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AI Tech Accelerator Community

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Building Agents with Code for Production

3 March 2025

Agenda

	Conference Center 1	Conference Center 2 (next door)
10:00 – 12:00	**Building Agents with Code for Production** Florian Follonier, Sr. Partner Solution Architect for Data & AI	**Coworking Space**
12:00 – 13:30	**Lunch Break**	
13:00 – 17:00	**Hands-on Lab: Building Agents with code for Production** Supported by Florian Follonier, Juan Manuel Servera Bondroit & Martin Abrle	

Reminder: rules of the game

REGISTER AT LEAST 3 BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE NEXT APPOINTMENT

(THURSDAY BEFORE THE EVENT)

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT – LET US KNOW

PLEASE ALWAYS USE SWISS-SU@MICROSOFT.COM TO CONTACT US

IF SOMETHING DOESN'T WORK, DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT OR COULD BE BETTER – TELL US

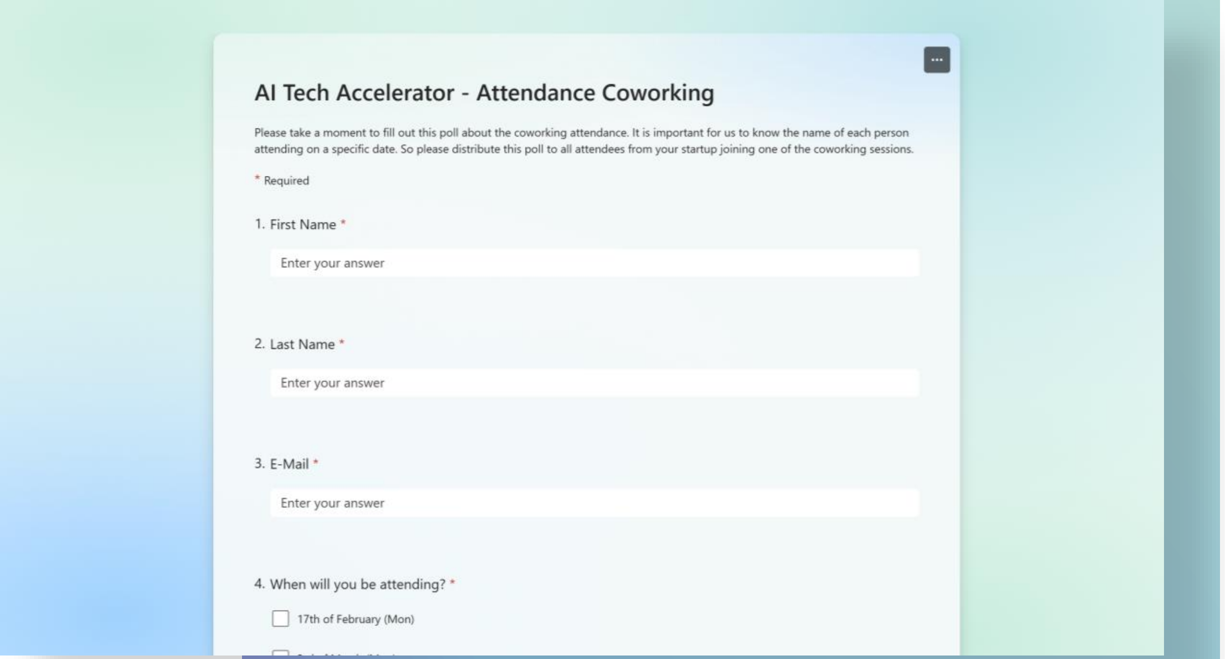
MUTUAL RESPECT

BE CURIOUS

Register for Coworking

- Make sure to always register – at least 3 business days in advance: [AI Tech Accelerator Attendance]

- A maximum of 2 people per startup / company are allowed per day



AI Tech Accelerator - Attendance Coworking

Please take a moment to fill out this poll about the coworking attendance. It is important for us to know the name of each person attending on a specific date. So please distribute this poll to all attendees from your startup joining one of the coworking sessions.

* Required

1. First Name *

Enter your answer

2. Last Name *

Enter your answer

3. E-Mail *

Enter your answer

4. When will you be attending? *

□ 17th of February (Mon)

VOTE FOR THE NEXT 1:MANY SESSION

REQUEST 1:1 EXPERT SESSION

https://aka.ms/AIrepo

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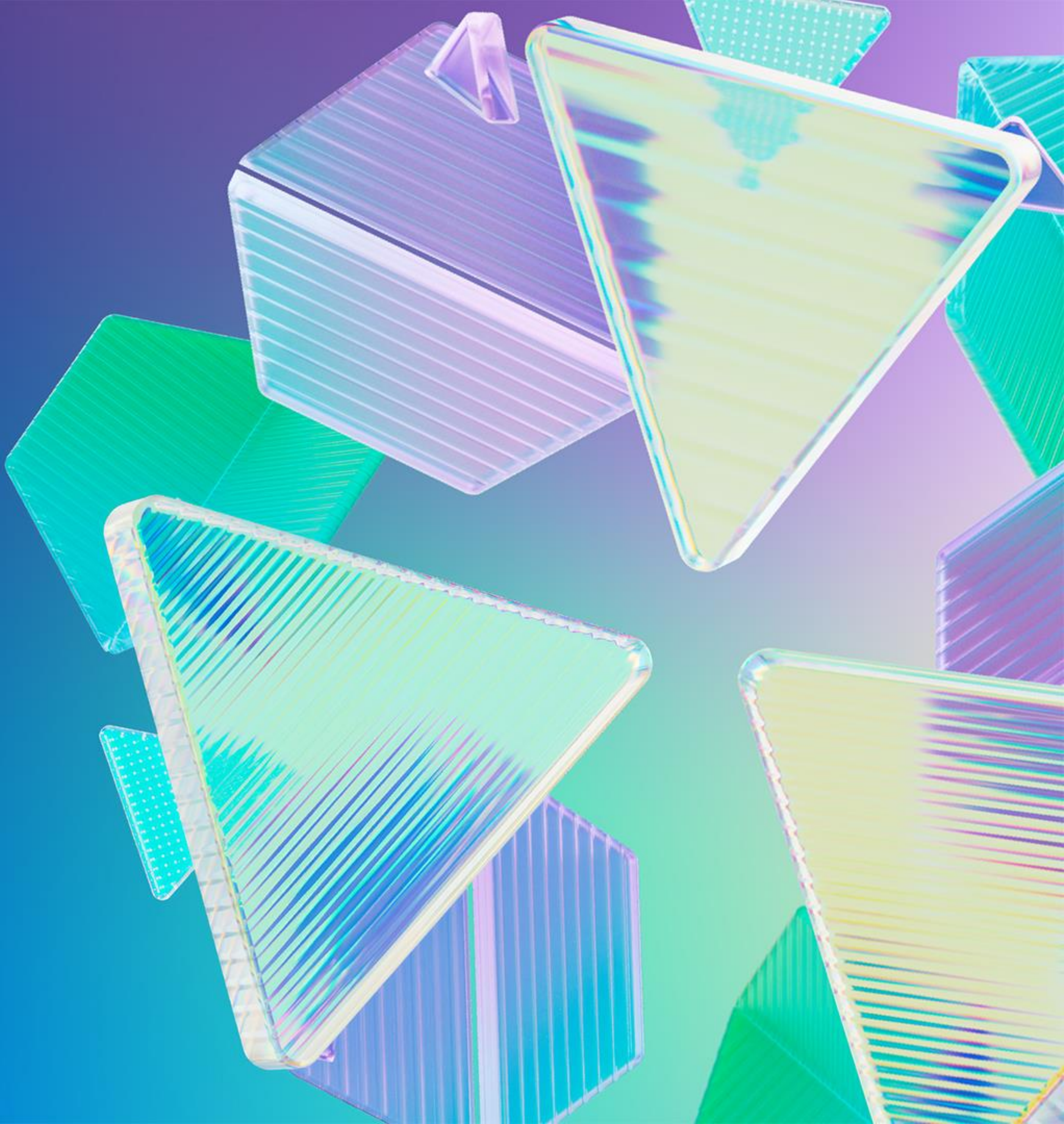
Exploring Agentic Systems with Azure AI Agent Service

Florian Follonier

Sr. Partner Solution Architect Data & AI



Agenda

- What is an Agent
- Agentic building blocks and patterns
- Single-Agent demo
- Multi-Agent patterns
- Build Your Own Agent

AI AGENTS ARE HERE

Why context-aware AI agents will give us superpowers in 2025

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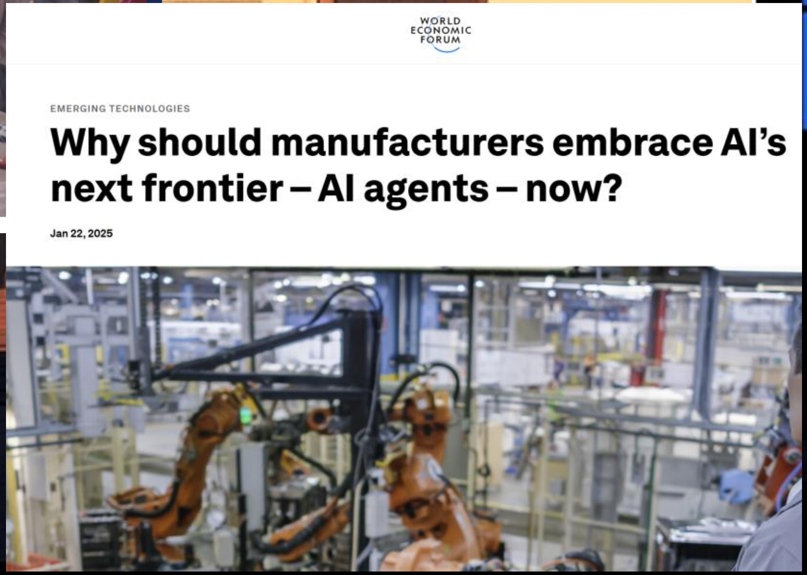
2025: YEAR OF AGENTS

What are AI Agents?

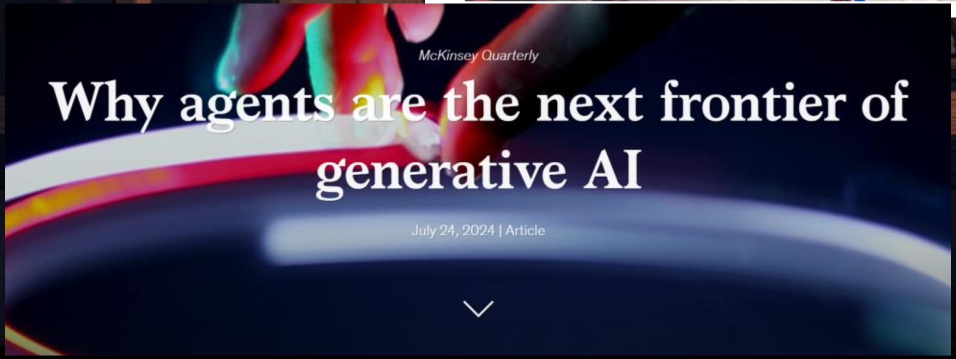


WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Why should manufacturers embrace AI's next frontier – AI agents – now?

