

Lessons Learned: Kaggle 5 Days of AI (Google Agents)

1. Agent Architecture (Day 1)

- **Pattern:** Use a clear separation between the **Reasoning Engine** (LLM) and the **Runtime** (Code/Tools).
- **Class Structure:**
 - Define an `Agent` class that holds `model`, `tools`, and `memory`.
 - Use `vertexai.preview.reasoning_engines` (or similar SDK) to wrap the agent for deployment.
 - **Configurability:** The model name (e.g., `gemini-1.5-pro`) should be passed as an argument to the Agent constructor, allowing easy switching.

2. Tools (Day 2)

- **Definition:** Tools should be Python functions with clear docstrings (Google-style).
- **Registration:** Use `ReasoningEngine.register_tools()` or pass `tools=[func1, func2]` to the Gemini model.
- **Best Practice:**
 - Type hints are mandatory.
 - Docstrings must describe *when* to use the tool and *what* the arguments are.
 - Return structured data (JSON/Dict) rather than long text strings where possible.

3. Memory & Sessions (Day 3)

- **Session State:**
 - Do not store state in the Agent class instance if deploying to serverless (Cloud Run).
 - Use an external store (Firestore/Redis) keyed by `session_id`.
- **Context Management:**
 - Use a `History` object that is loaded at the start of each turn and saved at the end.
 - Implement "Context Compaction" (summarizing old turns) if the history gets too long.

4. Observability (Day 4)

- **Logging:**
 - Log every "Thought", "Action", and "Observation".
 - Use structured logging (JSON) to make it queryable in Cloud Logging.
- **Evaluation:**
 - Use `ragas` or Vertex AI Eval to score "Faithfulness" and "Relevance".

5. Agent-to-Agent (Day 5)

- **Orchestration:**
 - Use a "Router" or "Orchestrator" pattern where the main agent's only tools are "`delegate_to_researcher`" and "`delegate_to_analyst`".
 - **Protocol:** Pass a clear `task_description` and `context` to the sub-agent. The sub-agent returns a `final_answer`.

Implementation Checklist

- **Config:** Create `config.py` to load `MODEL_NAME` from env or default.
- **Base Agent:** Create a `BaseAgent` class that handles tool registration and memory loading.
- **Tools:** Ensure all tools (PubMed, CT) have perfect docstrings.
- **Orchestrator:** Implement the main loop that delegates to sub-agents.