BUILDING AND DEPLOYING AI AGENTS

Class 5 - Al Agents in Production

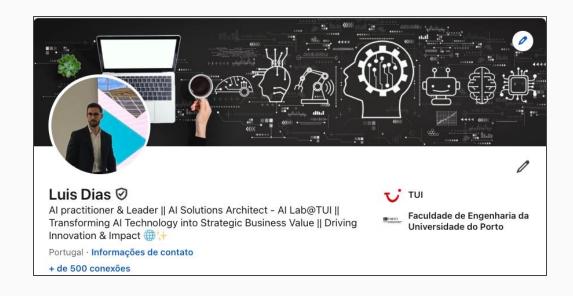


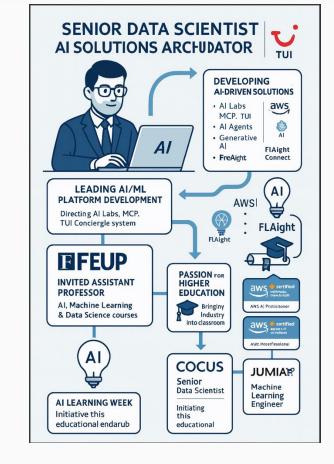


Who the heck is Luis Dias?











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We will focus on popular technologies to make it happen

- 1. Agents in Production Understanding the moving components.
- 2. Streamlit Will be used to build the user interface (UI).
- 3. Streamlit cloud deployment Remote deployment environments for our Streamlit UI.
- 4. FastAPI Python framework that abstracts the complexity of developing an API.
- 5. Render Remote deployment environments for our API.
- 6. Langfuse To set some standard monitoring from the beginning.
- 7. Reflection Connecting the dots of what we learned today.
- 8. Assignment Hands-on exercise to consolidate today's learnings.
- 9. Wrap up Next steps

Al Agents in production





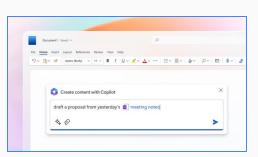
Agents in Production



Since the rise of ChatGPT in 2022 we have seen many new Al Applications using Al Agents

Google flight deals





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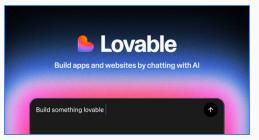
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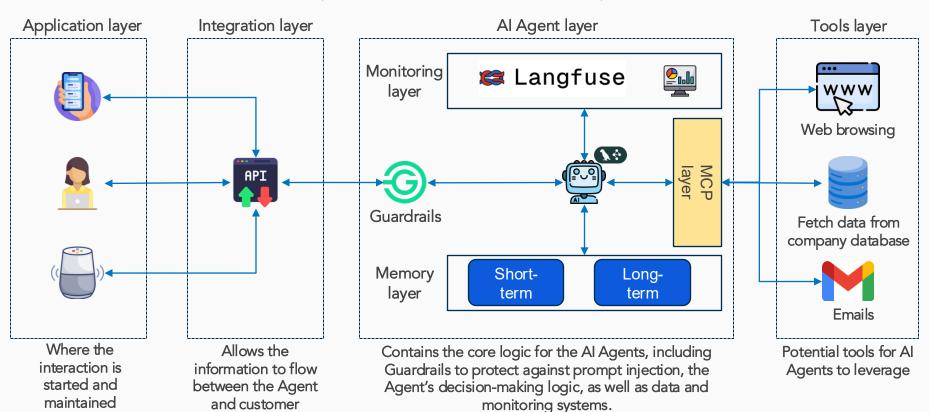




What Does an Agent in Operations Look Like?



High-level overview of the main components of an AI Agent ready for production



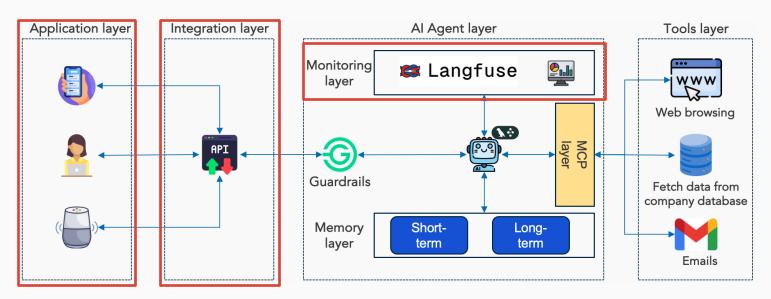


Agents are not useful if they stay in a notebook.