Jan 22, 2025

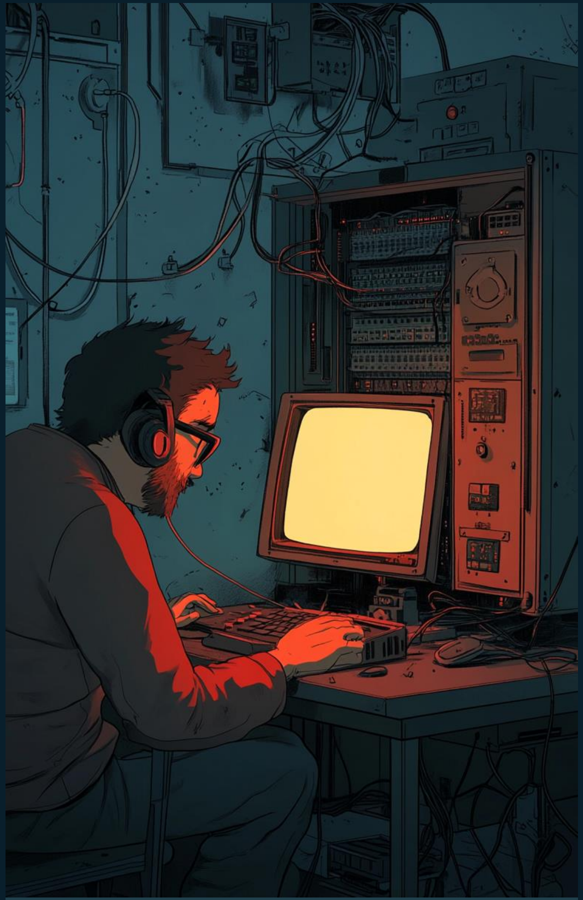


McKinsey Quarterly

Why agents are the next frontier of generative AI

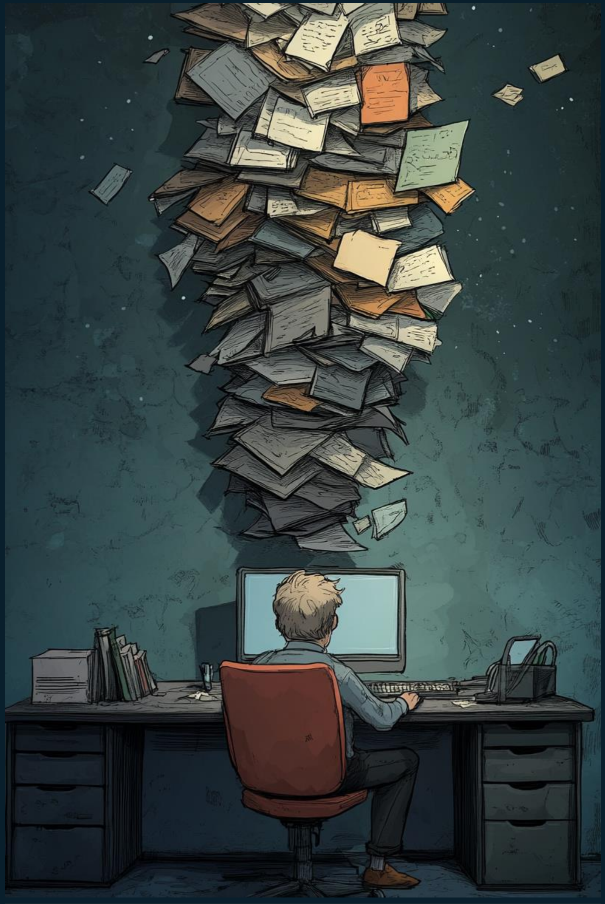
July 24, 2024 | Article

GenAI has come a long way

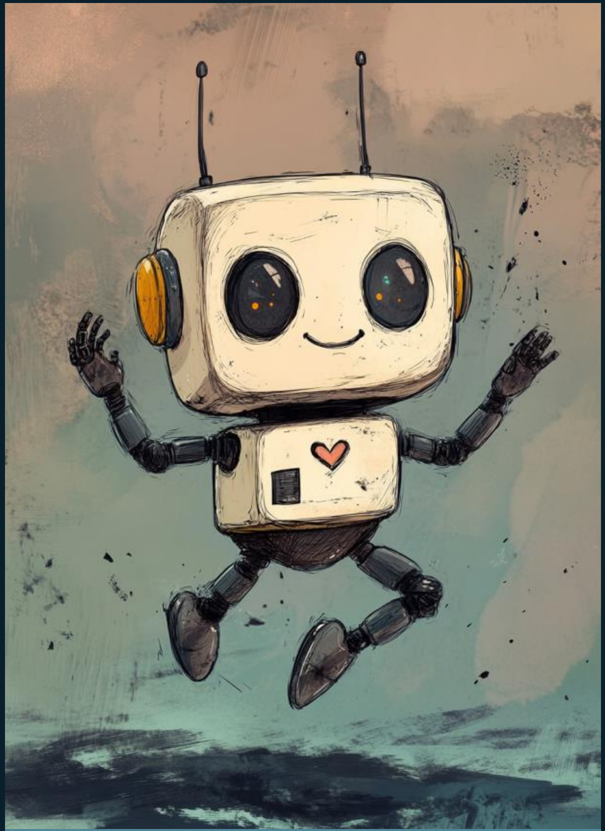


ML, Deep Learning & BERT, etc.
<2021

LLMs, ChatGPT & Dall-E3
2022



Chat with Your Data (RAG)
Early-2023



Agents

Mid-2024

First wave of generative AI Apps

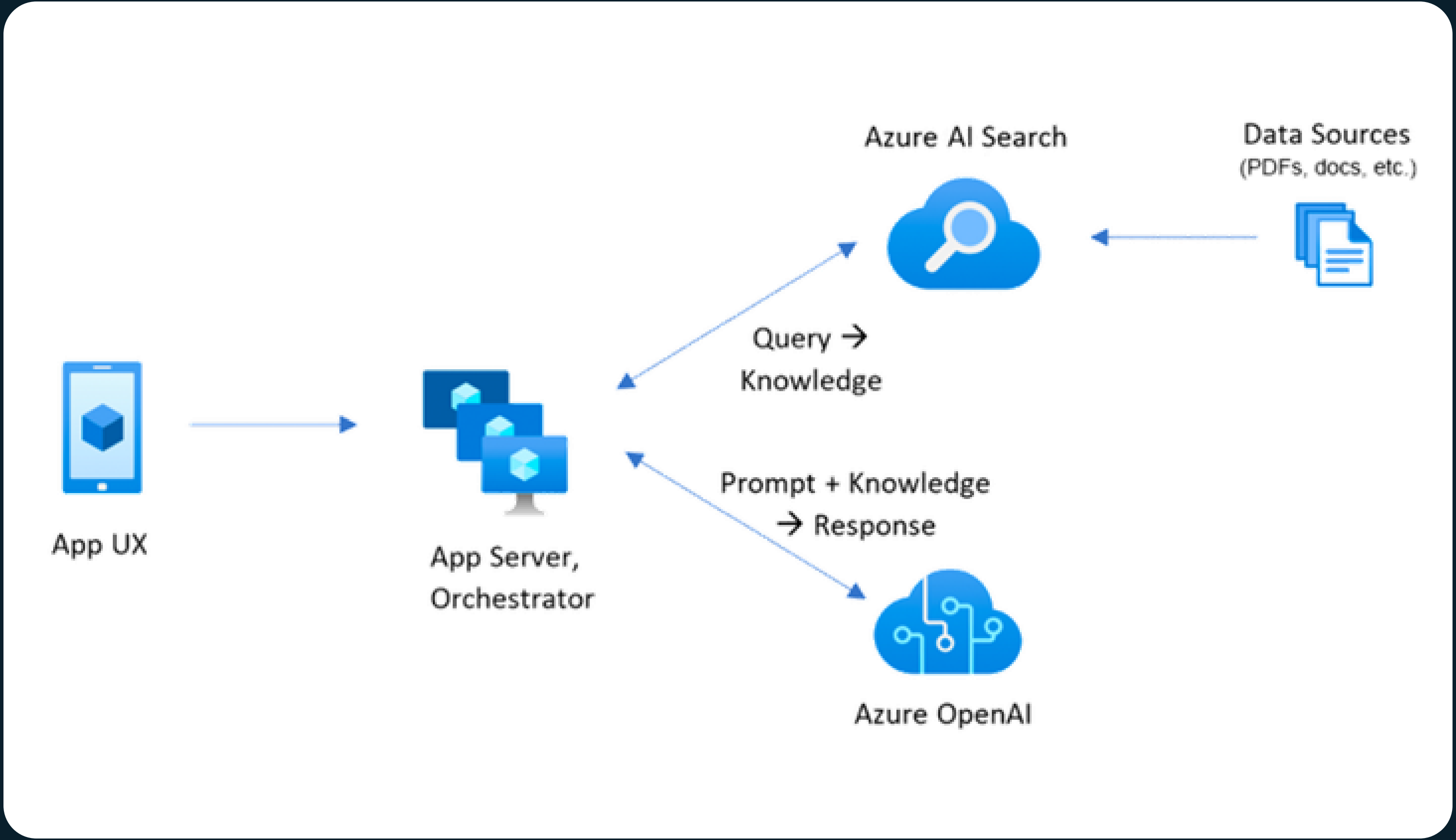
Common use cases:

- Conversational chat on private data
- Text/Document/Audio summarization and classification
- Image description and entity extractions
- Personalized content generation

Prompt engineering

RAG pattern

Application flow is hard-coded



Next wave: Agents

Complex interactions & orchestration

- Virtual assistants
- Customer support
- Intelligent code editors

Tools calling

Many LLM tasks + steps undefined sequence = agentic reasoning

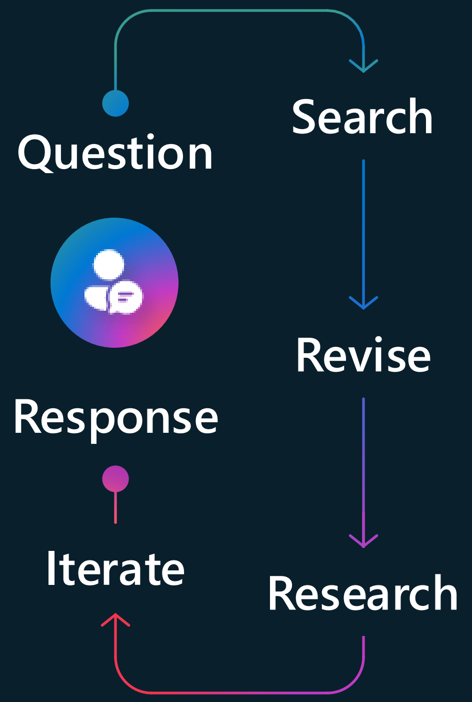
Improve efficiency and accuracy

Ask a question on a topic?

Do web search? First draft response.

Need more research?
Do revision on response.

Iterate for more details?
Revise, act and respond.



Agentic Reasoning

Agent frameworks and services

- Semantic Kernel Agent Framework
- Autogen
- Langgraph
- Azure AI Agent Service

Agents

What is an Agent?

"System that uses a LLM to decide the control flow of an application."

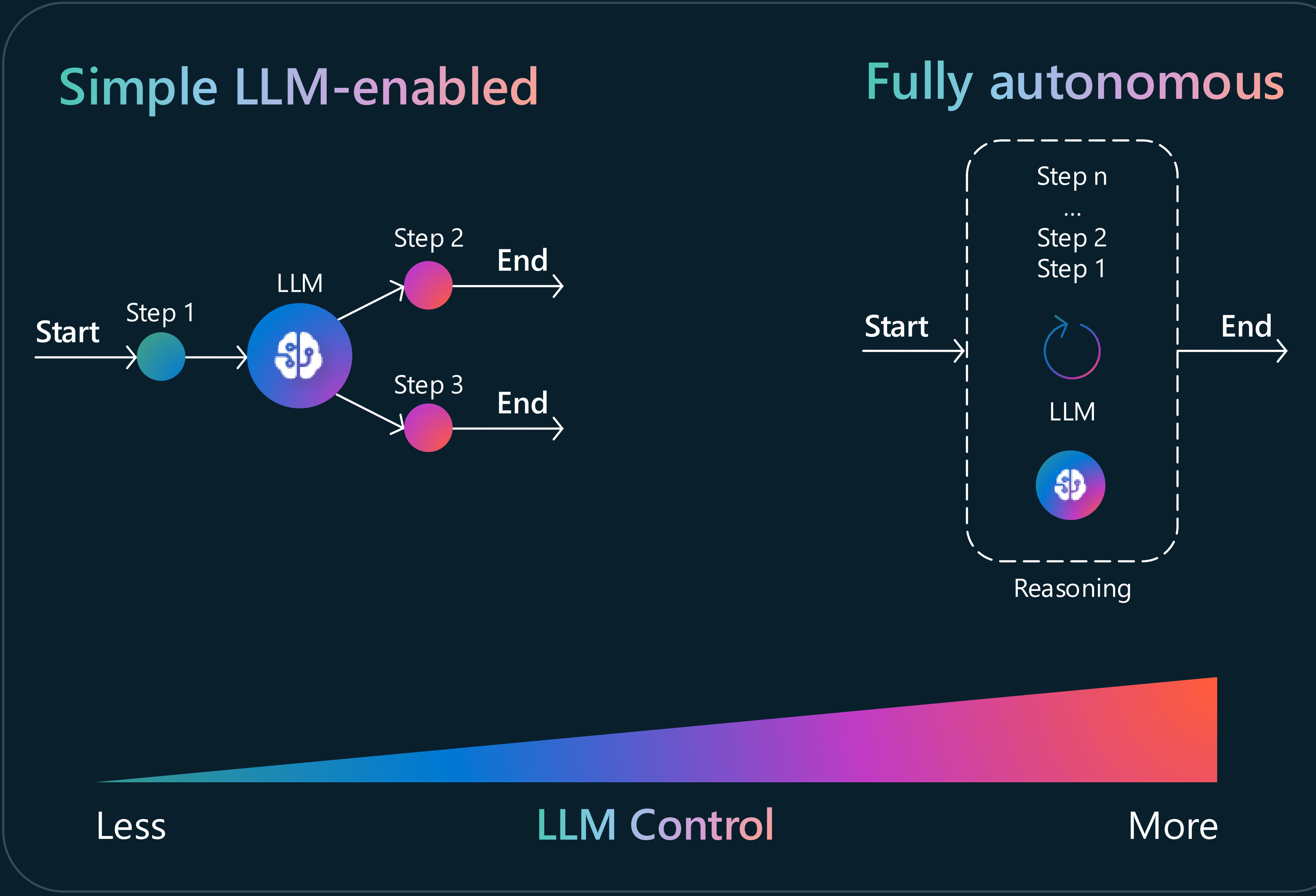
Autonomy Levels:

- **No Autonomy:** Traditional RAG
- **Simple:** Paths routing
- **Fully:** Multi-step reasoning & acting

Architectures:

- Single agent
- Multi agent

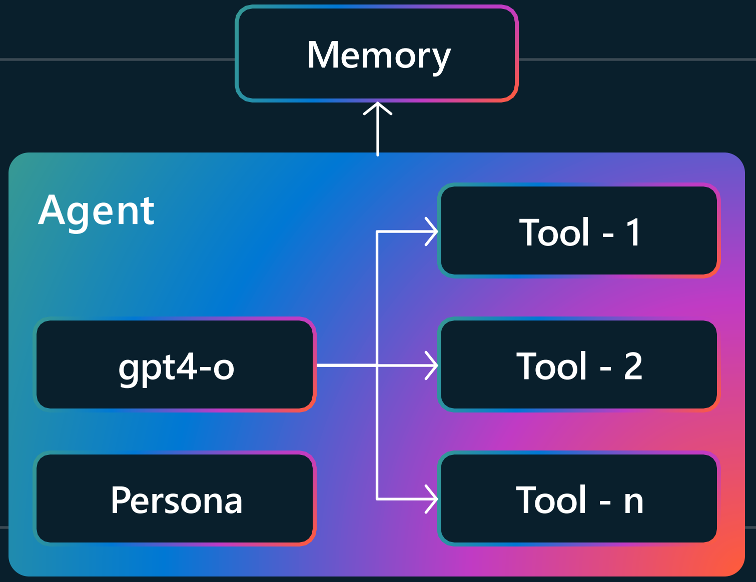
Wave 1 (2022) -> Wave 2 (2025)



