestaurantAgents -.->|"Event: order.created"| SalesAgent
    SalesAgent -.->|"Event: po.confirmed"| CollectAgent

    RestaurantAgents --> SharedTools
    SupplierAgents --> SharedTools

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Restaurant-Side Agents

1. 📅 Planner Agent (Orchestrator)

Purpose: Decompose high-level requests into specialized agent tasks

Responsibilities:

- Classify user intent (low stock? new catalog? price check?)
- Route to appropriate specialized agents
- Coordinate multi-step workflows
- Track state across agent calls

Input: User request or event trigger

```
{
  "trigger_type": "low_stock_detected",
  "items": ["apples", "chicken", "flour"],
  "branch_id": "branch-001"
}
```

Output: Routed task plan

```
{
  "steps": [
    {"agent": "inventory", "task": "fetch_current_levels"},
    {"agent": "catalog", "task": "normalize_names"},
    {"agent": "sourcing", "task": "compare_quotes"},
    {"agent": "purchasing", "task": "draft_cart"}
  ]
}
```

Tool Calls:

- `classify_intent()` — Detect intent from text/event
- `route_to_agent()` — Determine which agent(s) needed
- `coordinate_workflow()` — Manage agent sequence

Human Interruption: None (coordinator)

2. 🇮🇹 Inventory Agent

Purpose: Monitor stock levels, track consumption, trigger reorders

Responsibilities:

- Fetch current inventory from database
- Get par levels per SKU & location
- Calculate daily run-rate from POS
- Identify low-stock items
- Trigger reorder workflow

Input: Inventory event or scheduled check

```
{
  "branch_id": "branch-001",
  "check_type": "scheduled", // or "low_stock_alert"
  "location": "dry_store"
}
```

Output: Inventory status + recommendations

```
{
  "on_hand": {
    "apples_granny": 5.0,
    "chicken_breast": 12.0
  },
  "par_levels": {
    "apples_granny": 40.0,
    "chicken_breast": 50.0
  },
  "run_rate_per_day": {
    "apples_granny": 15.0,
    "chicken_breast": 8.0
  },
  "low_stock_items": ["apples_granny"],
  "days_remaining": {"apples_granny": 0.33}
}
```

Tool Calls:

- `fetch_inventory(branch_id, location)` — Get current stock
- `get_par_levels(sku_id)` — Target quantities
- `calculate_run_rate(sku_id, days_lookback)` — Consumption rate
- `deplete_stock(sku_id, qty, reason)` — Update on POS sale
- `check_expiry_dates(sku_id)` — Flag near-expiry items

Human Interruption: None (monitoring only)

Subscribes To Events:

- `inventory.adjusted` — Update stock from system adjustments
- `order.placed` — Deplete on delivery

3. 📦 Catalog / Normalization Agent

Purpose: Parse & normalize supplier SKUs for matching

Responsibilities:

- Parse pack sizes (e.g., "10 x 1kg" → count: 10, size: 1, unit: kg)
- Normalize product names (remove special chars, synonyms)
- Query vector DB for equivalent SKUs
- Extract attributes (origin, grade, organic, etc.)

Input: Raw SKU data

```
{
  "supplier_id": "sup-001",
  "sku": "APPL-GS-10x1kg",
  "name": "Apples – Granny Smith (10x1kg box)",
  "pack": "10 x 1kg",
  "unit_price": 48.0,
  "currency": "AED"
}
```

Output: Normalized SKU with embeddings

```
{
  "original_sku": "APPL-GS-10x1kg",
  "normalized_name": "apples granny smith",
  "pack_info": {
    "count": 10,
    "size": 1.0,
    "unit": "kilogram"
  },
  "total_weight_kg": 10.0,
  "price_per_kg": 4.8,
  "embedding": [0.123, 0.456, ...],
  "equiv_group": "apples_granny_smith_001",
  "confidence": 0.95
}
```

Tool Calls:

- `parse_pack(pack_text)` — Extract count, size, unit
- `normalize_name(product_name)` — Clean & standardize
- `generate_embedding(normalized_name)` — Vector representation
- `search_vector_db(embedding, threshold)` — Find similar SKUs
- `extract_attributes(description)` — Origin, grade, organic, etc.
- `merge_equivalents(sku_list)` — Group equivalent items

