The Ultimate Technical Guide to the Swarms CLI: A Step-by-Step Developers Guide

Welcome to the definitive technical guide for using the Swarms Command Line Interface (CLI). The

Swarms CLI enables developers, engineers, and business professionals to seamlessly manage and

run Swarms of agents from the command line. This guide will walk you through the complete

process of installing, configuring, and using the Swarms CLI to orchestrate intelligent agents for your

needs.

By following this guide, you will not only understand how to install and use the Swarms CLI but also

learn about real-world use cases, including how the CLI is used to automate tasks across various

industries, from finance to marketing, operations, and beyond.

Explore the official [Swarms GitHub repository](https://github.com/kyegomez/swarms), dive into the

comprehensive documentation at [Swarms Docs](https://docs.swarms.world), and explore the vast

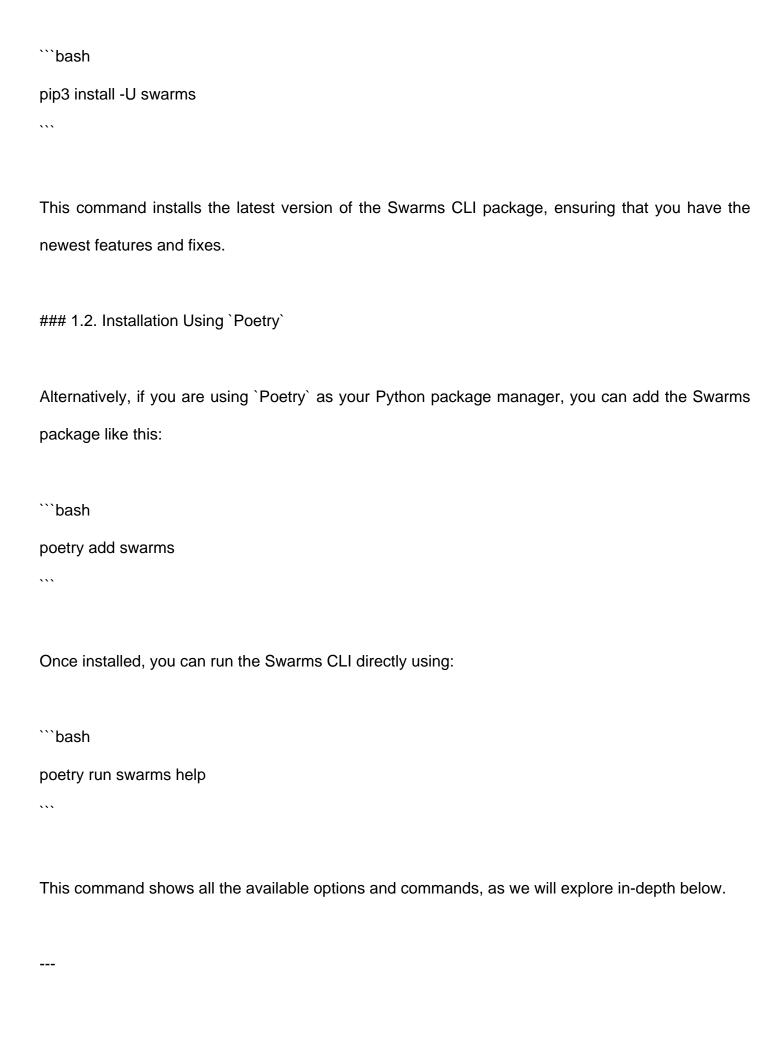
marketplace of agents on swarms.ai to kickstart your journey with Swarms!

1. Installing the Swarms CLI

Before we explore the Swarms CLI commands, lets get it installed and running on your machine.

1.1. Installation Using `pip`

For most users, the simplest way to install the Swarms CLI is through `pip`:



2. Understanding Swarms CLI Commands

With the Swarms CLI installed, the next step is to explore its key functionalities. Here are the most essential commands:

2.1. `onboarding`: Setup Your Environment

The `onboarding` command guides you through setting up your environment and configuring the agents for your Swarms.

```bash

swarms onboarding

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This is the first step when you begin working with the Swarms platform. It helps to:

- Authenticate your Swarms account.
- Download any necessary configurations.
- Ensure everything is in place to launch agents seamlessly.

### 2.2. `help`: Learn Available Commands

Running `help` displays the various commands you can use:

```bash

swarms help

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This command will output a helpful list like the one shown below, including detailed descriptions of each command.

```plaintext

Swarms CLI - Help

Commands:

onboarding : Starts the onboarding process

help : Shows this help message

get-api-key: Retrieves your API key from the platform

check-login : Checks if you're logged in and starts the cache

read-docs : Redirects you to swarms cloud documentation

run-agents : Run your Agents from your agents.yaml

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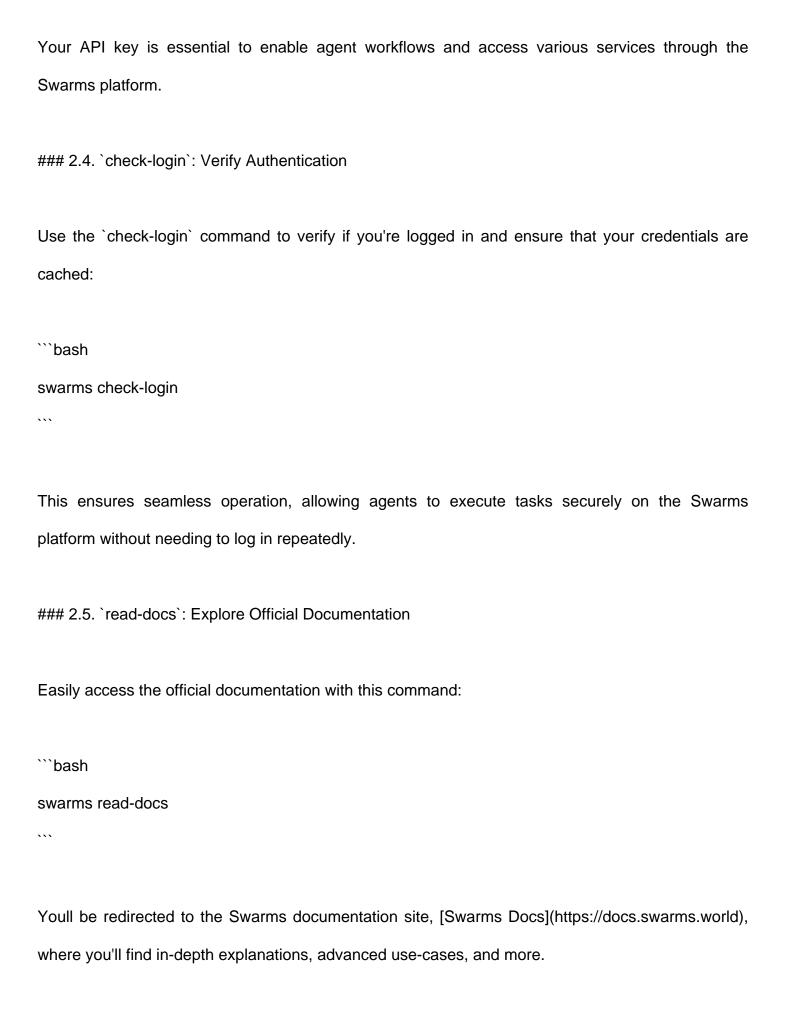
### 2.3. `get-api-key`: Access API Integration

One of the key functionalities of the Swarms platform is integrating your agents with the Swarms API. To retrieve your unique API key for communication, use this command:

```bash

swarms get-api-key

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Perhaps the most important command in the CLI is `run-agents`, which allows you to execute your agents as defined in your `agents.yaml` configuration file.

```bash

swarms run-agents --yaml-file agents.yaml

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If you want to specify a custom configuration file, just pass in the YAML file using the `--yaml-file` flag.

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## 3. Working with the `agents.yaml` Configuration File

The `agents.yaml` file is at the heart of your Swarms setup. This file allows you to define the structure and behavior of each agent you want to run. Below is an example YAML configuration for two agents.

### 3.1. Example `agents.yaml` Configuration:

```yaml

agents:

- agent_name: "Financial-Advisor-Agent"

model:

model_name: "gpt-4o-mini"

temperature: 0.3

max_tokens: 2500

system_prompt: |

You are a highly knowledgeable financial advisor with expertise in tax strategies, investment management, and retirement planning.

Provide concise and actionable advice based on the user's financial goals and situation.

max_loops: 1

autosave: true

dashboard: false

verbose: true

dynamic_temperature_enabled: true

saved_state_path: "financial_advisor_state.json"

user_name: "finance_user"

retry_attempts: 2

context_length: 200000

return_step_meta: false

output_type: "str"

task: "I am 35 years old with a moderate risk tolerance. How should I diversify my portfolio for retirement in 20 years?"