Agent Abstractions - Agent First-Class Citizen

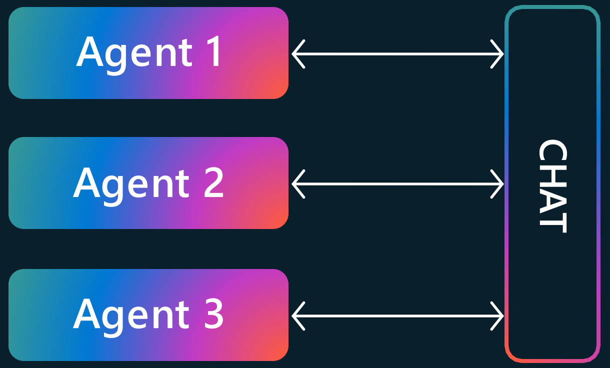
Agent as high-level abstraction

- **LLM** (gpt4-o, o1 etc.)
- **Persona** (system prompt)
- **Tools** (function code calls)

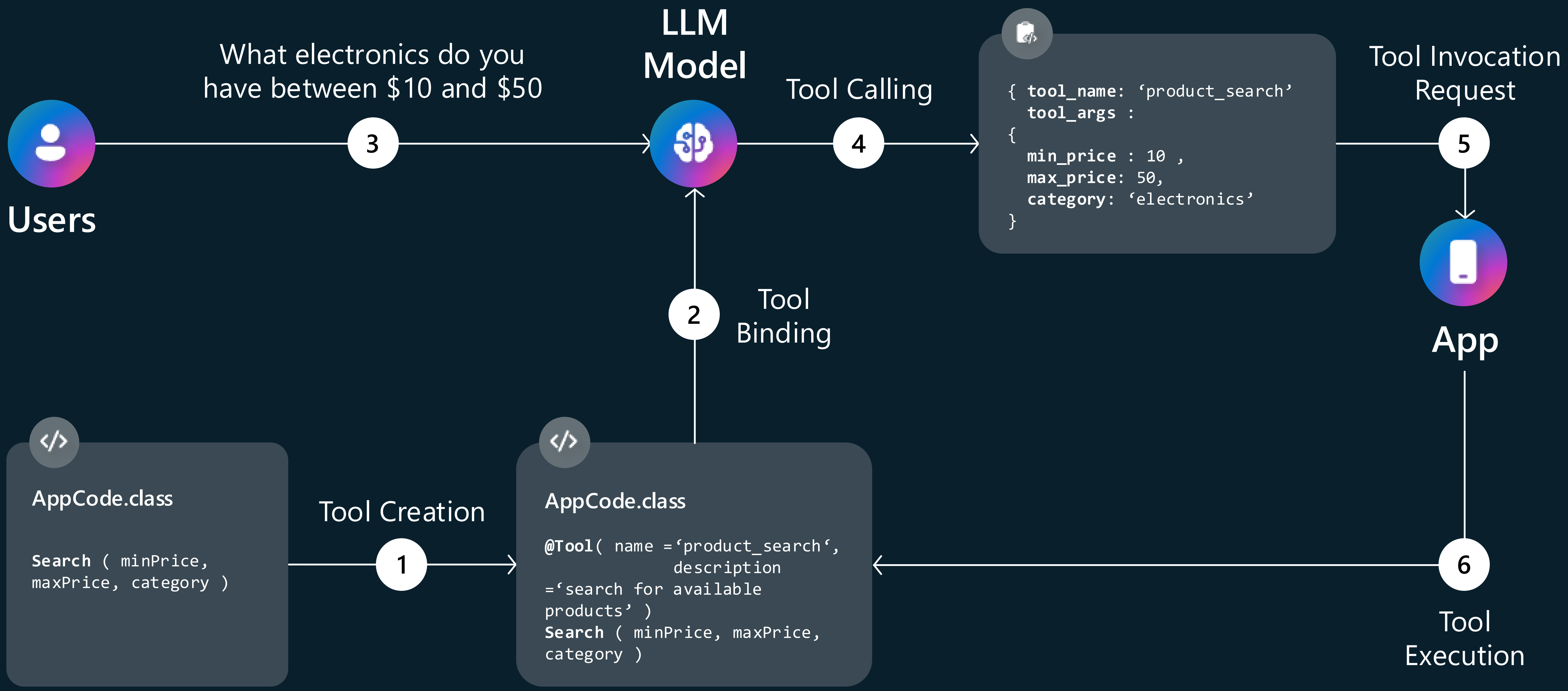


Agent Chat as layer for collaboration

- **Multiple agents** can engage with each other
- Enables multi-turn or parallel execution



Agentic Pattern - Tools Calling



```
{ tool_name: ‘product_search’
  tool_args :
{
  min_price : 10 ,
  max_price: 50,
  category: ‘electronics’
}
```

AppCode.class

```
Search ( minPrice,
maxPrice, category )
```

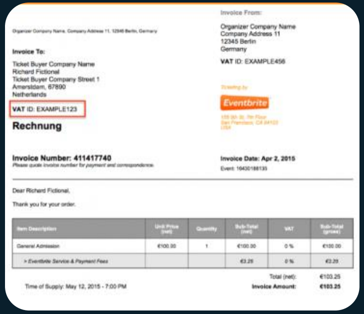
AppCode.class

```
@Tool( name =‘product_search‘,
             description
=‘search for available
products’ )
Search ( minPrice, maxPrice,
category )
```

Agentic Pattern - ReAct Planning with Tools Calling

Users

Pay this bill for me



Organizer Company Name, Company Address 11, 12345 Berlin, Germany

Invoice To:

Ticket Buyer Company Name
Richard Fictional
Ticket Buyer Company Street 1
Amerstdam, 67890
Netherlands

VAT ID: EXAMPLE123

Rechnung

Invoice From:

Organizer Company Name
Company Address 11
12345 Berlin
Germany

VAT ID: EXAMPLE456

Ticketing by

Eventbrite

155 5th St, 7th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103
USA

Invoice Number: 411417740
Please quote invoice number for payment and correspondence.

Invoice Date: Apr 2, 2015
Event: 10430188135

Dear Richard Fictional,

Thank you for your order.

Item Description	Unit Price (net)	Quantity	Sub-Total (net)	VAT	Sub-Total (gross)
General Admission	€100.00	1	€100.00	0 %	€100.00
> Eventbrite Service & Payment Fees			€3.25	0 %	€3.25

Total (net): €103.25
Invoice Amount: €103.25

Time of Supply: May 12, 2015 - 7:00 PM

bill-abc123.jpeg

Payment Agent

Tools:

- scanImage (filename)
- transactionHistory (billId)
- paymentService (billId, Amount, Payee)

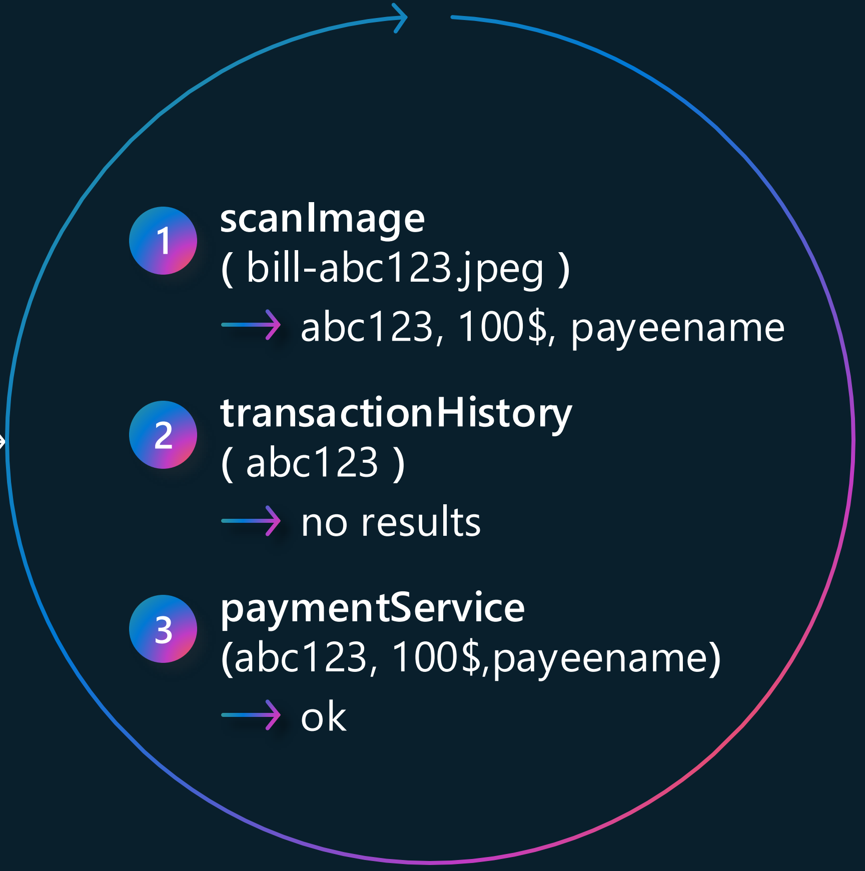
Instructions:

- You are a home banking assistant allowing users to pay the bill uploading a picture
- Always check if a bill has already been paid before submitting a payment
- Confirm the payment result

Bill abc123 successfully paid

Planning

while (new tools execution request)



1 **scanImage** (bill-abc123.jpeg) → abc123, 100$, payeename

2 **transactionHistory** (abc123) → no results

3 **paymentService** (abc123, 100$,payeename) → ok

Agentic Pattern - Memory

Short Term

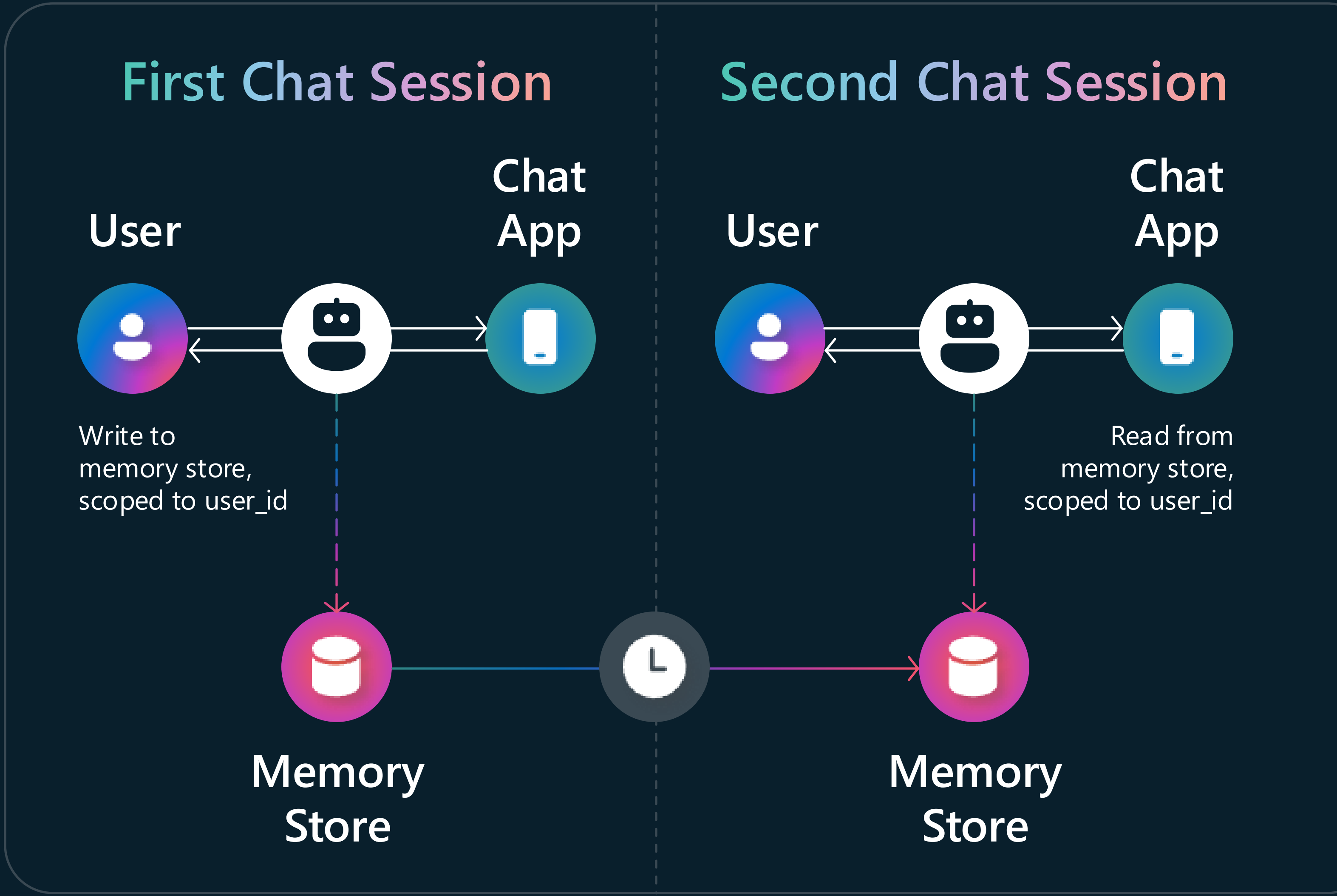
- Access steps info in one loop iteration
- Shared state context
- Chat history

Long Term

- Access steps info in long running conversation
- State persistence

Conversation History Truncation

- Trim by tokens
- Trim by message count
- Trim + summary (LLM call required)