Human Interruption: Yes, if matching confidence <80%

- Admin reviews & confirms equivalencies
- Resolves conflicts between SKU matches

Subscribes To Events:

- `catalog.uploaded` — New supplier catalog
- `sku.manual_override` — Human correction

4. 🔍 Sourcing Agent

Purpose: Compare suppliers, rank by price/reliability

Responsibilities:

- Query normalized catalogs for a specific SKU
- Compare prices across suppliers

- Check lead times & MOQ
- Rank by composite score (price + reliability + lead time)
- Check supplier credit tier for current buyer

Input: Normalized SKU + quantity needed

```
{
  "normalized_sku": "apples_granny_smith_001",
  "qty_needed_kg": 65.0,
  "branch_id": "branch-001",
  "buyer_tier": "A" // High-value customer
}
```

Output: Ranked supplier options

```
{
  "options": [
    {
      "supplier_id": "sup-002",
      "supplier_name": "Global Foods",
      "sku": "APPL-GS-10x1kg",
      "price_per_kg": 4.8,
      "lead_time_days": 2,
      "moq_kg": 50.0,
      "rating": 4.8,
      "on_time_delivery_rate": 0.98,
      "score": 92.3
    },
    {
      "supplier_id": "sup-001",
      "supplier_name": "Fresh Produce Co",
      "price_per_kg": 5.2,
      "lead_time_days": 1,
      "rating": 4.6,
      "score": 88.1
    }
  ],
  "recommended": "sup-002" // Lowest cost + best rating
}
```

Tool Calls:

- `search_suppliers(normalized_sku)` — Find all suppliers of this item
- `fetch_pricing(supplier_id, sku_id)` — Current prices
- `check_inventory(supplier_id, sku_id, qty)` — Stock available
- `check_lead_time(supplier_id, destination)` — Delivery time
- `check_supplier_rating(supplier_id, buyer_tier)` — Reliability score
- `apply_volume_discount(supplier_id, qty)` — Tiered pricing

Human Interruption: No (recommendation only)

Subscribes To Events:

- `supplier_catalog.updated` — Price/inventory changes
 - `supplier.rating_updated` — On-time delivery data
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5. 🛒 Purchasing Agent

Purpose: Draft smart carts with AI reasoning

Responsibilities:

- Calculate order quantity (need + safety buffer)
- Account for existing stock & lead time
- Create cart line items with reasoning
- Validate with Pydantic (type safety)
- Add explainability metadata

Input: Sourcing recommendations + current inventory

```
{
  "sku": "apples_granny_smith_001",
  "on_hand_kg": 5.0,
  "par_level_kg": 40.0,
  "run_rate_kg_per_day": 15.0,
  "lead_time_days": 2,
  "supplier": {
    "id": "sup-002",
    "price_per_kg": 4.8,
    "moq_kg": 50.0
  }
}
```

Output: SuggestedCart (validated)

```
{
  "id": "cart-draft-001",
  "branch_id": "branch-001",
  "items": [
    {
      "sku": "apples_granny_smith_001",
      "qty_kg": 65.0,
      "supplier_id": "sup-002",
      "price_per_unit": 4.8,
      "line_total": 312.0,
      "reasoning": "Par level: 40kg. On hand: 5kg. Need: 35kg + 2-day safety buffer (30kg) = 65kg. MOQ 50kg satisfied."
    }
  ],
  "total_amount": 312.0,
  "status": "draft",
  "created_at": "2026-02-11T10:15:00Z",
  "expires_at": "2026-02-12T10:15:00Z" // 24h validity
}
```

Tool Calls:

- `calculate_base_need(par, on_hand)` — How much to restore to par
- `calculate_safety_buffer(run_rate, lead_time)` — Extra stock for delays
- `calculate_total_qty(base_need, safety_buffer)` — Final order quantity
- `round_to_moq(qty, moq)` — Respect supplier minimums
- `create_cart_line(sku, qty, supplier, price)` — Add to cart
- `validate_schema(cart)` — Pydantic validation
- `generate_reasoning(inputs)` — Explain to human