agent_name: "Stock-Market-Analysis-Agent"

model:

model_name: "gpt-4o-mini"

temperature: 0.25

max tokens: 1800

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system_prompt: |
```

You are an expert stock market analyst with a deep understanding of technical analysis, market trends, and long-term investment strategies.

Provide well-reasoned investment advice, taking current market conditions into account.

max_loops: 2

autosave: true

dashboard: false

verbose: true

dynamic_temperature_enabled: false

saved_state_path: "stock_market_analysis_state.json"

user_name: "market_analyst"

retry_attempts: 3

context_length: 150000

return_step_meta: true

output_type: "json"

task: "Analyze the current market trends for tech stocks and suggest the best long-term investment options."

- agent name: "Marketing-Strategy-Agent"

model:

model_name: "gpt-4o-mini"

temperature: 0.4

max_tokens: 2200

system_prompt: |

You are a marketing strategist with expertise in digital campaigns, customer engagement, and branding.

Provide a comprehensive marketing strategy to increase brand awareness and drive customer acquisition for an e-commerce business.

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max_loops: 1
  autosave: true
  dashboard: false
  verbose: true
  dynamic_temperature_enabled: true
  saved_state_path: "marketing_strategy_state.json"
  user_name: "marketing_user"
  retry_attempts: 2
  context_length: 200000
  return_step_meta: false
  output_type: "str"
   task: "Create a 6-month digital marketing strategy for a new eco-friendly e-commerce brand
targeting millennial consumers."
 - agent_name: "Operations-Optimizer-Agent"
  model:
   model name: "gpt-4o-mini"
   temperature: 0.2
```

You are an operations expert with extensive experience in optimizing workflows, reducing costs, and improving efficiency in supply chains.

Provide actionable recommendations to streamline business operations.

max loops: 1

max_tokens: 2000

system_prompt: |

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autosave: true
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dashboard: false

verbose: true

dynamic_temperature_enabled: true

saved_state_path: "operations_optimizer_state.json"

user_name: "operations_user"

retry_attempts: 1

context_length: 200000

return step meta: false

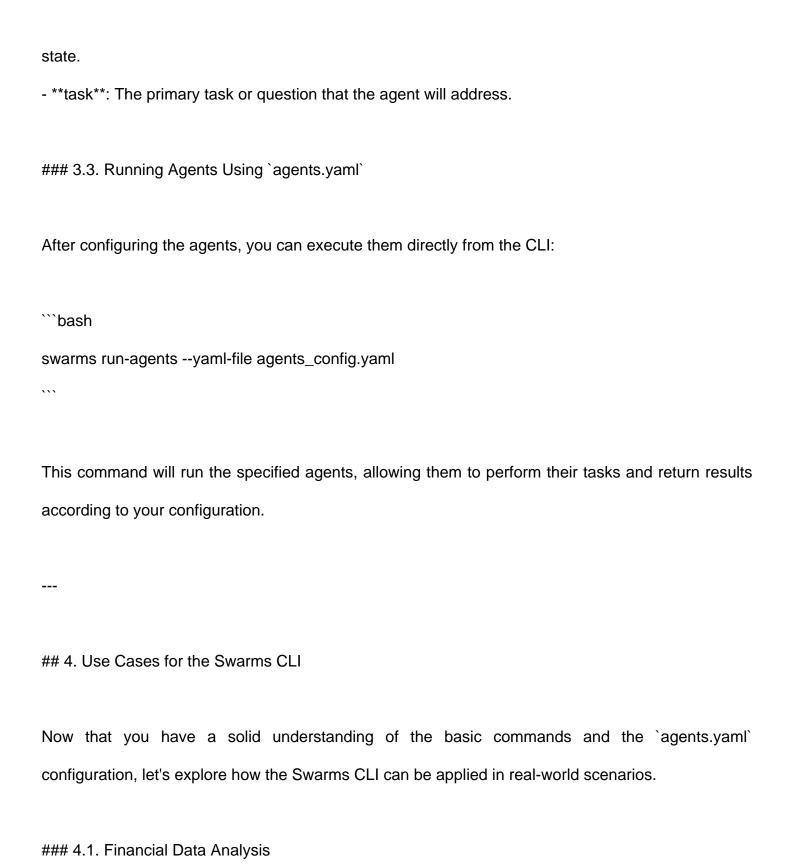
output_type: "str"

task: "Identify ways to improve the efficiency of a small manufacturing companys supply chain to reduce costs by 15% within one year."

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3.2. Explanation of Key Fields

- **agent_name**: The name of your agent (e.g., Financial-Analysis-Agent).
- **model**: Specifies which model to use. In this case, `gpt-4o-mini` is used.
 - **temperature**: Controls the randomness of the models responses.
 - **max tokens**: The maximum number of tokens to generate.
- **system_prompt**: Defines the prompt that instructs the agent.
- **max_loops**: Limits the number of times the agent will retry tasks.
- **autosave**: Saves the agent's state automatically after each run.
- **dashboard**: Set to `true` or `false` depending on whether you want to enable the agents dashboard.
- **saved_state_path**: Path to save agent's state, enabling future runs to resume from the last



For financial firms or hedge funds, agents like the "Financial-Analysis-Agent" can be set up to

automate complex financial analyses. You could have agents analyze market trends, recommend

portfolio adjustments, or perform tax optimizations.