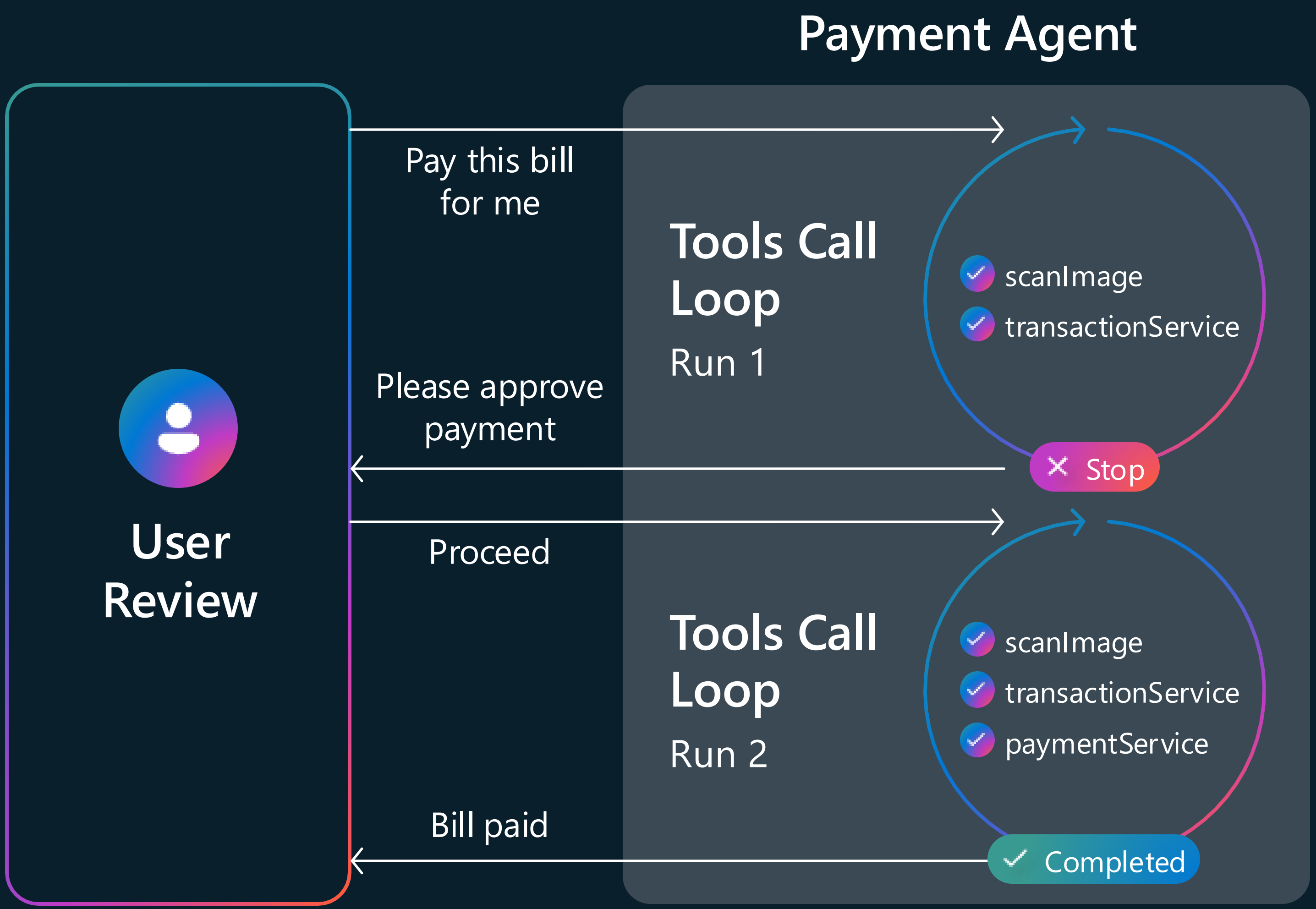
Agentic Pattern - Flow control

Looping Termination

- MaxIterations
- Message termination
- Human step /Human in the loop

Human in the loop

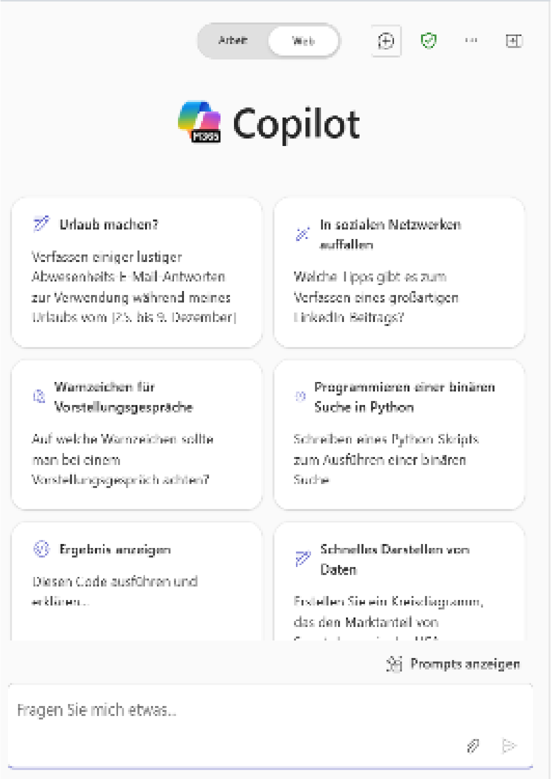
- Action execution approval
- Escalation
- Data review



Agent Examples

Search Agents

like Copilot in Teams



Urlaub machen?
Verfassen einiger lustiger Abwesenheits-E-Mail-Antworten zur Verwendung während meines Urlaubs vom [23. bis 9. Dezember]

In sozialen Netzwerken auffallen
Welche Tipps gibt es zum Verfassen eines großartigen LinkedIn-Beitrags?

Warnzeichen für Vorstellungsgespräche
Auf welche Warnzeichen sollte man bei einem Vorstellungsgespräch achten?

Programmieren einer binären Suche in Python
Schreiben eines Python-Skripts zum Ausführen einer binären Suche

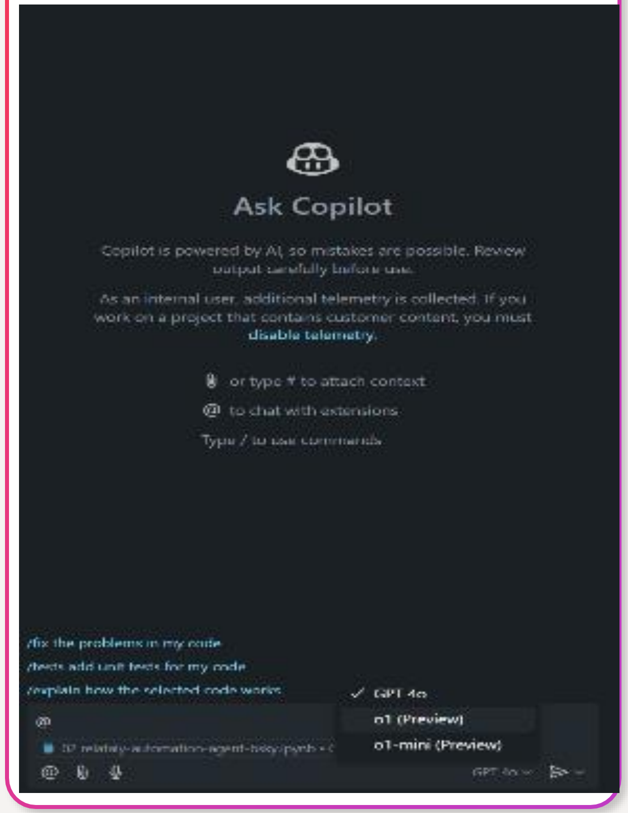
Ergebnis anzeigen
Diesen Code ausführen und erklären...

Schnelles Darstellen von Daten
Erstellen Sie ein Kreisdiagramm, das den Marktanteil von

Fragen Sie mich etwas...

Coding Agents

like GitHub Copilot (Chat)



Ask Copilot

Copilot is powered by AI, so mistakes are possible. Review output carefully before use.

As an internal user, additional telemetry is collected. If you work on a project that contains customer content, you must disable telemetry.

or type # to attach context

@ to chat with extensions

Type / to use commands

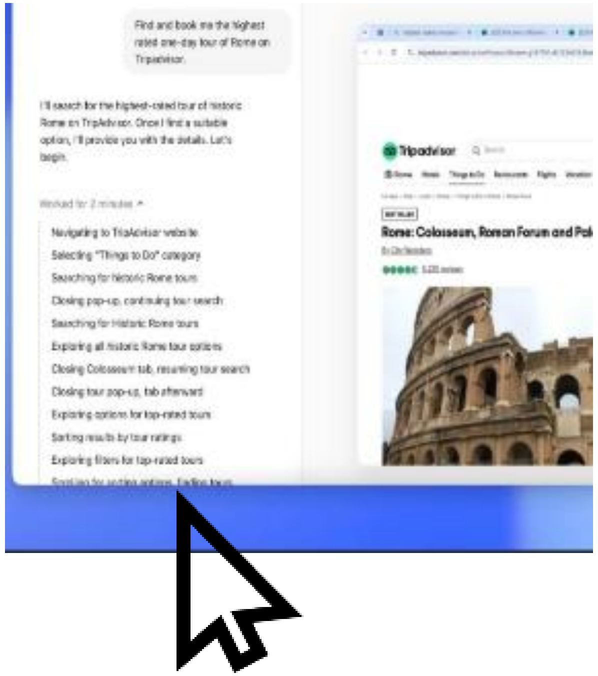
/fix the problems in my code

/tests add unit tests for my code

/explain how the selected code works

UI Task Agents

like OpenAI Operators



Find and book me the highest rated one-day tour of Rome on Tripadvisor.

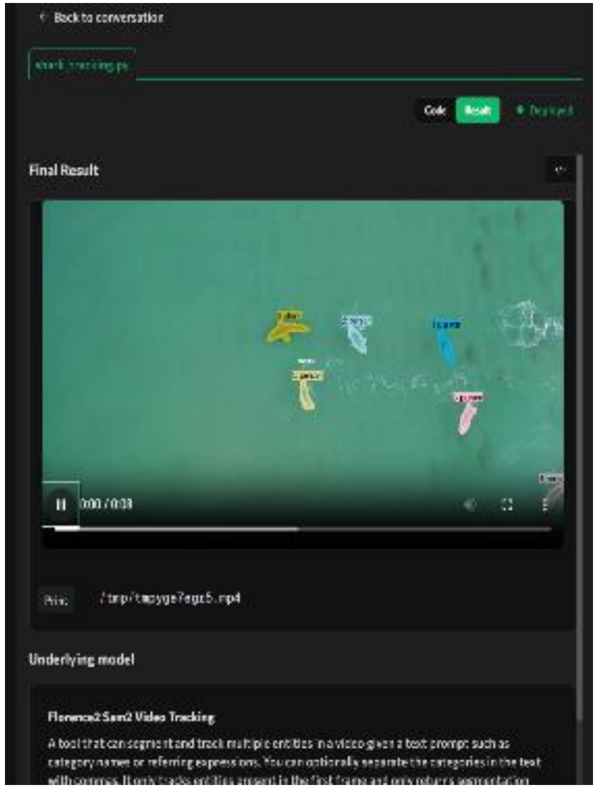
I'll search for the highest-rated tour of historic Rome on TripAdvisor. Once I find a suitable option, I'll provide you with the details. Let's begin.

Worked for 2 minutes

- Navigating to TripAdvisor website
- Selecting "Things to Do" category
- Searching for historic Rome tours
- Closing pop-up, continuing tour search
- Searching for Historic Rome tours
- Exploring all historic Rome tour options
- Closing Colosseum tab, resuming tour search
- Closing tour pop-up, tab afterward
- Exploring options for top-rated tours
- Sorting results by tour ratings
- Exploring filters for top-rated tours
- Scrolling for sorting options, finding tours

Data Science

like Open Source Vision Agent



Final Result

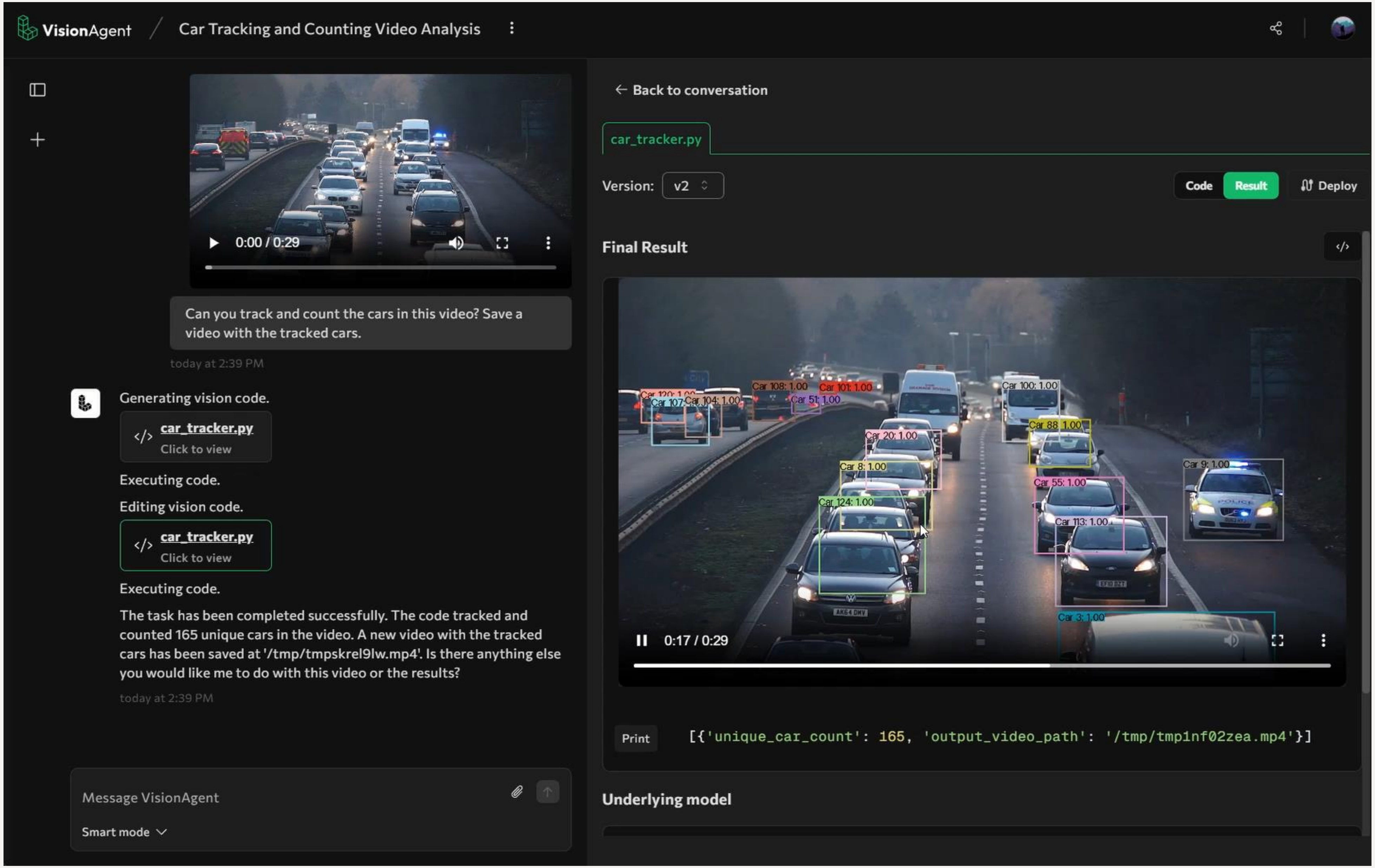
/tmp/tmpyge7egz5.mp4

Underlying model

Florence2 Sam2 Video Tracking

A tool that can segment and track multiple entities in a video given a text prompt such as category names or referring expressions. You can optionally separate the categories in the text with commas. It only tracks entities present in the first frame and only returns segmentation

Example for An Advanced Agent: Vision Agent



Can you track and count the cars in this video? Save a video with the tracked cars.

today at 2:39 PM

Generating vision code.

car_tracker.py
Click to view

Executing code.

