

What is Agentic AI?

Introduction

Before diving into Agentic AI, it's crucial to understand the **evolution of AI through its core stages**. These levels help us see how AI is transforming from basic systems to autonomous agents capable of innovation and organization-level decision-making.

1. Levels of Artificial Intelligence

1.1 ANI – Artificial Narrow Intelligence

- **Definition:** AI systems that are trained to perform a single or narrow task.
- **Examples:**
 - Google Maps
 - Facial recognition
 - Email spam filters

1.2 AGI – Artificial General Intelligence

- **Definition:** AGI refers to an AI system that can perform any cognitive task a human can do, with reasoning, learning, and self-adaptation.
- **Goal:** Create AI that can generalize knowledge across domains.
- **Status:** Still in research; we haven't achieved full AGI yet.

The 5 Levels of AGI (*Modern Functional Framework*)

Level	Description
1. Chatbots	Basic agents that interact using scripted or generative language. They follow instructions, but lack reasoning or memory. Example: ChatGPT, Alexa.
2. Reasoners	Agents that can reason over given data, follow logic, and solve problems. They can plan, break down tasks, and provide explanations. Example: LangChain Reasoning Agents.
3. Agents	Autonomous systems that can set goals, take actions, use tools, and reflect. They operate in environments with minimal human intervention. Example: AutoGPT, BabyAGI.
4. Innovators	Creative systems that can invent new ideas, strategies, or designs. They go beyond predefined knowledge to innovate. Example: Early forms of generative design and AI researchers.
5. Organizations	Multiple AI agents collaborating like a company. These systems can manage teams, make executive decisions, and function like structured AI ecosystems. Example: AI collectives like CrewAI or AI management layers in future startups.

✓ 1.3 Generative AI

- **Definition:** AI that creates content such as text, images, videos, or code.
- **Examples:** ChatGPT, DALL·E, Midjourney, Sora
- **Applications:** Content creation, design, education, storytelling

✓ 1.4 Chatbots

- **Definition:** AI-powered conversational tools designed for task automation or information delivery.
- **Types:**
 - Rule-based: Predefined responses
 - AI-based: Understand context and user intent
- **Examples:** Intercom bots, WhatsApp chatbots, Siri

✓ 1.5 LLM – Large Language Models

- **Definition:** Foundation models trained on vast text datasets to understand and generate language.
- **Purpose:** Power chatbots, assistants, tools like GPT-4, Claude, Gemini
- **Functions:**
 - Text generation
 - Question answering
 - Coding help
 - Translation

2. What is Agentic AI?

Definition:

Agentic AI refers to **autonomous systems** that don't just respond to a single prompt but can **set goals, plan tasks, act across multiple steps, use tools, and improve themselves over time.**

They function like intelligent assistants that operate independently to achieve complex outcomes.

Key Features of Agentic AI:

1. **Autonomy** – Works without constant human prompting
2. **Planning** – Breaks down goals into sub-tasks
3. **Tool Usage** – Uses APIs, search, plug-ins to execute
4. **Memory** – Remembers context and learns from past actions
5. **Reflection** – Self-evaluates and adjusts its own process
6. **Collaboration** – Can work with other agents or systems

Popular Agentic AI Frameworks:

- **AutoGPT** – Multi-step goal-based autonomous agent
- **BabyAGI** – Lightweight framework for task execution
- **LangGraph** – Flow-based AI agent framework
- **CrewAI** – Multi-agent collaboration system
- **OpenAI Assistants API** – Customizable tool-using agents

LLM vs Agentic AI: Comparison Table

Feature	LLM (e.g., ChatGPT)	Agentic AI (e.g., AutoGPT, LangGraph)
Prompt-based	Yes	No – works on long-term goals
Autonomy	No	Yes
Memory	Session-based	Persistent memory
Tool Usage	Manual	Autonomous and strategic
Task Execution	Single response	Multi-step planning and acting
Self-improvement	Limited	Yes (via feedback loops)

Real-Life Use Cases of Agentic AI

1. **Personal AI Assistants**
2. **Business Process Automation**
3. **Code Refactoring Tools**
4. **Market Research Bots**
5. **Research Agents**
6. **AI Co-founders for Startups**

Future of Agentic AI

- AI will manage projects, teams, and even businesses
- Collaboration between humans and AI agents
- Increased need for ethical control and oversight
- Rise of AI-driven organizations (Level 5 AGI)

Conclusion

From **Chatbots to Agentic AI**, we are witnessing a major shift in how AI interacts with the world. As we climb the AGI levels—from **simple conversations to autonomous innovation and AI organizations**—Agentic AI stands as the **bridge between today's AI and the superintelligent systems of the future**.

Understanding Agentic AI now is your entry point to being part of that future.

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