

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.