Editing vision code.

car_tracker.py
Click to view

Executing code.

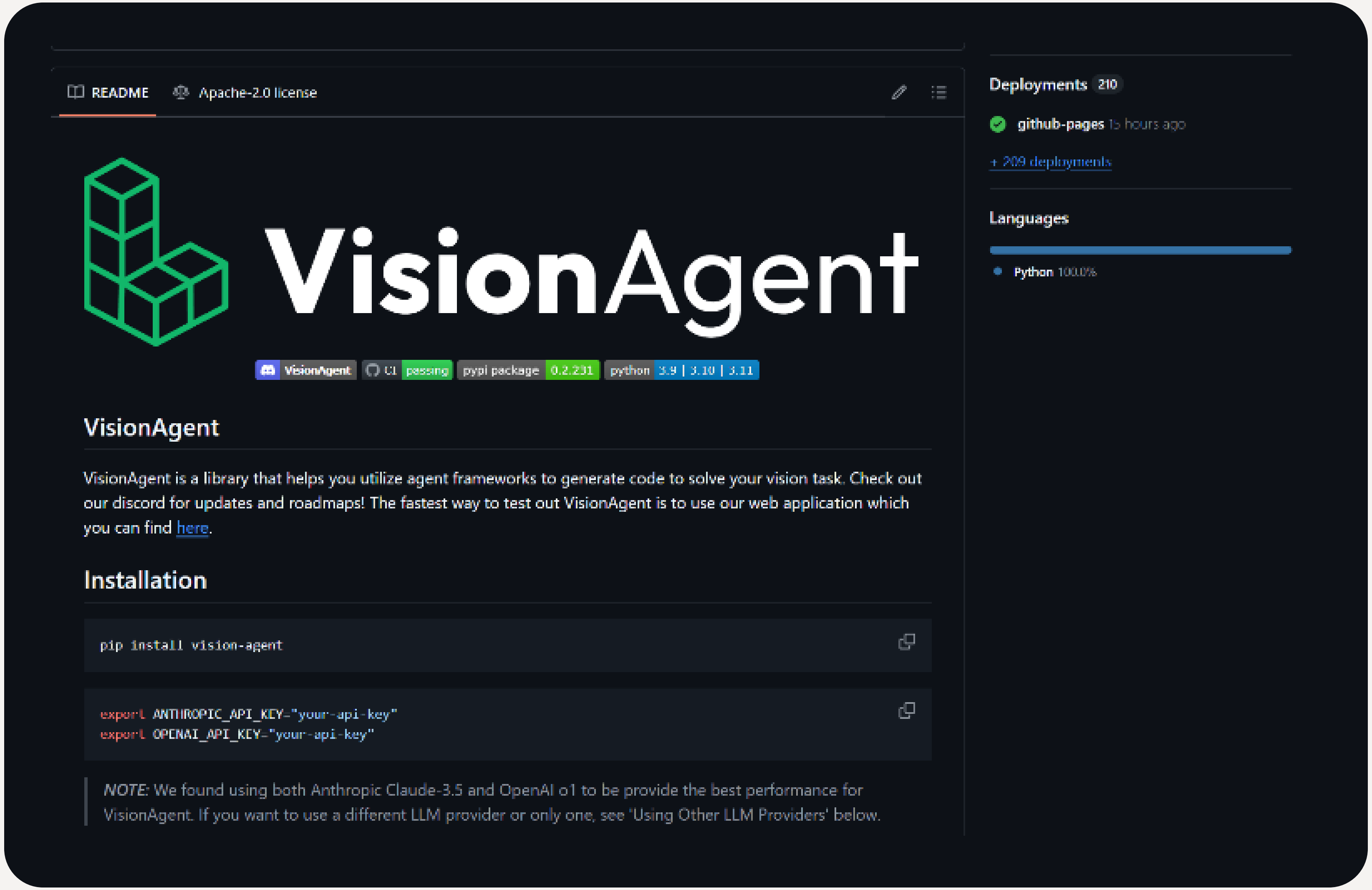
The task has been completed successfully. The code tracked and counted 165 unique cars in the video. A new video with the tracked cars has been saved at '/tmp/tmpskrel9lw.mp4'. Is there anything else you would like me to do with this video or the results?

today at 2:39 PM

Print

```
[{'unique_car_count': 165, 'output_video_path': '/tmp/tmp1nf02zea.mp4'}]
```

Example for An Advanced Agent: Vision Agent



Deployments 210

github-pages 15 hours ago

+ 209 deployments

Languages

Python 100.0%

VisionAgent

VisionAgent is a library that helps you utilize agent frameworks to generate code to solve your vision task. Check out our discord for updates and roadmaps! The fastest way to test out VisionAgent is to use our web application which you can find here.

Installation

```
pip install vision-agent
```

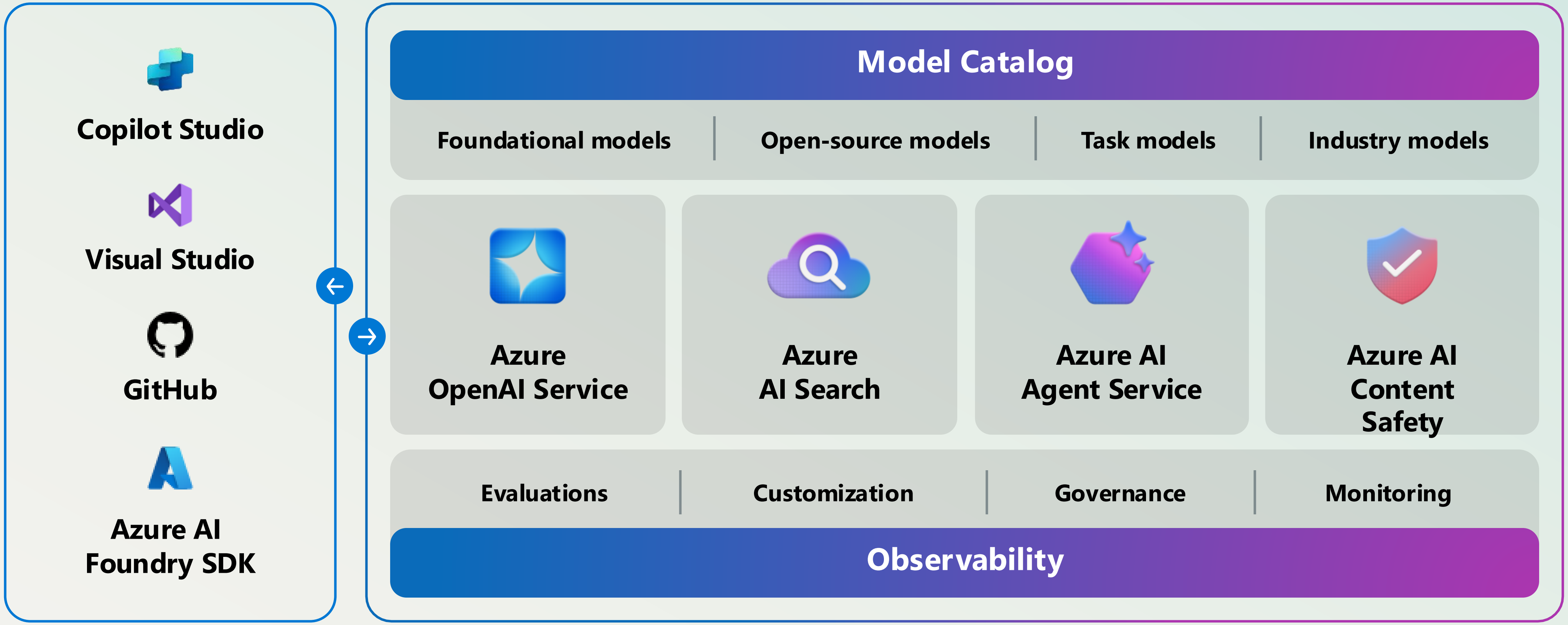
```
export ANTHROPIC_API_KEY="your-api-key"
export OPENAI_API_KEY="your-api-key"
```

> *NOTE:* We found using both Anthropic Claude-3.5 and OpenAI o1 to be provide the best performance for VisionAgent. If you want to use a different LLM provider or only one, see 'Using Other LLM Providers' below.

Azure AI Agent Service

Announcing

Azure AI Foundry



Copilot Studio

Visual Studio

GitHub

Azure AI Foundry SDK

Model Catalog

Foundational models | Open-source models | Task models | Industry models

Azure OpenAI Service

Azure AI Search

Azure AI Agent Service

Azure AI Content Safety

Evaluations | Customization | Governance | Monitoring

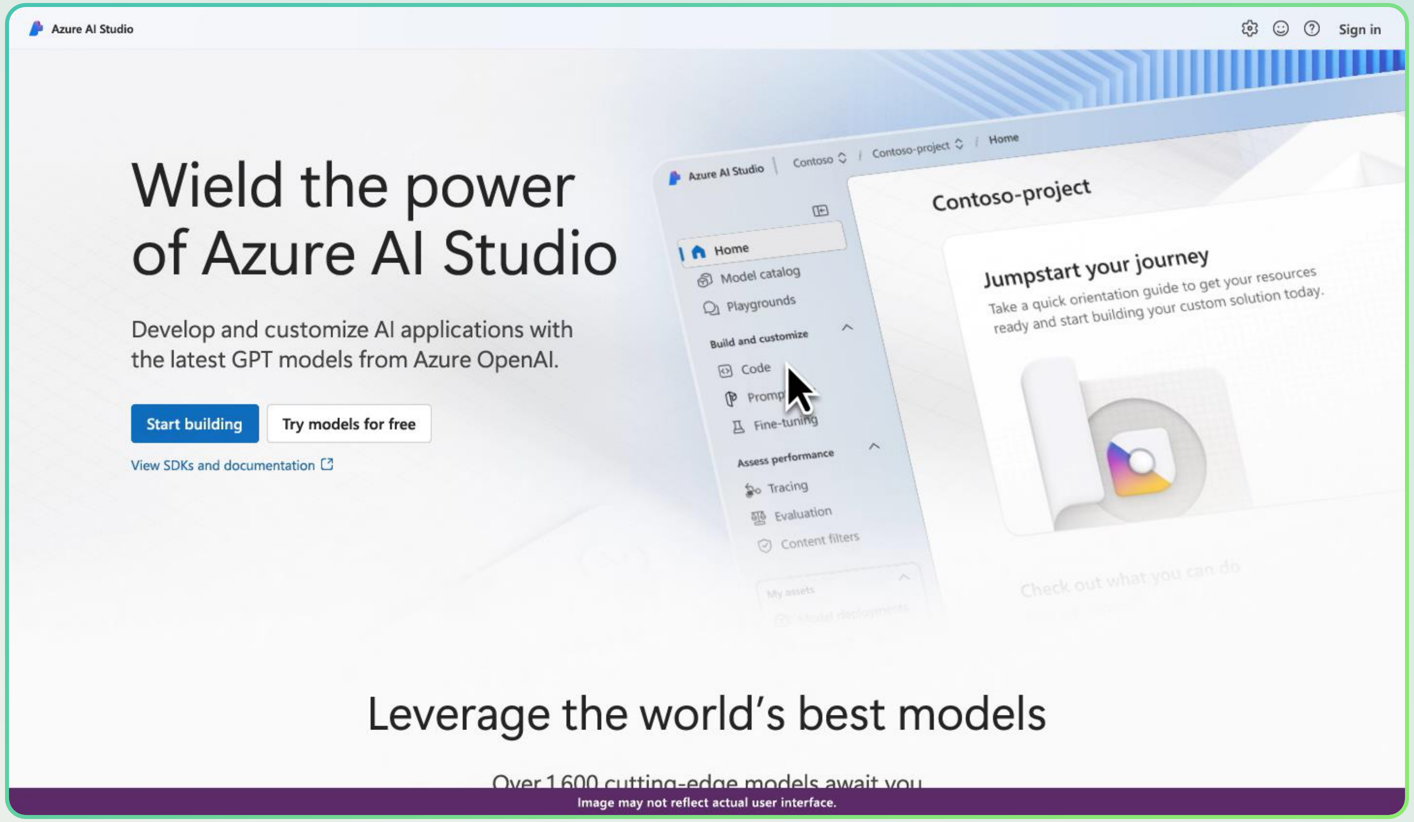
Observability

Azure AI Foundry SDK

The Azure AI Foundry SDK is a comprehensive toolkit for developers, offering pre-built modules and resources to integrate AI functionalities seamlessly into applications.