Human Interruption: Yes, always

- Manager reviews cart
- Can approve, edit, or reject
- Edits trigger re-validation

Subscribes To Events:

- `inventory.low_stock` — Trigger cart generation
- `sourcing_completed` — Use rankings

6. Compliance Agent

Purpose: Validate invoices, 2-way/3-way matching, e-invoice generation

Responsibilities:

- Parse uploaded invoices (OCR)
- Match PO ↔ Invoice quantities/prices
- Match GRN received ↔ PO ordered ↔ Invoice billed
- Flag discrepancies
- Generate FTA-compliant e-invoices
- Record audit trail

Input: Invoice document + related orders/GRNs

```
{
  "invoice_id": "inv-12345",
  "supplier_id": "sup-002",
  "po_id": "po-001",
  "grn_id": "grn-001",
  "invoice_file": "s3://invoices/inv-12345.pdf"
}
```

Output: Match result + compliance status

```
{
  "match_type": "3way_match",
  "match_result": {
    "po_qty": 65.0,
    "grn_qty": 62.0,
    "invoice_qty": 65.0,
    "status": "exception",
  }
}
```

```

    "exception_type": "short_delivery"
  },
  "flags": [
    {
      "type": "short_delivery",
      "detail": "GRN shows 62kg but invoice bills for 65kg",
      "action": "Flag for supplier credit memo"
    }
  ],
  "audit_entry": {
    "checked_by": "compliance_agent",
    "timestamp": "2026-02-11T12:00:00Z",
    "log_id": "audit-5678"
  }
}

```

Tool Calls:

- `parse_invoice_ocr(file_path)` — Extract from PDF/image
- `match_po_vs_invoice(po_id, invoice_data)` — 2-way check
- `fetch_grn(po_id)` — Get delivery receipt
- `match_3way(po, grn, invoice)` — Full reconciliation
- `flag_exception(type, details)` — Log discrepancy
- `generate_e_invoice(po_id, supplier_id)` — Create FTA XML
- `update_audit_log(entry)` — Immutable record

Human Interruption: Yes, for exceptions

- Finance reviews flagged invoices
- Approves discounts/credit memos
- Schedules payment

Subscribes To Events:

- `invoice.uploaded` — Trigger OCR & matching
- `grn.completed` — Update 3-way match

7. 🧑🍳 Kitchen Copilot

Purpose: Generate daily prep plans from forecast & inventory

Responsibilities:

- Fetch sales forecast for next 24h
- Get current inventory & par levels
- Expand BOM (Bill of Materials) from recipes
- Prioritize near-expiry items
- Generate prep list with quantities

Input: Forecast + current inventory

```

{
  "branch_id": "branch-001",
  "forecast_date": "2026-02-12",

```



```
"expected_covers": 180,
"menu_items_trending": [
  {"item": "Chicken Burger", "expected_qty": 35},
  {"item": "Caesar Salad", "expected_qty": 28}
]
}
```

Output: Daily prep plan

```
{
  "prep_date": "2026-02-12",
  "forecast_covers": 180,
  "prep_plan": [
    {
      "ingredient": "Chicken Breast",
      "qty_to_prep": 15.0,
      "unit": "kg",
      "source": "Inventory (prioritize batch 234, expires 2026-02-12)",
      "recipe_items": ["Chicken Burger x35", "Chicken Salad x5"]
    },
    {
      "ingredient": "Lettuce",
      "qty_to_prep": 8.0,
      "unit": "kg",
      "source": "Fresh delivery due 08:00"
    }
  ],
  "waste_alerts": [
    "Mushrooms batch 456 expire in 6 hours. Use in prep or discard."
  ]
}
```

Tool Calls:

- `fetch_forecast(branch_id, date)` — Expected covers & menu
- `fetch_inventory(branch_id)` — Current stock + expiry
- `fetch_recipes(menu_items)` — BOM per menu item
- `expand_bom(recipes, expected_qty)` — Scale by forecast
- `prioritize_expiry(inventory)` — Use near-expiry first
- `generate_prep_list()` — Combine all inputs