Deployment = making agents usable by people and systems. This means:

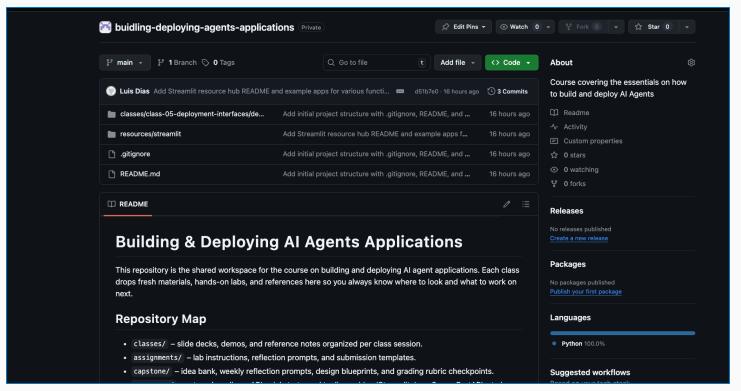
- **UI-first**: easy access for end users
- API-first: scalable, reusable, workflow integration
- o **Monitoring**: track performance and health

Today we will tackle three layers of an AI Agent in Production





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Streamlit 1

The king of UI in Python for non frontend developers



Streamlit

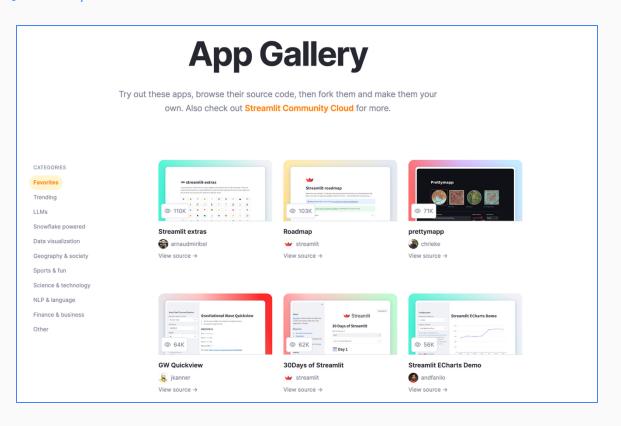


Why use streamlit?

- Ideal for supporting Data Science, Machine Learning and Al projects
- Enables creation of interactive interfaces
- Designed for beginners no front-end skills required
- With available widgets and elements, web pages can be built with just a few lines of code
- Compatible with most Python libraries



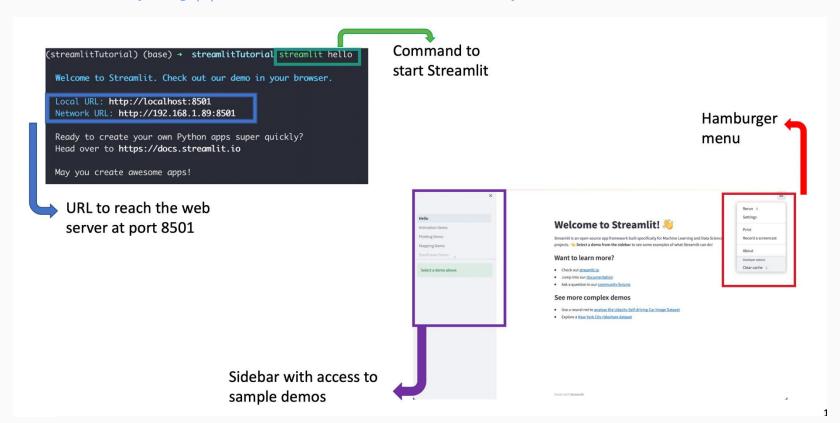
You can find many examples here: https://streamlit.io/gallery



How to start?