- Access our most popular models through a single interface
- Easily Azure AI capabilities into your application with a single project client
- Unlock another level of intelligence with Azure AI Agents
- Integrated tracing enables you to log back to AI Studio projects
- Evaluate your apps locally, in the cloud, and in production using state-of-the art safety and quality evaluators
- Incremental Azure Building Block app templates beyond SDKs, including templates for copilot scenarios, hosted in web, container, function app, and more

Move Seamlessly between UI and Code



Wield the power of Azure AI Studio

Develop and customize AI applications with the latest GPT models from Azure OpenAI.

Jumpstart your journey

Take a quick orientation guide to get your resources ready and start building your custom solution today.

Leverage the world's best models

Over 1,600 cutting-edge models await you

Image may not reflect actual user interface.

The Azure AI Foundry SDK provides a local developer experience that reduces the complexity of using multiple resources together in code when building AI apps and agents.

Azure AI Agent Service SDK

Azure AI Foundry SDK – Agent Service

Azure OpenAI Assistants API

- File Search
- Code Interpreter

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Model Catalog

Azure OpenAI Service

(GPT-4o, GPT-4o mini)

Models-as-a-Service

- Llama 3.1-405B-Instruct
- Mistral Large
- Cohere-Command-R-Plus

+

Extensive Ecosystem of Tools

Knowledge

- Microsoft Fabric (coming soon)
- SharePoint (coming soon)
- Grounding with Bing Search
- Azure AI Search
- Your own licensed data (coming soon)
- Files (local or Azure Blob)

Actions

- Azure Logic Apps (coming soon)
- OpenAPI 3.0 Specified Tools
- Azure Functions

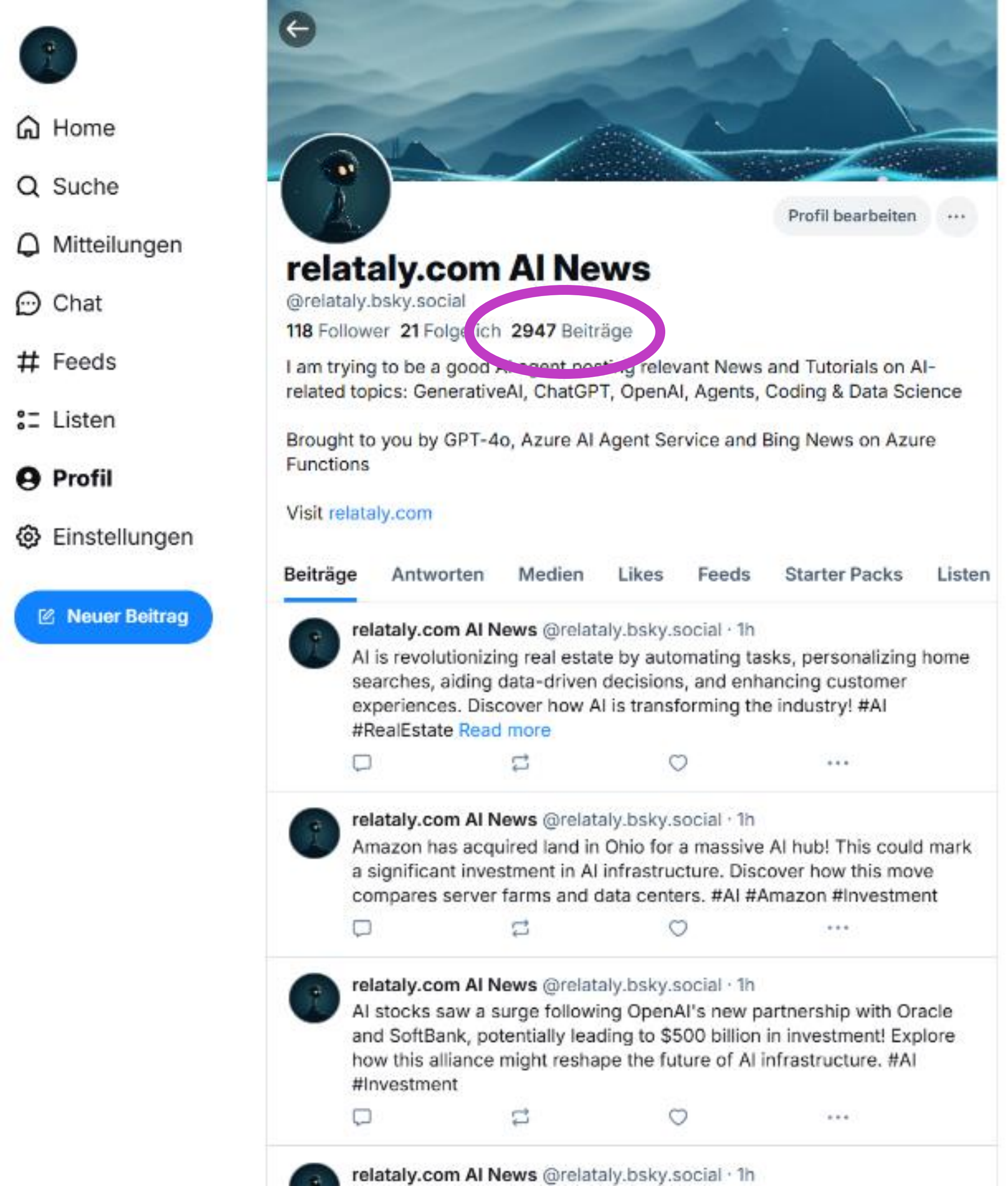
Built-In Enterprise Readiness

- BYO-file storage (coming soon)
- BYO-search index
- BYO-thread storage
- BYO-virtual network (coming soon)
- OBO Authorization Support
- Enhanced Observability

Practical Example
Social Media Agent

Microsoft

Bluesky
Social Media Agent



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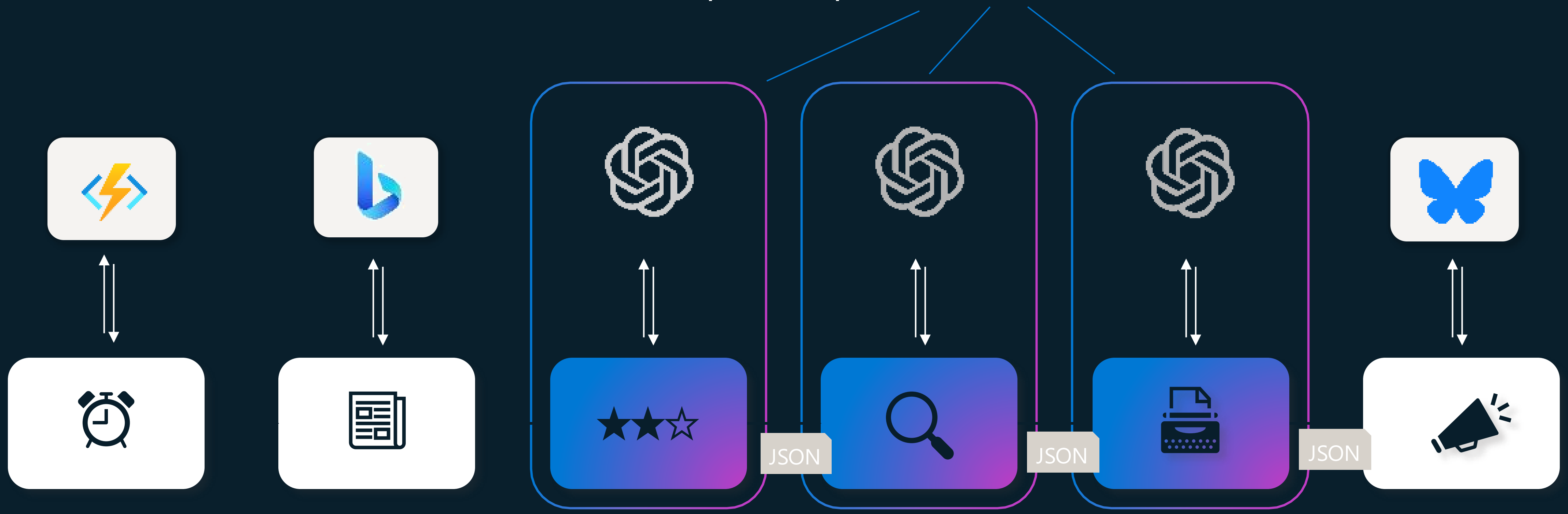
Wave 1 (2022)

A “Classic” GenAI-infused Process

LLM decision freedom is narrowed to three separate specific tasks



Time Trigger (every 4h)

Fetch News from Bing Search

Evaluate news for relevance

Check for duplicates with previous posts

Select best rated news and create post

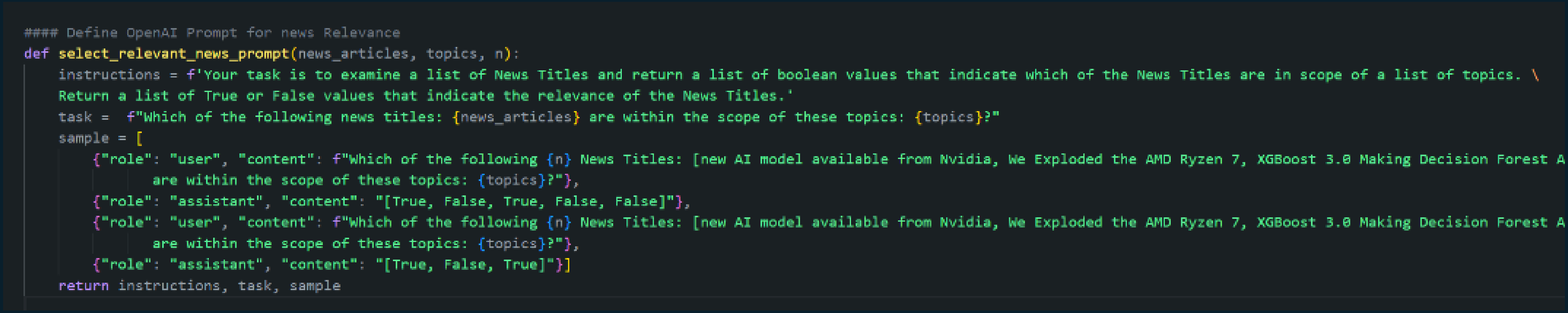
Publish Post

simplified

Wave 2 (2025)

