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Lesson Workshop

Introduction to Agentic Engineering & Orchestration

The lesson workshops are your bridge from learning AI concepts to applying them in your business and life. Learning is potential. Applying what you learn gives you the power to create prosperity. We build these workshops to take approximately 45-60 minutes.

In this lesson, we will:

1. **Distinguish the Levels of Mastery:** Clearly differentiate between Vibe Coding (for prototyping) and Agentic Engineering (for production) to apply the right strategy to your projects.
2. **Master Advanced Communication:** Apply the CREATE method and Meta-Prompting to control AI outputs with precision.
3. **Architect Your Orchestration:** Conceptualize how to utilize "Swarms" and "Hive Minds" to solve complex business problems.

Module 1: The Foundations of Agentic Mastery (20 Minutes)

Objective:
To transition your mindset from a passive AI user to an Architect by understanding the distinctions between Models, Agents, and Orchestration, and selecting the correct development style for your goals.

Concept Review: Models, Agents, and The Hierarchy
Dr. Allen defined the core components of the new AI stack:

- **The Model:** The brain (e.g., GPT-5, Claude 4.5 Sonnet). It has intelligence but no agency.
- **The Agent:** The model + tools + an orchestration loop. It can perform actions, use files, and browse the web to complete tasks.
- **Orchestration:** Conducting a symphony of specialized agents to achieve complex goals.

We also explored the styles of App Building:

- **Vibe Coding (Level 1-2):** Fluid, minimal process, human-in-the-loop. Best for ideation and rapid prototypes (e.g., Google AI Studio, Lovable).
- **Agentic Engineering (Level 3-5):** Structured, test-driven, machine-in-the-loop. Best for production, enterprise-grade code, and security (e.g., Claude Code, CLI Tools).

Quiz (Answer Key below - don't peek!):

1. Which of the following best describes an AI Agent?
   a) A static database of knowledge trained on the internet.
   b) A model and tools working in a loop to accomplish multi-step tasks.
   c) A method for writing better prompts.
2. If you need to rapidly prototype an idea to show a stakeholder what a feature might look like, which approach should you use?
   a) Agentic Engineering (CLI Tools)
   b) Vibe Coding (AI App Builders)
   c) Manual Coding from scratch
3. What is a critical limitation of AI Models that engineers must account for?
   a) They cannot understand English.
   b) They have a "Knowledge Cutoff Date" and do not know recent events/libraries without tools.
   c) They are always 100% deterministic (non-creative).

Exercise: The Architecture Assessment
Before you build, you must decide how to build.

- Step 1: Identify a Problem (5 mins)
  Write down a software tool, automation, or content workflow you want to build for your business. (e.g., "A dashboard to track sales leads" or "A system to auto-generate weekly reports").
- Step 2: Classify the Approach (5 mins)
  Look at your problem. Does it require rigorous security and complex database management (Production), or is it a new idea you need to visualize quickly (Ideation)?
  - *Decision:* Label your project "Vibe Coding Candidate" or "Agentic Engineering Project."
- Step 3: Tool Selection (5 mins)
  Based on the slides and transcript, select your tool:
  - If Vibe Coding: Google AI Studio, Lovable, or Bolt.
  - If Agentic Engineering: Claude Code (CLI), Cursor, or Windsurf.
  - *Reflection:* Why did you choose this tool? Does it match your technical comfort level?

Module 2: Prompt and Context Engineering (25 Minutes)

Objective:
To utilize the CREATE method and Meta-Prompting to force the AI to adopt specific personas and deliver precise results.

Concept Review: CREATE and Meta-Prompting
Prompt Engineering is Level 1 mastery. We use the CREATE method:

- **C**ast (Assign a role)
- **R**esult (Define the outcome)

- **E**xplanation (Context/steps)
- **A**udience (Who is this for?)
- **T**one (Style of output)
- **E**xpand (Refine and edit)

However, Dr. Allen introduced **Meta-Prompting**: using the AI's own intelligence to write the prompt for you, bypassing the need to manually craft every detail.

Quiz:

1. In the CREATE method, what does "CAST" refer to?
   a) Casting the content to a screen.
   b) Assigning the AI a specific role (e.g., "You are a senior React developer").
   c) Casting a wide net for information.
2. What is Context Engineering?
   a) Asking the AI to write a story.
   b) Providing the right structured data, database connections, and knowledge resources to the AI.
   c) Making sure the AI is in a good mood (Temperature setting).

Exercise: The Meta-Prompt Switch
You will compare a standard request against a meta-prompted request.

- Step 1: The "Lazy" Prompt (3 mins)
  Open your preferred LLM (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini). Type a basic request for a complex task.
  - *Example:* "Write a marketing plan for my coffee shop."
  - *Observe:* Look at the output. It is likely generic and vague.
- Step 2: The Meta-Prompt (7 mins)
  Now, ask the AI to become the Prompt Engineer. Use this prompt:
  - *"You are an expert Prompt Engineer. Write a highly detailed prompt for an AI to generate a marketing plan. Do not generate the marketing plan yet; just generate the perfect prompt."*
- Step 3: Execution (5 mins)
  Copy the prompt the AI just generated for you. Paste it into a new chat window.
  - *Compare:* How much better is the result compared to Step 1?
- Step 4: Context Injection (5 mins)
  Take a piece of "Context" (a PDF menu, a list of competitors, or a previous sales report). Attach it to the chat and say: "Update this plan based on the attached context."
  - *Note:* This moves you from Prompt Engineering to basic Context Engineering.

Module 3: Orchestration Concepts - Swarms vs. Hive Minds (15 Minutes)

Objective:
To visualize how multiple agents work together so you can prepare for building advanced workflows in future lessons.

Concept Review: Orchestration
Orchestration is "Conducting an AI Symphony."

- **Agent Swarm:** Like bees. Multiple agents working on parallel tasks. They are independent but coordinated. Good for executing distinct parts of a project simultaneously (e.g., Front-end Dev, Back-end Dev, and Tester working at the same time).
- **Hive Mind:** Collective intelligence. Instant knowledge sharing. One super-brain controlling many bodies. Good for planning and strategy where shared context is vital.

Quiz:

1. Which structure is best described as "Multiple agents working on parallel tasks, independent but coordinated"?
   a) Hive Mind
   b) Agent Swarm
   c) Monolithic Model
2. If you have an agent writing code, and another agent immediately testing that code to send it back for revisions, this loop is an example of:
   a) Vibe Coding
   b) Agentic Orchestration
   c) Basic Prompting

Congratulations!

You have successfully navigated the landscape of Agentic Engineering. You now understand the difference between simply "chatting" with a bot and orchestrating a digital workforce. You have the strategic framework to choose the right tools and the prompting skills to command them effectively.

You are no longer just a user; you are an Agentic Engineer in training. Prepare for the next session, where we will dive into the command line to unleash Claude Code!

Answer Key:

Module 1

1. **b)** A model and tools in a loop.
2. **b)** Vibe Coding (AI App Builders).

3. **b)** They have a "Knowledge Cutoff Date."

Module 2

1. **b)** Assigning the AI a specific role.
2. **b)** Providing the right structured data, database connections, and knowledge resources.

Module 3

1. **b)** Agent Swarm.
2. **b)** Agentic Orchestration.