Install the Streamlit library using 'pip install streamlit'. To test the installation, you can run the command 'streamlit hello'



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Class 5 streamlit-chat-ui demo





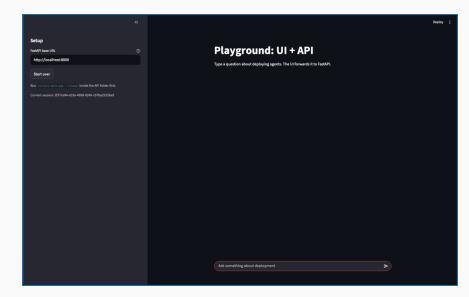
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streamlit run app.py

You can now view your Streamlit app in your browser.

Local URL: http://localhost:8501
Network URL: http://l92.168.1.25:8501

For better performance, install the Watchdog module:
\$ xcode-select --install
\$ pip install watchdog

To run a Streamlit application, use the command 'streamlit run app.py' in your terminal, where app.py (example) is the Python script containing the Streamlit code.



During development

- Whenever the Python script is saved, the application can be refreshed by clicking 'Rerun', without needing to restart the server.
- By choosing 'Always rerun', the app updates automatically with each save, allowing you to see changes immediately.
- Whenever something needs to be updated on the screen (including user interactions), Streamlit re-runs the script from top to bottom.
- You can stop Streamlit with the command 'CTRL+C'.

Text and titles

```
\bullet \bullet \bullet
import streamlit as st
st.title('My First Streamlit App')
st.header('This is a header')
st.subheader('This is a subheader')
st.text('This is regular text')
st.markdown('### This is markdown with *emphasis*')
st.write('Display data or variables:', {'data': 'values'})
```



My First Streamlit App

This is a header

This is a subheader

This is regular text

This is markdown with *emphasis*

Display data or variables:

```
"{
    "data": "values"
}
```

Work with data

```
• • •
import streamlit as st
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
df = pd.DataFrame({
    'Name': ['John', 'Mary', 'Bob', 'Jane'],
    'Age': [25, 30, 22, 28],
    'City': ['New York', 'Boston', 'Chicago', 'Seattle']
})
st.write('### Sample Data:')
st.dataframe(df)
st.table(df)
st.write('### Data Statistics:')
st.write(df.describe())
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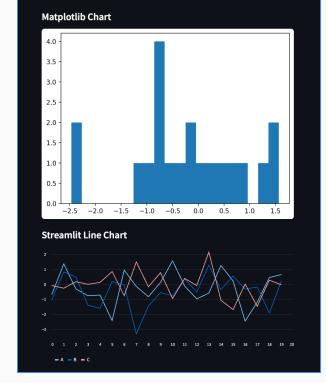
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Build plots

```
. .
import streamlit as st
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import plotly.express as px
chart_data = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(20, 3), columns=['A', 'B', 'C'])
st.write('### Matplotlib Chart')
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.hist(chart_data['A'], bins=20)
st.write('### Streamlit Line Chart')
st.line_chart(chart_data)
st.write('### Streamlit Area Chart')
st.area_chart(chart_data)
st.write('### Streamlit Bar Chart')
st.bar_chart(chart_data)
st.write('### Plotly Chart')
fig = px.scatter(chart_data, x='A', y='B', color='C', size='C')
```





Widgets

```
import streamlit as st
user input = st.text_input("Enter some text")
st.write('You entered:', user_input)
number = st.number_input("Enter a number", min_value=0, max_value=100, value=50)
slider_value = st.slider("Select a range", 0, 100, 25)
st.write('Slider value:', slider_value)
if st.checkbox("Show additional options"):
    st.write("You selected to show additional options!")
option = st.selectbox("Choose an option", ["Option 1", "Option 2", "Option 3"])
radio_option = st.radio("Select one", ["Choice A", "Choice B", "Choice C"])
st.write('You selected:', radio_option)
multi_options = st.multiselect("Select multiple", ["Item 1", "Item 2", "Item 3", "Item 4"])
st.write('You selected:', multi_options)
if st.button("Click me"):
    st.write("Button clicked!")
```



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Caching to improve the app response time

```
• • •
import streamlit as st
import pandas as pd
import time
# Caching data loading
@st.cache_data
def load_large_dataset():
    time.sleep(2) # Simulate long loading time
    return pd.DataFrame({
        'A': range(1000),
        'B': range(1000, 2000)
    })
data = load_large_dataset()
st.write('Loaded data:', data.head())
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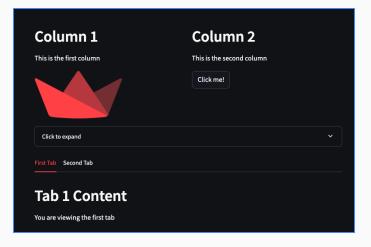