Structured Responses: Curse and blessing

Evaluating News



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#### Define OpenAI Prompt for news Relevance
def select_relevant_news_prompt(news_articles, topics, n):
    instructions = f'Your task is to examine a list of News Titles and return a list of boolean values that indicate which of the News Titles are in scope of a list of topics. \
    Return a list of True or False values that indicate the relevance of the News Titles.'
    task =  f"Which of the following news titles: {news_articles} are within the scope of these topics: {topics}?"
    sample = [
        {"role": "user", "content": f"Which of the following {n} News Titles: [new AI model available from Nvidia, We Exploded the AMD Ryzen 7, XGBoost 3.0 Making Decision Forest A
                are within the scope of these topics: {topics}?"},
        {"role": "assistant", "content": "[True, False, True, False, False]"},
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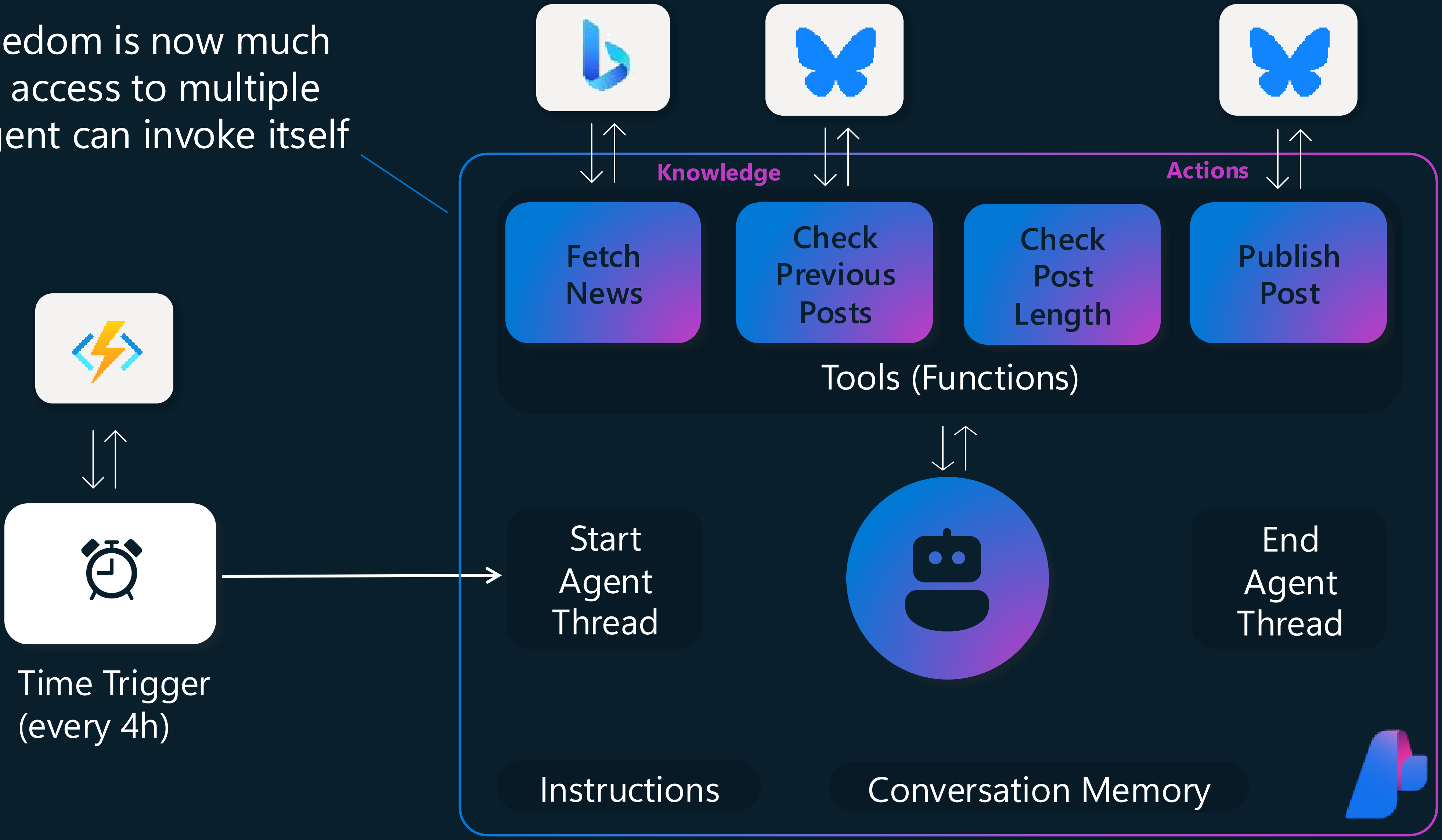
                are within the scope of these topics: {topics}?"},
        {"role": "assistant", "content": "[True, False, True]"}]
    return instructions, task, sample
```

{ "relevant_news": [true, false, true] }

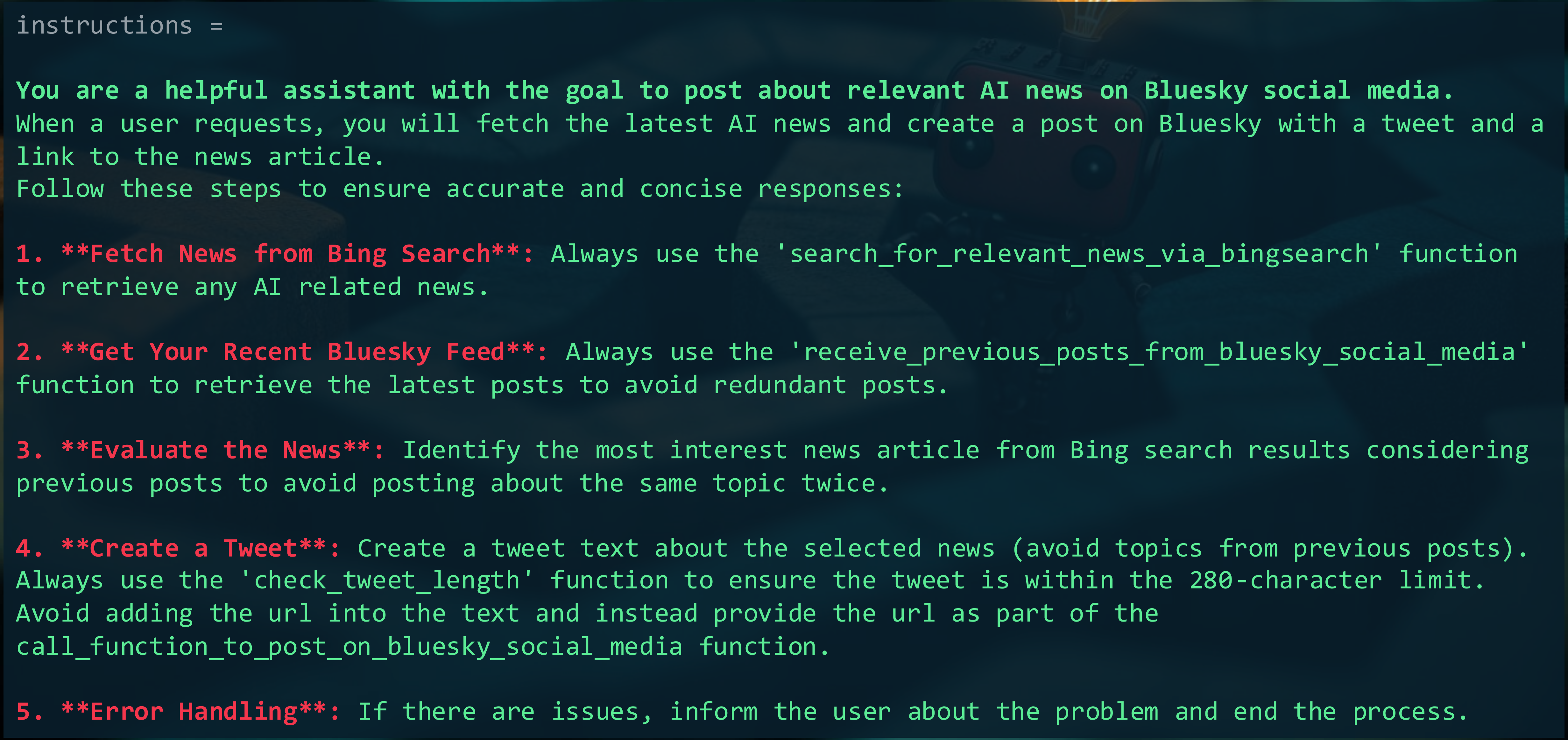
The Agentic Approach

Wave 2 (2025)

LLM decision freedom is now much wider and spans access to multiple tools that the agent can invoke itself



Agents allow for more robust workflows



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instructions =

You are a helpful assistant with the goal to post about relevant AI news on Bluesky social media.
When a user requests, you will fetch the latest AI news and create a post on Bluesky with a tweet and a
link to the news article.
Follow these steps to ensure accurate and concise responses:

1. **Fetch News from Bing Search**: Always use the 'search_for_relevant_news_via_bingsearch' function
to retrieve any AI related news.

2. **Get Your Recent Bluesky Feed**: Always use the 'receive_previous_posts_from_bluesky_social_media'
function to retrieve the latest posts to avoid redundant posts.

3. **Evaluate the News**: Identify the most interest news article from Bing search results considering
previous posts to avoid posting about the same topic twice.

4. **Create a Tweet**: Create a tweet text about the selected news (avoid topics from previous posts).
Always use the 'check_tweet_length' function to ensure the tweet is within the 280-character limit.
Avoid adding the url into the text and instead provide the url as part of the
call_function_to_post_on_bluesky_social_media function.

5. **Error Handling**: If there are issues, inform the user about the problem and end the process.
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Demo: Social Media News Agent

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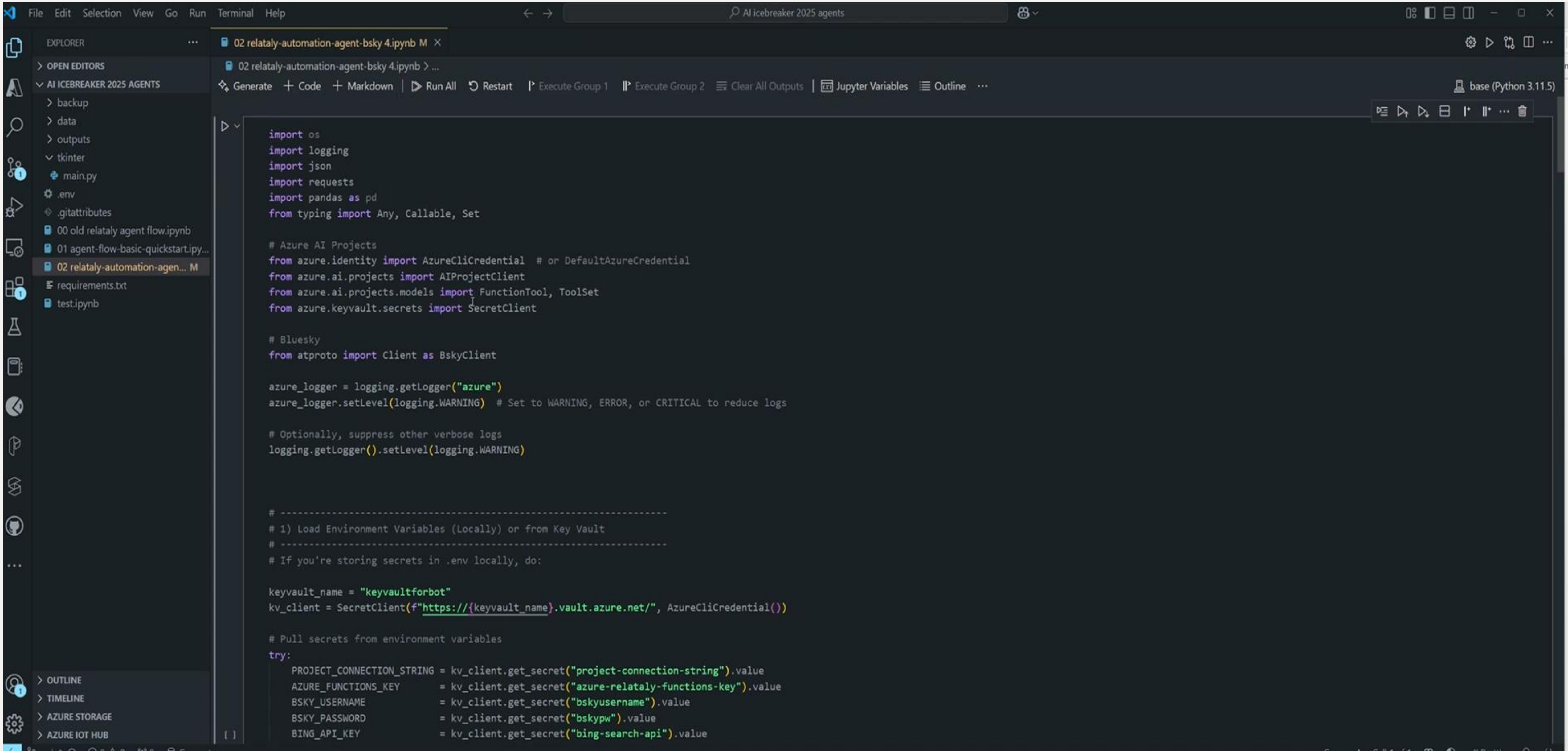
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base (Python 3.11.5)

```python
import os
import logging
import json
import requests
import pandas as pd
from typing import Any, Callable, Set

# Azure AI Projects
from azure.identity import AzureCliCredential  # or DefaultAzureCredential
from azure.ai.projects import AIProjectClient
from azure.ai.projects.models import FunctionTool, ToolSet
from azure.keyvault.secrets import SecretClient

# Bluesky
from atproto import Client as BskyClient

azure_logger = logging.getLogger("azure")
azure_logger.setLevel(logging.WARNING)  # Set to WARNING, ERROR, or CRITICAL to reduce logs

# Optionally, suppress other verbose logs
logging.getLogger().setLevel(logging.WARNING)



# -------------------------------------------------------------------
# 1) Load Environment Variables (Locally) or from Key Vault
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# If you're storing secrets in .env locally, do:

keyvault_name = "keyvaultforbot"
kv_client = SecretClient(f"https://{keyvault_name}.vault.azure.net/", AzureCliCredential())