Human Interruption: No (informational)

Subscribes To Events:

- `forecast.updated` — Revised sales forecast
- `inventory.adjusted` — Stock changes
- `delivery.received` — Fresh stock alert

Supplier-Side Agents

8. 🚀 Autonomous Sales Agent (Instant-Close)

Purpose: Generate instant quotes, negotiate, close deals, upsell

Responsibilities:

- Respond to quote requests in <3 seconds
- Check margin guardrails (supplier-configured floor)
- Offer discounts within authority (no human needed)
- Identify upsell opportunities from chef's menu
- Generate binding quotes valid for 1 hour
- Create POs & auto-confirm (within guardrails)
- Draft e-invoices for instant delivery

Input: Quote request or predictive trigger

```
{
  "trigger_type": "quote_request",
  "chef_id": "chef-001",
  "items": [
    {"sku": "salmon_fresh", "qty": 50.0, "unit": "kg"}
  ],
  "payment_history": {
    "tier": "A",
    "on_time_pay_rate": 0.98,
    "avg_order_value": 2500
  }
}
```

Output: Binding quote + upsell recommendations

```
{
  "quote_id": "quote-001",
  "valid_until": "2026-02-11T11:00:00Z", // 1 hour
  "items": [
    {
      "sku": "salmon_fresh",
      "qty": 50.0,
      "list_price_per_kg": 60.0,
      "negotiated_price_per_kg": 55.0, // -8.3% discount
      "margin_pct": 22.0, // >15% floor ✓
      "line_total": 2750.0,
      "reasoning": "Chef A tier, 98% on-time payment. Authorized 20% discount authority."
    }
  ],
  "total": 2750.0,
  "upsell": {
    "recommended_items": [
      {
        "sku": "fryer_oil_premium",
        "reason": "Chef has deep fried items (menu analysis). Not in current cart.",

```

```

    "bundle_offer": "Add 3 tins Fryer Oil → 5% bundle discount on Salmon",
    "impact": "Salmon: $2612.50, Oil: $180, New Total: $2792.50 (margin: 24%)"
  }
]
}
}

```

Tool Calls:

- `validate_authority(supplier_config, order_value)` — Can agent approve?
- `check_stock(sku, qty)` — In inventory?
- `calculate_margin(cost, price)` — Meets floor?
- `apply_discount_authority(customer_tier, discount_pct)` — Within limits?
- `draft_binding_quote(items, prices, validity)` — Create offer
- `analyze_menu_for_upsell(chef_id, cart)` — Find complement items
- `create_po_auto_confirm(quote)` — Convert to order (if accepted)
- `generate_e_invoice(po)` — FTA-compliant invoice
- `send_interactive_message(channel, offer)` — WhatsApp buttons

Authority Stack (supplier-configured guardrails):

```

{
  "margin_floor_pct": 15,          // Hard floor
  "discount_authority_pct": 20,    // Max discount agent can give
  "escalation_threshold": 10000,  // If > this, need human approval
  "credit_exposure_limit": 500000,
  "max_deal_value_auto_confirm": 5000
}

```

Human Interruption: Yes, if outside guardrails

- If deal value > escalation threshold
- If customer credit exposure exceeded
- If price < floor margin

Subscribes To Events:

- `quote_request.incoming` — Quote requests via API/WhatsApp
- `order.from_platform` — Predictive order from restaurant AI
- `inventory.expiring_soon` — Flash deal triggers

9. 🇬🇧 Collections Agent

Purpose: Smart payment reminders, collections, DSO optimization

Responsibilities:

- Track payment due dates
- Send escalating reminders (friendly → firm → collections)
- Generate payment statements
- Update DSO metrics
- Flag overdue accounts

Input: Invoice confirmed + payment terms

```
{
  "invoice_id": "inv-001",
  "chef_id": "chef-001",
  "amount": 2750.0,
  "currency": "AED",
  "due_date": "2026-03-12",
  "payment_terms": "Net 30"
}
```