Example Task: Automating long-term investment analysis using historical stock data.

```bash

swarms run-agents --yaml-file finance\_analysis.yaml

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### 4.2. Marketing Automation

Marketing departments can utilize Swarms agents to optimize campaigns, generate compelling ad copy, or provide detailed marketing insights. You can create a `Marketing-Agent` to process customer feedback, perform sentiment analysis, and suggest marketing strategies.

Example Task: Running multiple agents to analyze customer sentiment from recent surveys.

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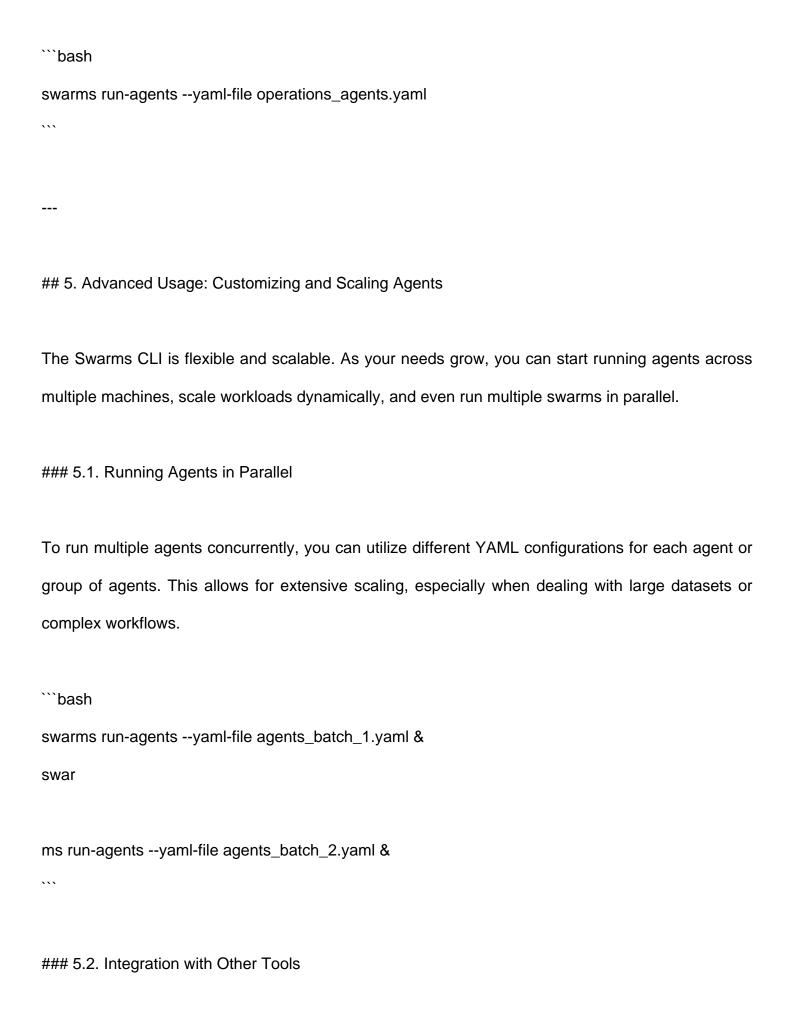
swarms run-agents --yaml-file marketing_agents.yaml

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4.3. Operations and Task Management

Companies can create agents for automating internal task management. For example, you might have a set of agents responsible for managing deadlines, employee tasks, and progress tracking.

Example Task: Automating a task management system using Swarms agents.



The Swarms CLI integrates with many tools and platforms via APIs. You can connect Swarms with external platforms such as AWS, Azure, or your custom cloud setup for enterprise-level automation.

6. Conclusion and Next Steps

The Swarms CLI is a powerful tool for automating agent workflows in various industries, including finance, marketing, and operations. By following this guide, you should now have a thorough understanding of how to install and use the CLI, configure agents, and apply it to real-world use cases.

explore To further Swarms, be sure to check out the official [Swarms GitHub repository](https://github.com/kyegomez/swarms), where you can contribute to the framework or build your own custom agents. Dive deeper into the documentation at [Swarms Docs](https://docs.swarms.world), browse extensive marketplace and the agent at swarms.ai.

With the Swarms CLI, the future of automation is within reach.