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Layout options

```
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col1, col2 = st.columns(2)
   st.header("Column 1")
    st.write("This is the first column")
   st.image("https://streamlit.io/images/brand/streamlit-mark-color.png", width=200)
with col2:
    st.header("Column 2")
   st.write("This is the second column")
    if st.button("Click me!"):
with st.expander("Click to expand"):
   st.write("This content is hidden until expanded")
   st.bar_chart({"data": [1, 5, 2, 6, 2, 1]})
tab1, tab2 = st.tabs(["First Tab", "Second Tab"])
with tab1:
    st.header("Tab 1 Content")
    st.write("You are viewing the first tab")
with tab2:
    st.header("Tab 2 Content")
   st.write("You are viewing the second tab")
```

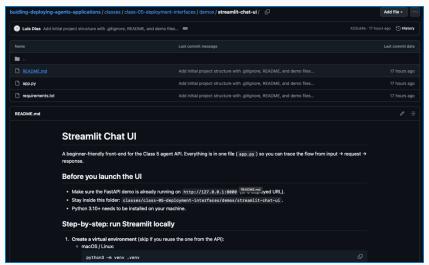


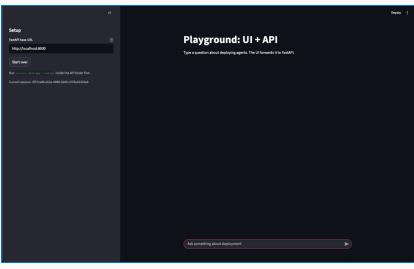


Class Streamlit demo



Today we will deploy a Chat UI in the Streamlit Community cloud







Link to demo: https://github.com/tutai-diaz/buidling-deploying-agents-applications/tree/main/classes/class-05-deployment-interfaces/demos/streamlit-chat-ui

Streamlit demo

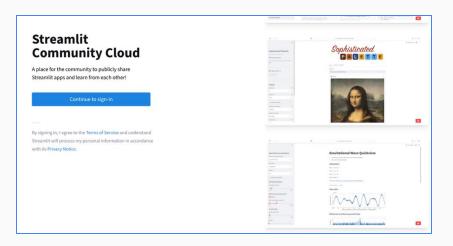


Make the UI available to everyone

- To share your application with others, Streamlit Community Cloud offers free hosting:
- Push your code to a GitHub repository
- Visit https://share.streamlit.io/
- Connect your GitHub account
- Select your repository and main Python file
- Deploy your application







Want to learn more about streamlit?



The Streamlit demo was just a quick intro. I advise to go through a dedicated tutorial of Streamlit!

Official documentation:

- Streamlit Documentation Full usage details
- Streamlit GitHub Repository Streamlit source code

Tutoriais:

- Streamlit Community Forum Official Streamlit forum
- 30 Days of Streamlit 30-day course with challenges
- Streamlit YouTube Channel Tutorials and video demos

Streamlit App examples:

- <u>Streamlit Gallery</u> encompasses community built app
- GitHub Example Repositories open-source examples

FastAPI F

Modern, fast (high-performance), web framework for building APIs with Python





What is an API?

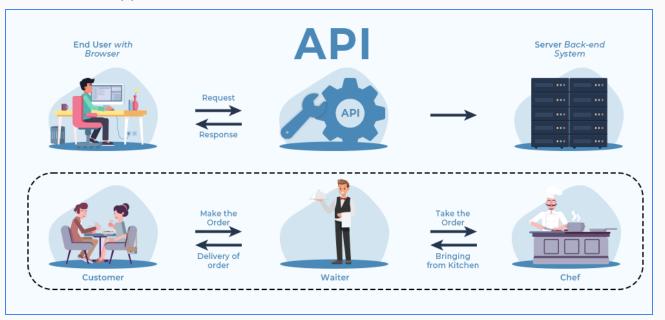
Like APIs themselves, API calls vary according to the specifications outlined in the API documentation. However, an API call follows three basic steps:

- 1. The API client initiates the API call, or request for information. The API client must format the request according to the protocol and schema provided by the API endpoint.
- 2. The API endpoint receives the request. The API endpoint then authenticates the API client and validates the API schema. This helps ensure that a) the call is coming from a verified source, and b) the conditions of the request have been met.
- 3. The API endpoint returns the requested information to the API client. The API schema determines the type of responses that may be returned to the client.

