

[crewAI] Agents

Core Concept

1. Agents

An agent is an **autonomous unit** programmed to:

- Perform tasks
- Make decisions
- Communicate with other agents

Think of an agent as a member of a team, with specific skills and a particular job to do. Agents can have different roles like 'Researcher', 'Writer', or 'Customer Support', each contributing to the overall goal of the crew.

Agent Attributes

Attribute	Parameter	Description
Role	<code>role</code>	Defines the agent's function within the crew. It determines the kind of tasks the agent is best suited for.
Goal	<code>goal</code>	The individual objective that the agent aims to achieve. It guides the agent's decision-making process.
Backstory	<code>backstory</code>	Provides context to the agent's role and goal, enriching the interaction and collaboration dynamics.
LLM <i>(optional)</i>	<code>llm</code>	Represents the language model that will run the agent. It dynamically fetches the model name from the <code>OPENAI_MODEL_NAME</code> environment variable, defaulting to "gpt-4" if not specified.
Tools <i>(optional)</i>	<code>tools</code>	Set of capabilities or functions that the agent can use to perform tasks. Expected to be instances of custom classes compatible with the agent's execution environment. Tools are initialized with a default value of an empty list.
Function Calling LLM <i>(optional)</i>	<code>function_calling_llm</code>	Specifies the language model that will handle the tool calling for this agent, overriding the crew function calling LLM if passed. Default is <code>None</code> .
Max Iter <i>(optional)</i>	<code>max_iter</code>	Max Iter is the maximum number of iterations the agent can perform before

		being forced to give its best answer. Default is <code>25</code> .
Max RPM <i>(optional)</i>	<code>max_rpm</code>	Max RPM is the maximum number of requests per minute the agent can perform to avoid rate limits. It's optional and can be left unspecified, with a default value of <code>None</code> .
Max Execution Time <i>(optional)</i>	<code>max_execution_time</code>	Max Execution Time is the maximum execution time for an agent to execute a task. It's optional and can be left unspecified, with a default value of <code>None</code> , meaning no max execution time.
Verbose <i>(optional)</i>	<code>verbose</code>	Setting this to <code>True</code> configures the internal logger to provide detailed execution logs, aiding in debugging and monitoring. Default is <code>False</code> .
Allow Delegation <i>(optional)</i>	<code>allow_delegation</code>	Agents can delegate tasks or questions to one another, ensuring that each task is handled by the most suitable agent. Default is <code>True</code> .
Step Callback <i>(optional)</i>	<code>step_callback</code>	A function that is called after each step of the agent. This can be used to log the agent's actions or to perform other operations. It will overwrite the crew <code>step_callback</code> .
Cache <i>(optional)</i>	<code>cache</code>	Indicates if the agent should use a cache for tool usage. Default is <code>True</code> .
System Template <i>(optional)</i>	<code>system_template</code>	Specifies the system format for the agent. Default is <code>None</code> .
Prompt Template <i>(optional)</i>	<code>prompt_template</code>	Specifies the prompt format for the agent. Default is <code>None</code> .
Response Template <i>(optional)</i>	<code>response_template</code>	Specifies the response format for the agent. Default is <code>None</code> .
Allow Code Execution <i>(optional)</i>	<code>allow_code_execution</code>	Enable code execution for the agent. Default is <code>False</code> .
Max Retry Limit <i>(optional)</i>	<code>max_retry_limit</code>	Maximum number of retries for an agent to execute a task when an error occurs. Default is <code>2</code> .

Creating an Agent	
Agent Interaction	Agents can interact with each other using crewAI's built-in delegation and communication mechanisms. This allows for dynamic task management and problem-solving within the crew.