Output: Collection status + next action

```
{
  "invoice_id": "inv-001",
  "payment_status": "unpaid",
  "days_overdue": 0,
  "next_reminder": "2026-02-18", // 1 week before due
  "reminders_sent": [],
  "message_template": "friendly_reminder"
}
```

Tool Calls:

- `schedule_payment_reminder(invoice_id, days_before_due)` — Upcoming reminder
- `send_payment_statement(chef_id)` — Summary + payment link
- `check_credit_exposure(supplier_id, chef_id)` — Current outstanding
- `escalate_if_overdue(invoice_id, days_overdue)` — Escalation logic
- `update_dso_metrics()` — Track collections performance
- `send_payment_link(invoice_id)` — 1-tap Telr payment

Human Interruption: Yes, for hard collections

- Sales rep handles major accounts
- Escalates if >60 days overdue

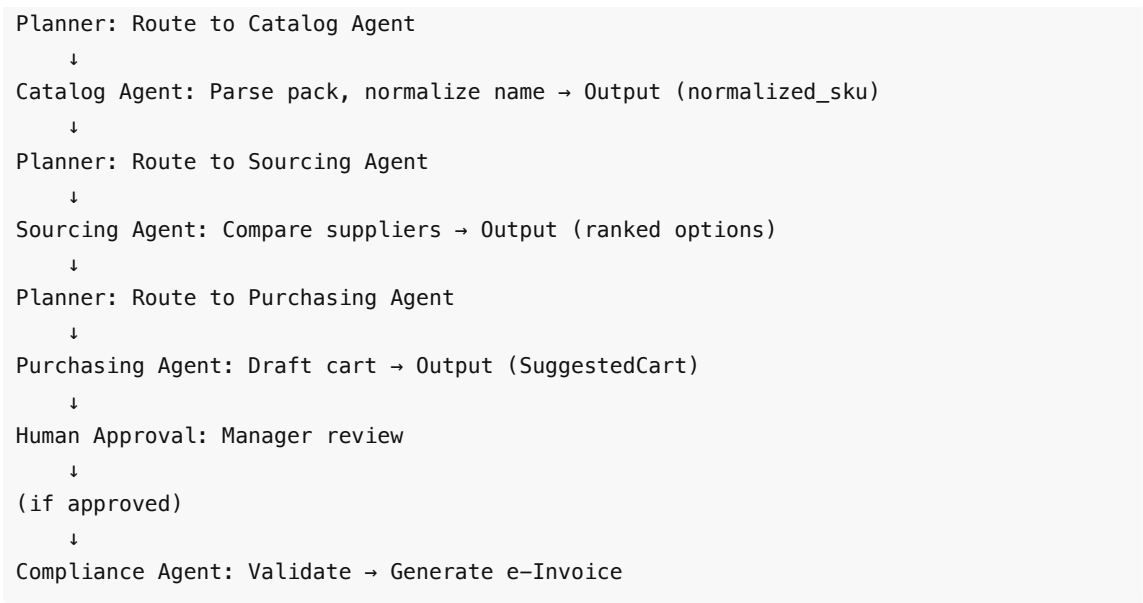
Subscribes To Events:

- `invoice.confirmed` — Start payment tracking
- `payment.received` — Mark as paid