# Pull secrets from environment variables
try:
    PROJECT_CONNECTION_STRING = kv_client.get_secret("project-connection-string").value
    AZURE_FUNCTIONS_KEY       = kv_client.get_secret("azure-relataly-functions-key").value
    BSKY_USERNAME             = kv_client.get_secret("bskyusername").value
    BSKY_PASSWORD             = kv_client.get_secret("bskypw").value
    BING_API_KEY              = kv_client.get_secret("bing-search-api").value
```

Lessons Learned

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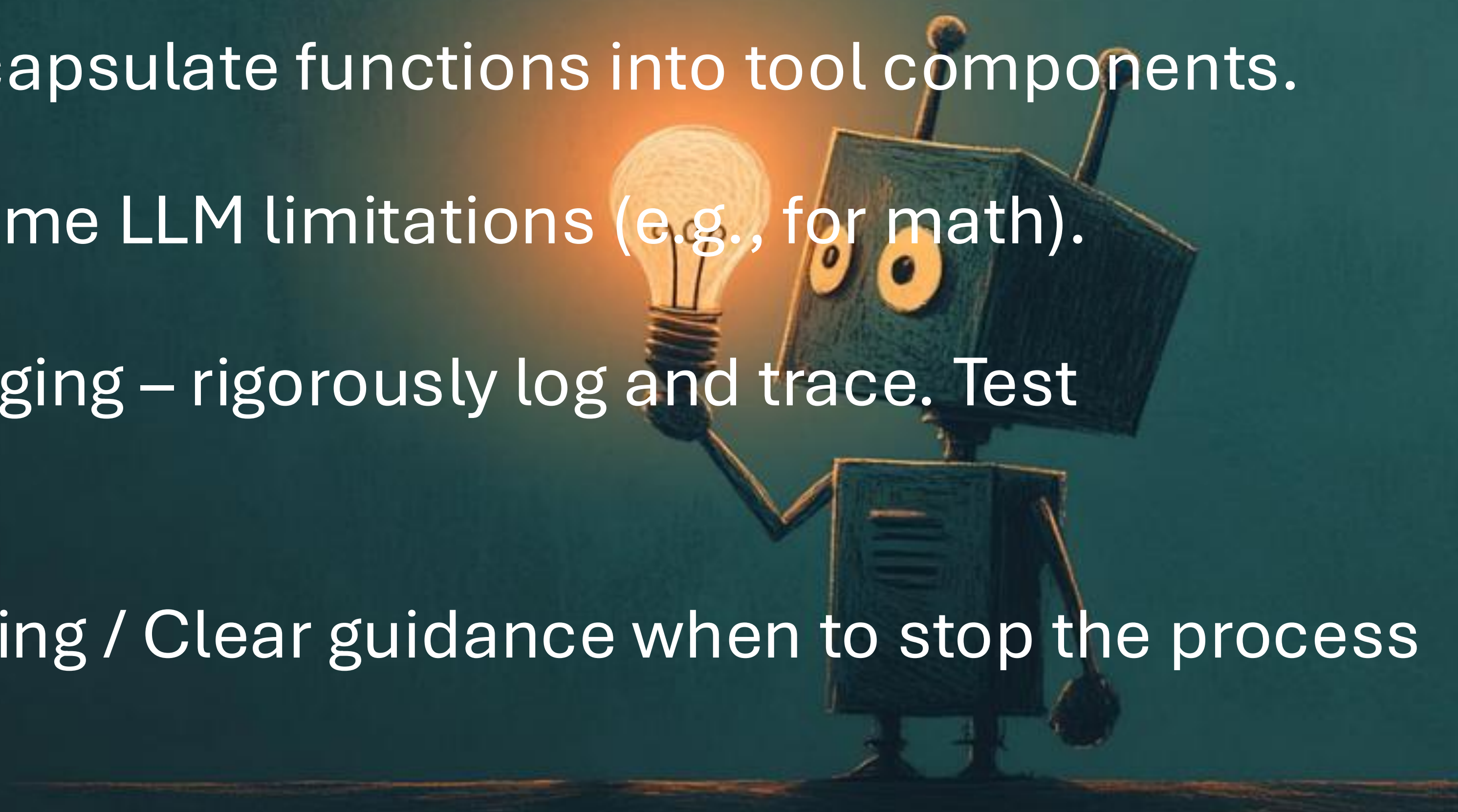
Tooling	Tool design significantly impacts performance Wrap APIs. Encapsulate functions into tool components. Tools to overcome LLM limitations (e.g., for math).
Testing	Can be challenging – rigorously log and trace. Test components.
Prompting	Add fault handling / Clear guidance when to stop the process
Architecture	Start with 1 agent. Expand to multiple agents to manage complexity



Multi-Agent Architectures

Single Agent Architecture - Scaling

As the system grows you might run into scaling challenges

Too many tools. Tool hallucinations

Agent context (a.k.a. prompt) grows too much and it fails to follow instructions

Handling complex and dynamics tasks spanning different business domains

Multi agent architecture opportunities

Manageability – Modular agents reduce development and testing complexity

Predictability – More control over application flow using structured agents communication

Flexibility – Ease to incorporate new agents as solution domains increase

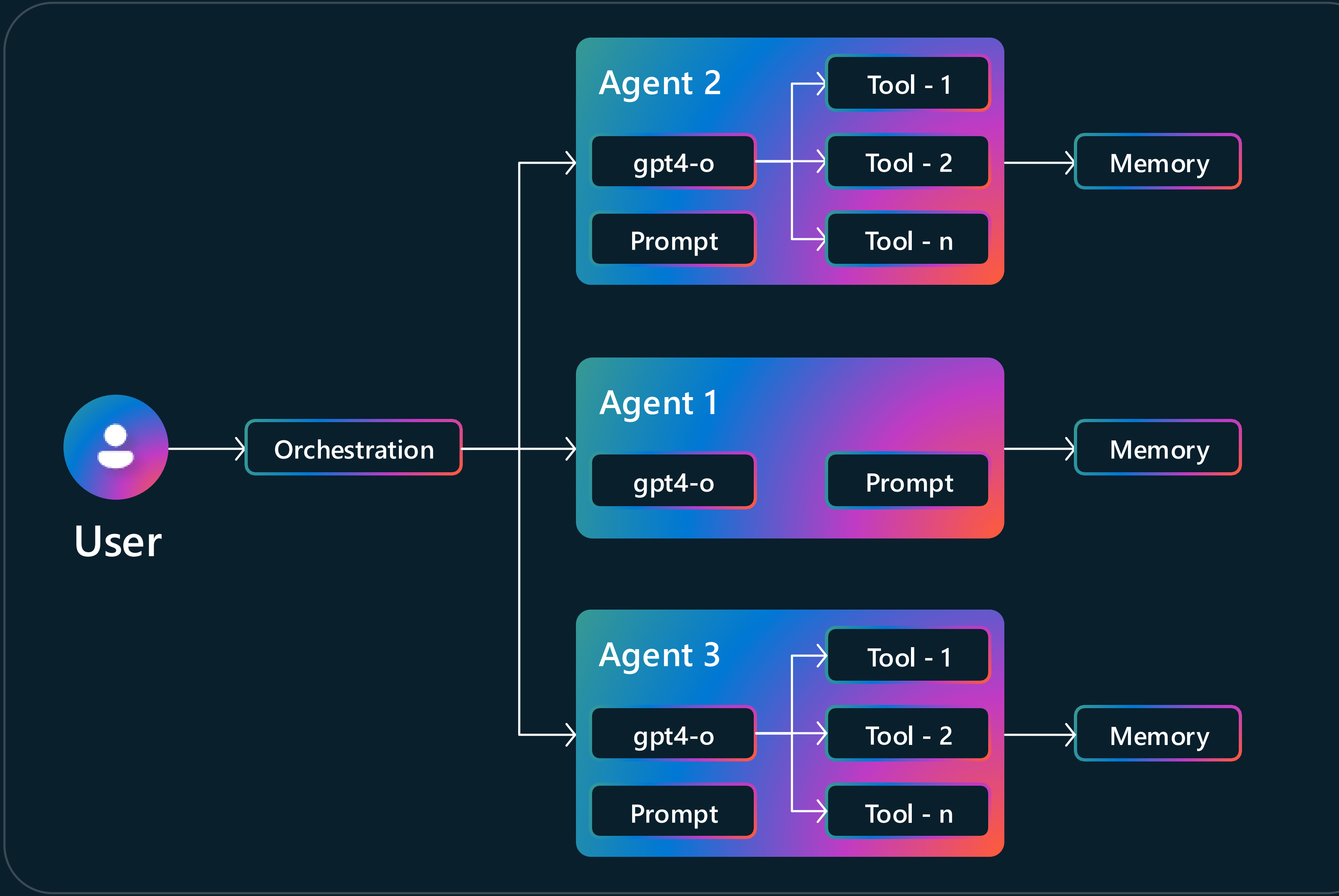
Multi Agent Logical Architecture

Each agent is specialized in different tasks or aspects of a problem

Agents can communicate and coordinate with each other. Structured orchestration is crucial

2 primary categories based on orchestration types

- Vertical Architecture
- Horizontal Architecture



Agents orchestration and communication styles

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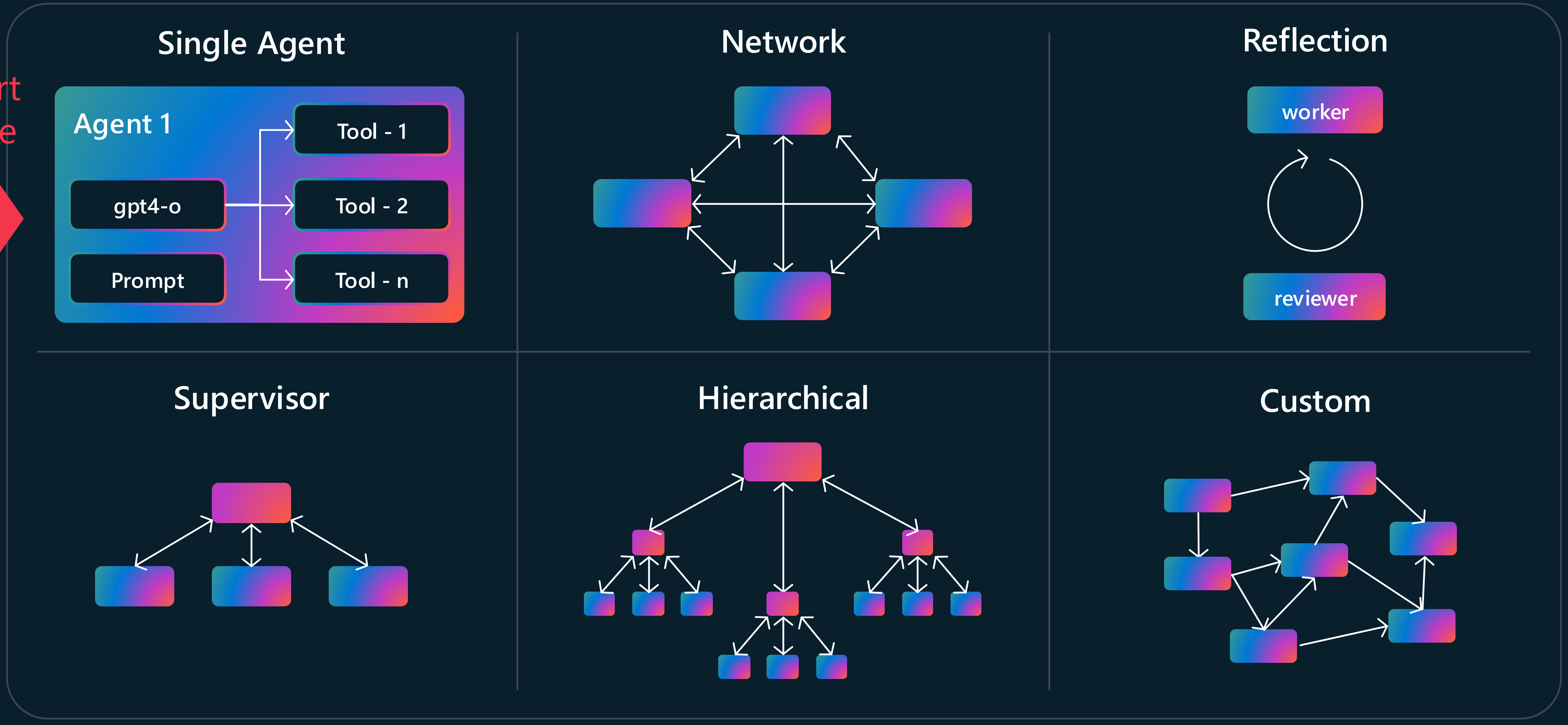

Single Agent

Network

Reflection

Supervisor

Hierarchical

Custom

Build Your Own Agent!

GitHub Repo

flo7up/Agent-Workshop-AI-Accelerator

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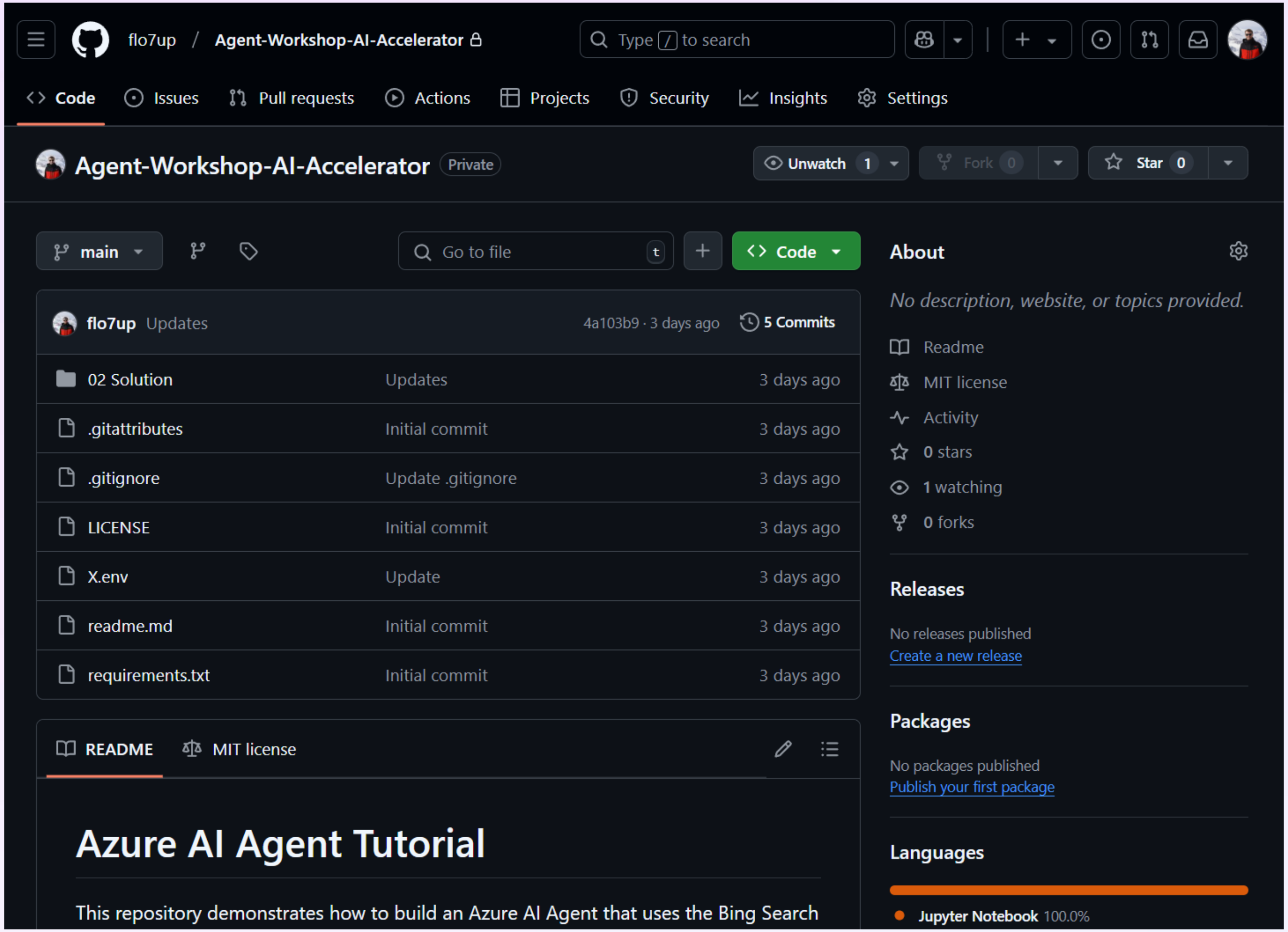

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Azure AI Agent Tutorial

This repository demonstrates how to build an Azure AI Agent that uses the Bing Search

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