To create an agent, you would typically initialize an instance of the `Agent` class with the desired properties. Here's a conceptual example including all attributes:

```
1 # Example: Creating an agent with all attributes
2 from crewai import Agent
3
4 agent = Agent(
5     role='Data Analyst',
6     goal='Extract actionable insights',
7     backstory="""You're a data analyst at a large company.
8     You're responsible for analyzing data and providing insights
9     to the business.
10    You're currently working on a project to analyze the
11    performance of our marketing campaigns.""",
12     tools=[my_tool1, my_tool2], # Optional, defaults to an empty list
13     llm=my_llm, # Optional
14     function_calling_llm=my_llm, # Optional
15     max_iter=15, # Optional
16     max_rpm=None, # Optional
17     max_execution_time=None, # Optional
18     verbose=True, # Optional
19     allow_delegation=True, # Optional
20     step_callback=my_intermediate_step_callback, # Optional
21     cache=True, # Optional
22     system_template=my_system_template, # Optional
23     prompt_template=my_prompt_template, # Optional
24     response_template=my_response_template, # Optional
25     config=my_config, # Optional
26     crew=my_crew, # Optional
27     tools_handler=my_tools_handler, # Optional
28     cache_handler=my_cache_handler, # Optional
29     callbacks=[callback1, callback2], # Optional
30     allow_code_execution=True, # Optiona
31     max_retry_limit=2, # Optional
32 )
```

Setting prompt templates

Prompt templates

Prompt templates are used to format the prompt for the agent. You can use to update the system, regular and response templates for the agent. Here's an example of how to set prompt templates:

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10    You're currently working on a project to analyze the
11    performance of our marketing campaigns.""",
12     tools=[my_tool1, my_tool2], # Optional, defaults to an empty list
13     llm=my_llm, # Optional
14     function_calling_llm=my_llm, # Optional
15     max_iter=15, # Optional
16     max_rpm=None, # Optional
```

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17 max_execution_time=None, # Optional
18 verbose=True, # Optional
19 allow_delegation=True, # Optional
20 step_callback=my_intermediate_step_callback, # Optional
21 cache=True, # Optional
22 system_template=my_system_template, # Optional
23 prompt_template=my_prompt_template, # Optional
24 response_template=my_response_template, # Optional
25 config=my_config, # Optional
26 crew=my_crew, # Optional
27 tools_handler=my_tools_handler, # Optional
28 cache_handler=my_cache_handler, # Optional
29 callbacks=[callback1, callback2], # Optional
30 allow_code_execution=True, # Optiona
31 max_retry_limit=2, # Optional
32 )

```

Third Party Agents

Extend your Third Party Agents like LlamaIndex, Langchain, Autogen or fully custom agents using the the crewai's BaseAgent class.

BaseAgent includes attributes and methods required to integrate with your crews to run and delegate tasks to other agents within your own crew.

CrewAI is a universal multi agent framework that allows for all agents to work together to automate tasks and solve problems.

```

1 from crewai import Agent, Task, Crew
2 from custom_agent import CustomAgent # You need to build and extend your own agent logic with the CrewAI
  BaseAgent class then import it here.
3
4 from langchain.agents import load_tools
5
6 langchain_tools = load_tools(["google-serper"], llm=llm)
7
8 agent1 = CustomAgent(
9     role="agent role",
10    goal="who is {input}?",
11    backstory="agent backstory",
12    verbose=True,
13 )
14
15 task1 = Task(
16     expected_output="a short biography of {input}",
17     description="a short biography of {input}",
18     agent=agent1,
19 )
20
21 agent2 = Agent(
22     role="agent role",
23     goal="summarize the short bio for {input} and if needed do more research",
24     backstory="agent backstory",
25     verbose=True,
26 )
27
28 task2 = Task(
29     description="a tldr summary of the short biography",
30     expected_output="5 bullet point summary of the biography",
31     agent=agent2,

```

```
32     context=[task1],
33 )
34
35 my_crew = Crew(agents=[agent1, agent2], tasks=[task1, task2])
36 crew = my_crew.kickoff(inputs={"input": "Mark Twain"})
```