For a more in-depth explanation of API calls, read What is an API call?

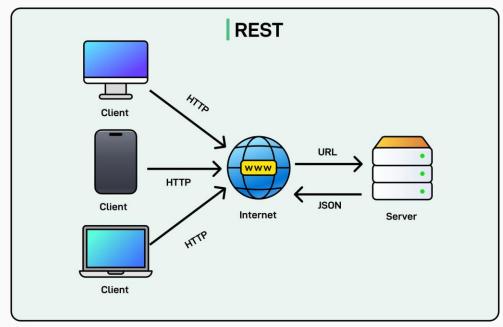
What Is an API (High-Level)?

- API = Application Programming Interface.
- Like a "contract" → defines how systems talk to each other.
- Used to integrate agents into apps, websites, workflows.



What Is an API Client?

- An API defines rules about how two programs talk to each other.
- An API client is the program that follows those rules to send requests (like "give me user data") and process responses (like "here's the user data in JSON").

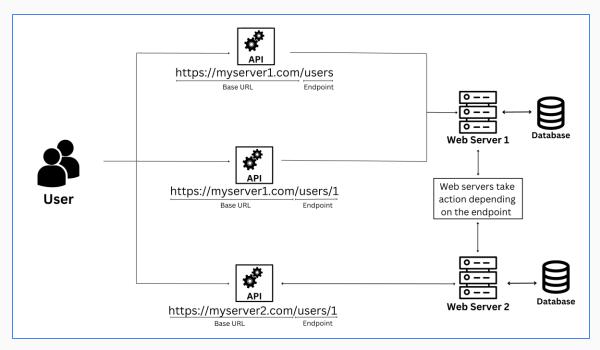


Example: when you open a weather app, the app is the client, it calls a weather API to fetch today's forecast.



What is an API endpoint?

- An API endpoint is a specific URL (address) inside the API where you can access or send data.
- It usually corresponds to a resource (like /users, /orders, /products).
- Each endpoint can support different **methods**:
 - GET: fetch data
 - POST: create new data
 - PUT/PATCH: update data
 - DELETE: remove data



Example: /chat endpoint = system sends text \rightarrow agent replies.

Calling API endpoints in Python



Example

In Python, we often use libraries like requests or httpx to act as an API client:

- The Python script = API client.
- The weather API = the server.
- The JSON result = the server's response.

```
example.py
import requests
response = requests.get(
"https://api.open-meteo.com/v1/forecast
?latitude=40.4&longitude=-3.7&
current weather=true"
                                 JSON
print(response.json())
```

FastAPI Basics



Overview

- Lightweight framework for building APIs.
- Define endpoints (/, /chat).
- Comes with automatic docs (/docs).
- Follow FASTAPI example: https://fastapi.tiangolo.com/pt/tutorial/
- We will focus only on:
 - 1. First steps
 - 2. Path parameters
 - 3. Query parameters
 - 4. Request body



Class 5 fastapi-agent-service demo

Make sure you create a <u>virtual environment</u>, activate it, and then **install FastAPI**:

```
$ pip install "fastapi[standard]"

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```



The simplest FastAPI file could look like this:

Copy the example to file named 'main.py' and run the server with "fastapi dev main.py". Use the provided API Server URL to GET the "Hello World" message.