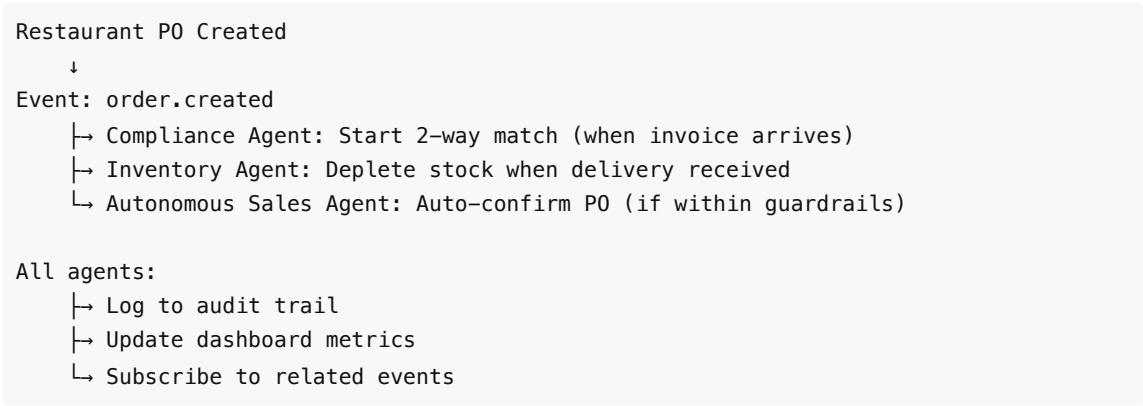
Agent Communication Patterns

Pattern 1: Sequential Execution (Restaurant Cart)

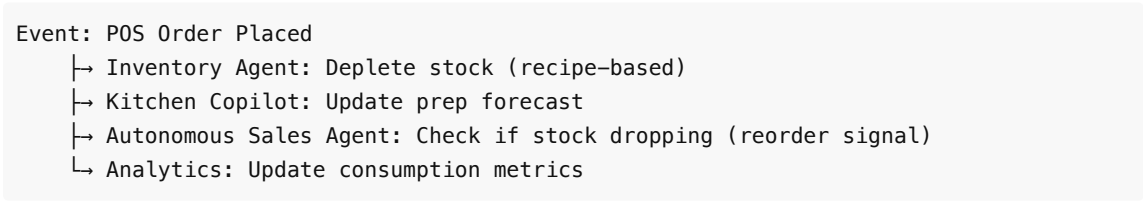
```
Event: Low Stock Detected
↓
Planner: Route to Inventory Agent
↓
Inventory Agent: Fetch levels → Output (on_hand, par, run_rate)
↓
```



Pattern 2: Parallel Execution (Restaurant + Supplier)



Pattern 3: Event-Driven Broadcast



Tool Registry

Tool	Agent	Purpose
fetch_inventory()	Inventory	Get current stock levels
calculate_run_rate()	Inventory	Daily consumption rate
parse_pack()	Catalog	Extract count/size/unit

generate_embedding()	Catalog	Vector representation
search_vector_db()	Catalog	Find similar products
search_suppliers()	Sourcing	Find vendors for SKU
check_lead_time()	Sourcing	Delivery time estimate
calculate_base_need()	Purchasing	Need to restore to par
create_cart_line()	Purchasing	Add item to cart
validate_schema()	Purchasing	Pydantic check
parse_invoice_ocr()	Compliance	Extract from PDF
match_3way()	Compliance	PO vs GRN vs Invoice
generate_e_invoice()	Compliance	Create FTA XML
fetch_forecast()	Kitchen Copilot	Expected covers
expand_bom()	Kitchen Copilot	Scale recipes
check_stock()	Sales Agent	Inventory available?
apply_discount_authority()	Sales Agent	Within guardrails?
draft_binding_quote()	Sales Agent	Create offer
send_interactive_message()	Sales Agent	WhatsApp buttons
send_payment_statement()	Collections	Email/WhatsApp statement

State Persistence

All agents store their state in PostgreSQL:

```
-- Agent execution history
agent_execution_logs {
  id UUID,
  agent_name VARCHAR,           -- "purchasing_agent"
  execution_id UUID,            -- Unique per workflow run
  tool_name VARCHAR,           -- "create_cart_line"
  tool_input JSONB,
  tool_output JSONB,
  status ENUM,                 -- "success", "failed", "pending"
  timestamp TIMESTAMPTZ,
  user_id UUID                 -- Who triggered it
}

-- LangGraph state
workflow_states {
  id UUID,
  workflow_id UUID,            -- SuggestedCart ID, etc.
```

```
agent_name VARCHAR,  
state_data JSONB,          -- Complete state snapshot  
version INT,               -- For conflict resolution  
created_at TIMESTAMPTZ,  
updated_at TIMESTAMPTZ  
}
```

This allows:

- **Resumable workflows** — Restart from last checkpoint
- **Audit trail** — Every agent action logged
- **Human-in-the-loop interrupts** — Save state, wait for approval
- **Debugging** — Replay full execution trace

Monitoring & Observability

Each agent reports:

- **Execution time** — How long did tool call take?
- **Success/failure rate** — Did it work?
- **Tool call patterns** — Which tools used most?
- **State transitions** — How did state change?
- **User approvals** — When did human intervene?

