Al Agents with Low-Cost LLMs

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Overview

- We will learn to build agentic AI applications using CrewAI and Ollama
- Focus is on cost-effective implementation with local LLMs.
- The tutorial is split into two 2-hour sessions
- Some theoretical knowledge...
- Some hands-on experience...

Let's get started!

Prerequisites

- Python 3.9+
- Git
- Basic understanding of Python programming
- Basic understanding of AI/ML concepts

Quick Start

Clone this repository:

```
```bash
```

git clone https://github.com/croppers/crewai

cd crewai



#### Create and activate a virtual environment

```
```bash
python -m venv venv
source venv/bin/activate # On Windows:
venv\Scripts\activate
```
```

#### Install dependencies

```
```bash
pip install -r requirements.txt
```
```

#### Install Ollama

- Visit ollama.com
- Download and install for your operating system
- Pull a base model:
- ```bash
- ollama pull mistral

Part 1: Foundations & Basic Implementation

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- Environment Setup
- CrewAl Fundamentals
- Ollama Deep Dive
- Building Your First Agent
- Multi-Agent Basics

## Welcome & Overview

#### Introduction to CrewAl and Ollama

**CrewAI**: A framework for building agentic AI applications

- Agent-based architecture
- Collaborative AI systems
- Tool integration capabilities
- Process management

#### Introduction to CrewAl and Ollama

Ollama: Local LLM deployment

- Open-source model hosting
- Cost-effective inference
- Model management
- Performance optimization

#### Why Local LLMs Matter

- Cost reduction
- Data privacy
- Latency improvement
- Customization potential
- Offline capabilities

#### **Cost Comparison Overview**

- Cloud LLM costs (GPT-4, Claude, etc.)
- Local LLM costs (Ollama)
- Infrastructure requirements
- Total cost of ownership

# Environment Setup

#### Installing Ollama

#### Download and Installation:

```
"``bash
macOS
curl -fsSL https://ollama.com/install.sh | sh

Linux
curl -fsSL https://ollama.com/install.sh | sh

Windows
Download from https://ollama.com/download
"``
```

https://ollama.com/download

#### **Basic Model Testing**

```
```bash
# Pull a base model
ollama pull gemma:2b
```

What is gemma:2b?

```
# Test the model
ollama run gemma:2b "Hello, how are you?"
...
```

Model Management

```
```bash
List available models
ollama list
Remove a model
ollama rm gemma:2b
Pull specific model version
ollama pull gemma:2b
```

# Setting up CrewAl

#### Python Environment Setup

```
```bash
 # Create virtual environment
 python -m venv venv
 source venv/bin/activate # On Windows:
venv\Scripts\activate
 # Install dependencies
 pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Basic Configuration

Create .env file:

```env

OLLAMA BASE URL=http://localhost:11434

DEFAULT MODEL=gemma:2b



#### Project Structure

```
tutorial/
 - src/
 agents/
 init .py
 L— base agent.py
 - tools/
 - init .py
 L— base tools.py
 L config/
 L— settings.py
 examples/
 L basic/
 L- hello world.py
 tests/
 L— test basic.py
```

**CrewAl Fundamentals** 

#### Agent Architecture

```
from crewai import Agent
from langchain community.llms import Ollama
11m = Ollama(model="gemma:2b")
agent = Agent(
 role='Researcher',
 goal='Research and analyze topics effectively',
 backstory='Expert researcher with years of experience',
 11m=11m,
 verbose=True
task = agent.execute("Research the impact of AI on healthcare")
```

#### **Crew Concepts**

```
from crewai import Agent, Crew, Task
from langchain community.llms import Ollama
researcher = Agent(
 role='Researcher',
 goal='Research topics thoroughly',
 backstory='Expert researcher',
 11m=01lama(model="gemma:2b")
writer = Agent(
 role='Writer',
 goal='Create engaging content',
 backstory='Experienced content writer',
 11m=Ollama(model="gemma:2b")
```

#### **Crew Concepts**

```
research task = Task(
 description="Research AI in healthcare",
 agent=researcher
writing task = Task(
 description="Write a blog post about AI in healthcare"
 agent=writer
crew = Crew(
 agents=[researcher, writer],
 tasks=[research task, writing task]
result = crew.kickoff()
```

# Ollama Deep Dive

#### **Available Models**

- Gemma (2B, 7B)
- Llama2 (7B, 13B, 70B)
- Mistral
- Qwen
- and more...

#### Model Selection Criteria

- Task requirements
- Hardware constraints
- Performance needs
- Cost considerations

#### Performance Considerations

- Memory usage
- Inference speed
- Quality of outputs
- Resource utilization

### Cost Implications

- Hardware requirements
- Electricity costs
- Maintenance overhead
- Scaling considerations

# Building Your First Agent

#### Single Agent Implementation