```
example.py
from fastapi import FastAPI
app = FastAPI()
@app.get("/")
async def root():
 return {"message": "Hello World"}
```

```
§ fastapi dev main.py
     FastAPI Starting development server 🔏
                Searching for package file structure from directories
                with __init__.pv files
                Importing from /home/user/code/awesomeapp
       module 🕹 main.py
                Importing the FastAPI app object from the module with
                the following code:
                from main import app
               Using import string: main:app
               Server started at http://127.0.0.1:8000
                Documentation at http://127.0.0.1:8000/docs
         tip Running in development mode, for production use:
                fastapi run
        INFO Will watch for changes in these directories:
                ['/home/user/code/awesomeapp']
        INFO Uvicorn running on <a href="http://127.0.0.1:8000">http://127.0.0.1:8000</a> (Press CTRL+C
                Started reloader process [383138] using WatchFiles
                Started server process [383153]
               Waiting for application startup.
               Application startup complete.
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Connecting to the right endpoint

You can declare path "parameters" or "variables" with the same syntax used by Python format strings:

```
example.py
from fastapi import FastAPI
app = FastAPI()
@app.get("/items/{item id}")
async def read item(item id):
return {"item id": item id}
```

The value of the path parameter item_id will be passed to your function as the argument item_id.



Sending data in the path without being on the parameters

When you declare other function parameters that are not part of the path parameters, they are automatically interpreted as "query" parameters.

```
example.py
from fastapi import FastAPI
app = FastAPI()
fake items db = [{"item name": "Foo"}, {"item name": "Bar"}, {"item name":
"Baz"}]
@app.get("/items/")
async def read_item(skip: int = 0, limit: int = 10):
 return fake items db[skip:skip+limit]
```

The query is the set of key-value pairs that go after the ? in a URL, separated by & characters.



Sending data in the path without being on the parameters

- When you need to send data from a client (let's say, a browser) to your API, you send it as a **request body**.
- A **request** body is data sent by the client to your API. A **response** body is the data your API sends to the client.
- Your API almost always has to send a **response** body. But clients don't necessarily need to send **request bodies** all the time, sometimes they only request a path, maybe with some query parameters, but don't send a body.

Request Body



For Body requests we need to use Pydantic's BaseModel

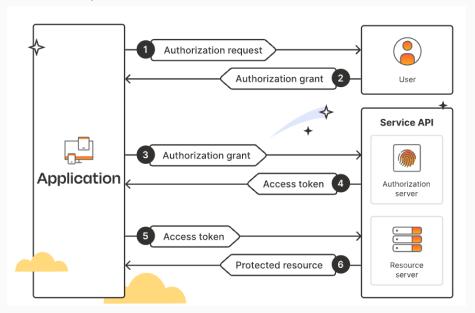
First, you need to import BaseModel from <u>Pydantic</u> and then you declare your data model as a class that inherits from BaseModel.

```
example.py
from fastapi import FastAPI
from pydantic import BaseModel
class Item(BaseModel):
 name: str
 description: str | None = None
 price: float
 tax: float | None = None
app = FastAPI()
@app.post("/items/")
async def create_item(item: Item):
 return item
```



It is important that we add security to our applications

<u>OAuth</u> is a token-based authentication mechanism that enables a user to grant third-party access to their account without having to share their login credentials. OAuth 2.0, which provides greater flexibility and scalability than OAuth 1.0, has become the gold standard for API authentication, and it supports extensive <u>API integration</u> without putting user data at risk.



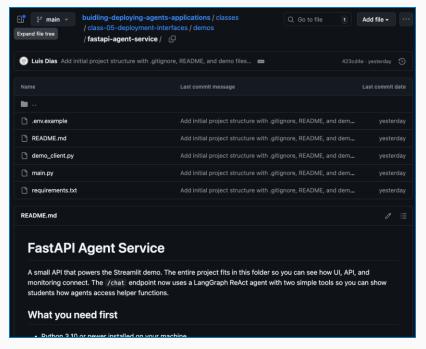
FastAPI & Render demo

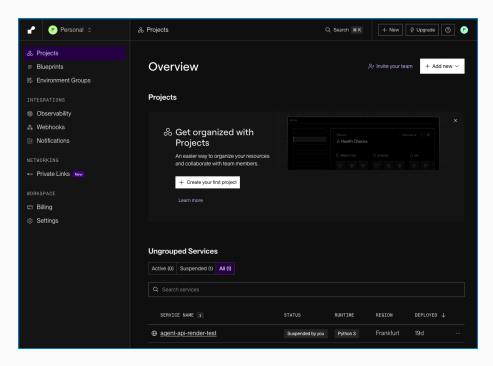


Render demo



Today we will deploy an API on Render







https://github.com/tutai-diaz/buidling-deploying-agents-applications/tree/main/classes/class-05-deployment-interfaces/demos/fastapi-agent-service