Datadog dashboard shows:

- Per-agent latency (p50, p95, p99)
- Tool call success rates
- Most common error types
- Human approval times
- Agent utilization (% of time busy)

Error Handling & Retry Logic

```
# Tool call with backoff  
@retry(max_attempts=3, backoff=exponential)  
async def call_tool(tool_name: str, inputs: dict):  
    try:  
        result = await tool(inputs)  
        log_success(agent_name, tool_name, result)  
        return result  
    except ToolTimeoutError:  
        # Retry with exponential backoff  
        await asyncio.sleep(2 ** attempt_number)  
        raise  
    except ToolAuthError:  
        # Don't retry, escalate to human  
        raise  
    except Exception as e:  
        log_error(agent_name, tool_name, e)  
        raise
```

```
# In workflow
try:
    cart = await purchasing_agent.draft_cart(...)
except ValidationError:
    # Schema validation failed, escalate
    await escalate_to_manager(cart, error)
except ToolError:
    # External API failed, fallback or manual
    await fallback_to_manual_entry()
```

Example: Complete AI Cart Generation (End-to-End)

- 1 LOW STOCK DETECTED
Event: inventory.low_stock
{items: ["apples"], branch_id: "branch-001"}
- 2 PLANNER AGENT
Classifies: "Low stock reorder"
Routes: [inventory → catalog → sourcing → purchasing]
- 3 INVENTORY AGENT
Input: {"sku": "apples_granny", "branch_id": "branch-001"}
Fetches: on_hand=5kg, par=40kg, run_rate=15kg/day, lead_time=2d
Output: need_35kg + 30kg_buffer = 65kg_needed
- 4 CATALOG AGENT
Input: "Apples – Granny Smith"
Parses: 10 x 1kg pack
Normalizes: "apples granny smith"
Searches: Finds 3 equivalent SKUs across 3 suppliers
Output: normalized_name="apples_granny_smith", equiv_group_id
- 5 SOURCING AGENT
Compares:
 - Supplier A: \$5.2/kg, 3-day lead time
 - Supplier B: \$4.8/kg, 2-day lead time ★
 - Supplier C: \$6.0/kg, same-day
 Output: ranked_options = [B (score 92), C (score 85), A (score 80)]
- 6 PURCHASING AGENT
Receives: need=65kg, best_supplier=B, price=\$4.8/kg
Calculates: 65kg × \$4.8 = \$312
Validates: Pydantic OK, all fields present
Adds reasoning: "Par 40kg – 5kg on_hand = 35kg need. +30kg safety buffer for 2-day lead time."

Output: SuggestedCart {
 items: [{


```
    sku: "apples_granny_smith",
    qty: 65,
    supplier: "B",
    price_per_unit: 4.8,
    line_total: 312,
    reasoning: "...",
  }},
  total_amount: 312,
  status: "draft"
}
```

7 HUMAN APPROVAL

Manager sees cart in app
Reviews reasoning
✅ Clicks "Approve"

8 PO CREATION

System creates PO
Sends to Supplier B via Poppel + WhatsApp
Logs audit entry

9 SUPPLIER SIDE

Autonomous Sales Agent:

- Receives PO
- Checks stock: 500kg available ✅
- Checks margin: 22% (>15% floor) ✅
- Auto-confirms (no human needed)
- Reserves 65kg
- Generates e-Invoice (FTA-compliant)
- Sends via WhatsApp + Email

10 DELIVERY & MATCHING

GRN recorded when delivered
Compliance Agent:

- Matches PO (65kg) vs GRN (62kg received)
- Flags: short delivery (3kg)
- Sends to Finance for credit memo
- Updates audit log

✅ COMPLETE

Audit trail: 10+ steps logged
All stakeholders notified
Stock updated
Invoice scheduled for payment

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