```
from crewai import Agent, Task
from langchain community.llms import Ollama
from langchain.tools import Tool
def search web(query: str) -> str:
 return f"Search results for: {query}"
tools = [
 Tool (
 name="WebSearch",
 func=search web,
 description="Search the web for information"
```

#### Single Agent Implementation

```
agent = Agent(
 role='Research Analyst',
 goal='Analyze and research topics thoroughly;'
 backstory='Expert analyst with strong research skills;'
 11m=Ollama(model="ollama/gemma:2b"),
 tools=tools,
 verbose=True
task = Task(
 description="Research the latest developments in quantum computing,"
 agent=agent
result = agent.execute(task)
```

# Multi-Agent Basics

#### Introduction to Crews

- Crew architecture
- Agent communication
- Task delegation
- Collaboration patterns

#### Building a Simple Crew

```
from crewai import Agent, Crew, Task
from langchain community.llms import Ollama
researcher = Agent (
 role='Researcher',
 goal='Research topics thoroughly',
 backstory='Expert researcher',
 11m=Ollama(model="ollama/gemma:2b")
analyst = Agent(
 role='Analyst',
 goal='Analyze research findings',
 backstory='Data analyst with strong analytical skills',
 11m=Ollama(model="ollama/gemma:2b")
writer = Agent(
 role='Writer',
 backstory='Experienced content writer',
 11m=Ollama (model="ollama/gemma:2b")
```

#### Building a Simple Crew

```
research task = Task(
 description="Research AI in healthcare",
 agent=researcher
analysis task = Task(
 description="Analyze the research findings",
 agent=analyst
writing task = Task(
 description="Write a comprehensive report",
 agent=writer
crew = Crew(
 agents=[researcher, analyst, writer],
 tasks=[research task, analysis task, writing task],
 verbose=True
result = crew.kickoff()
```

Part 2: Advanced Implementation &

Real-World Applications

# Part 2: Advanced Implementation & Real-World Applications

- Advanced Agent Development
- Building Complex Crews
- Real-World Application Development
- Production & Beyond

#### Part 1: Custom Tools Development

```
from typing import List, Dict, Any
from langchain.tools import BaseTool
from pydantic import BaseModel, Field
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
class WebScraperTool(BaseTool):
 name = "web scraper"
 description = "Scrape content from a website"
 url: str = Field(..., description="URL to scrape")
 selector: str = Field(..., description="CSS selector for content")
 soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, 'html.parser')
 content = soup.select(selector)
 return "\n".join([elem.text for elem in content])
 except Exception as e:
 return f"Error scraping website: {str(e)}"
```

#### Part 1: Custom Tools Development

```
class DataAnalysisTool(BaseTool):
 name = "data analyzer"
 description = "Analyze data and generate insights"
 class InputSchema(BaseModel):
 data: List[Dict[str, Any]] = Field(..., description="Data to analyze")
 metrics: List[str] = Field(..., description="Metrics to calculate")
 def run(self, data: List[Dict[str, Any]], metrics: List[str]) -> str:
from crewai import Agent
from langchain community.llms import Ollama
advanced agent = Agent(
 role='Data Analyst',
 goal='Analyze data and generate insights',
 backstory='Expert data analyst with strong analytical skills',
 11m=Ollama(model="mistral"),
 tools=[WebScraperTool(), DataAnalysisTool()],
 verbose=True
```

#### Part 2: Advanced Agent Patterns

```
from crewai import Agent, Task, Crew
from typing import List, Dict
import asyncio
class HierarchicalAgent(Agent):
 def init (self, sub agents: List[Agent], **kwargs):
 super(). init (**kwargs)
 self.sub agents = sub agents
 results = []
 for agent in self.sub agents:
 result = await agent.execute(task)
 def aggregate results(self, results: List[str]) -> str:
 return "\n".join(results)
```

### Part 2: Advanced Agent Patterns

```
role='Researcher',
 11m=Ollama(model="mistral")
 role='Analyst',
 11m=01lama(model="mistral")
 role='Writer',
 goal='Create engaging content;
 11m=Ollama(model="mistral")
team lead = HierarchicalAgent(
 role='Team Lead',
 goal='Coordinate team efforts;
 backstory='Experienced team leader;
 11m=Ollama(model="mistral"),
 sub agents=[researcher, analyst, writer]
```

## Part 3: Building Complex Crews

complex\_crew.py

### Challenge: Build our own Al Agent with this model!

We will use <u>codeshare.io</u> to share

#### Next time...

- Production environment!
- More use cases
- More models
- Fun!