Render expected outcome



Class 5 fastapi-agent-service demo

- 1. Use the provided OpenAI API Key so you can use GPT models.
- 2. Create a new Github repo and follow the step-by-step instructions defined on the README.md
- 3. Create a new Web Service on Render and give Render permission to access your new repo.
- 4. Provide the following values during service creation:

SETTING	VALUE
Language	Python 3
Build Command	pip install -r requirements.txt
Start Command	uvicorn main:apphost 0.0.0.0port \$PORT

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Tutoriais:

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- <u>User Guide</u> FastAPI step by step tutorial covering all features

FastAPI examples:

• <u>GitHub Example Repositories</u> - open-source examples

Langfuse 😂

Adding observability to our Al Agents



Monitoring our Al Agents



Let's use Langfuse to monitor our Al Agents applications

Monitoring an AI Agent is key to understand it's usage, debugging and improve the developed agent overtime.





Let's use the Langfuse CallbackHandler() to monitor the LLM calls

We will focus mainly on tracing all calls to the Al Agent

```
def run_agent(message: str) -> Optional[str]:
   """Ask the LangGraph agent for a reply; return None if unavailable."""
   # Initialize Langfuse CallbackHandler for Langchain (tracing)
   langfuse_handler = CallbackHandler()
   if agent_runner is None:
        return None
    try:
        result = agent_runner.invoke({"messages": [("user", message)]}, config={"callbacks": [langfuse_handler]})
   except Exception as exc: # fall back to rule-based helper on errors
       print(f"[LangGraph] agent invocation failed: {exc}")
       return None
   messages = result.get("messages") if isinstance(result, dict) else None
   if not messages:
        return None
   last_message = messages[-1]
   content = getattr(last_message, "content", last_message)
   return content to text(content)
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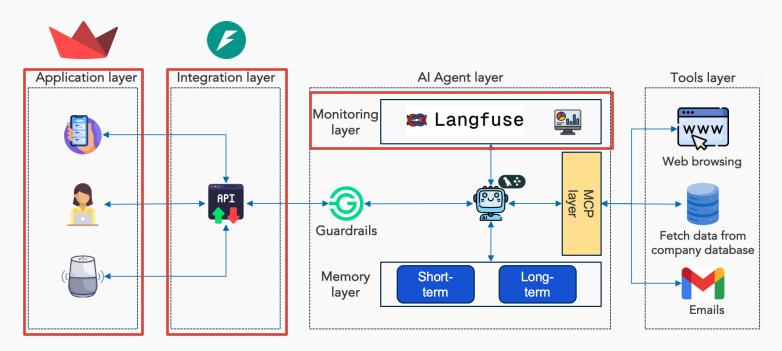
Let's piece everything





Review the final flow

• User \rightarrow Streamlit UI \rightarrow FastAPI API \rightarrow Agent \rightarrow Langfuse monitoring.





- What new challenges arise when moving an agent from a notebook or prototype into production?
- Which of these layers do you consider most critical for your capstone project, and why?
- How might your capstone project benefit from having a Streamlit UI?
- What is the role of API endpoints and schemas in ensuring reliable communication between the UI and the AI Agent?
- What technical or conceptual gaps do you still need to address before deploying your agent?

Practice Practice Practice





- 1. Clone the classes repo and use Class 5 demo as the foundation.
- 2. Set up the FastAPI service.
- 3. Add the Tavily search tool
- 4. Prime the agent for the class 5 context.
- 5. Expose locally the API with monitoring enabled.
- 6. Update the Streamlit UI.
- 7. Deploy the API + UI.
- 8. Document your work.
- 9. Submit your work by email the:
 - Source code of the assignment.
 - README.md with sample Q&A transcript(s).
 - The Streamlit UI URL.
 - Confirmation (use screenshots or a video) that Tavily, LangGraph, and Langfuse all ran during testing.

Wrap-up





You've deployed an Al agent with

- Streamlit to the cloud.
- Developed an API with FastAPI to integrate with the Streamlit UI.
- Deployed the API to render in order to make it available over the public internet.
- You integrated monitoring with Langfuse in order to assess, debug and improve the agent.

Next: build a simple API and UI to start interacting with the AI Agent your are developing for the Medium article.



Questions?

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