

Agent Builder Advanced: Integrating External APIs

For section-specific guidelines and examples, see below

Vertex AI Overview

[Vertex AI](#) is a machine learning (ML) platform that lets you train and deploy ML models and AI applications. Vertex AI combines data engineering, data science, and ML engineering workflows, enabling your teams to collaborate using a common toolset. Agent Builder is a low-code, no-code platform that can help build things faster.

What are LLMs

Large language models (LLMs) are deep learning models trained on massive datasets of text. LLMs can translate language, summarize text, generate creative writing, generate code, power chatbots and virtual assistants, and complement search engines and recommendation systems. Creating an LLM requires massive amounts of data, significant compute resources, and specialized skills. Because LLMs require a big investment to create, they target broad rather than specific use cases. On Vertex AI, you can customize a foundation model for more specific tasks or knowledge domains by using prompt design and model tuning.

Build powerful AI agents, no code required. For complex goals, you can easily stitch together multiple agents, with one agent functioning as the main agent and others as subagents. Train with your data, automate tasks, and iterate with ease. Launch and analyze - all within a user-friendly platform.

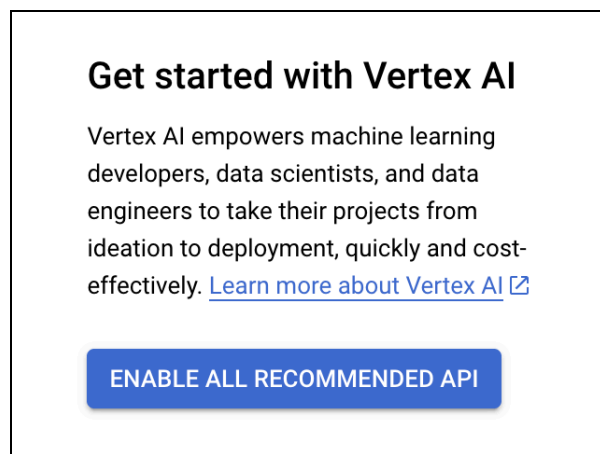
Objectives:

- ✓ Introduce Agent Builder
- ✓ Cloud Functions for Integrating with external apis
- ✓ Build a use-case with a no-code/low-code platform

Task 1. Set up your environment

Enable the Vertex AI API

1. In the Google Cloud Console, on the **Navigation menu**, click **Vertex AI** or Utilize the search bar to find **Vertex AI**.
2. Within the "Get Started with Vertex AI" section, locate and click on the option that says



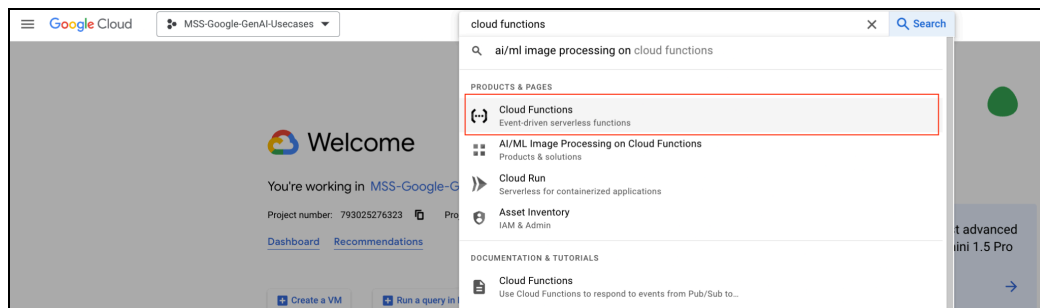
"ENABLE ALL RECOMMENDED API."

Task 2. Create a Cloud Function to Fetch Weather Data from Weatherbit.io

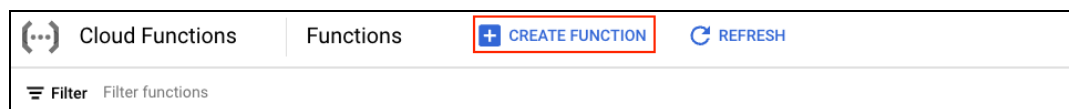
Open Google Cloud Console and create a new Cloud Function with name **get_current_weather**. Use Flask as the HTTP handler for the function's endpoint. Inside the function, make a call to the Weatherbit.io API to retrieve the current weather data.

Follow the steps below:

1. Search for the **Cloud Run Functions** in the GCP console, and select Cloud Functions from the search result



2. Create the Cloud Function
 - a. Click on CREATE FUNCTION





3. Update the parameters, and set the parameters as marked in **RED**.

Note: Function name is a name entered by the user

- a. Environment : **Cloud Run Function**
- b. Function name : **get_current_weather**

- c. Region : **us-central1 (Iowa)**
- d. Trigger type : **HTTPS**
- e. Select **“Allow unauthenticated invocations”**

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Environment
Cloud Run function

Function name *
get_current_weather

Region *
us-central1 (Iowa)

Trigger

Trigger type
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URL
https://us-central1-fresh-span-400217.cloudfunctions.net/get_current_weather

Authentication ?

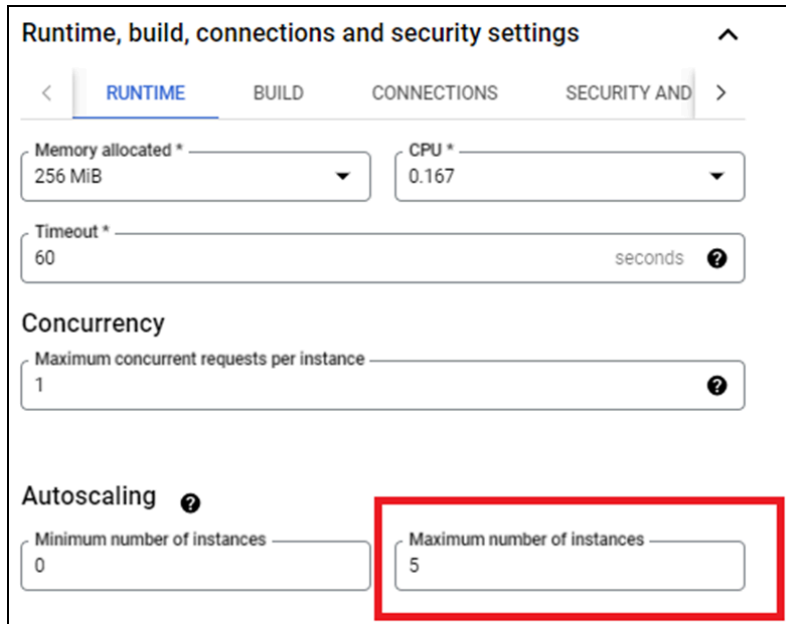
- ☒ Allow unauthenticated invocations
Check this if you are creating a public API or website.
- ☐ Require authentication
Manage authorized users with Cloud IAM.

Runtime, build, connections and security settings ^

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Note: Maximum numbers of instances should not exceed 5 (Refer below screenshot). This is the maximum number assigned for Qwiklabs.



Runtime, build, connections and security settings

< RUNTIME BUILD CONNECTIONS SECURITY AND >

Memory allocated * 256 MiB CPU * 0.167

Timeout * 60 seconds ?

Concurrency


Maximum concurrent requests per instance 1 ?

Autoscaling ?

Minimum number of instances 0 Maximum number of instances 5

4. Get the Weather API Key from Weatherbit.io

- Go to <https://www.weatherbit.io/>
- Click on Sign up to create a new account



Weatherbit

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Weather API for Programmers

The High Performance Weather API for All of Your Data Needs.

Enhance your business with our global weather data API. Start with a free trial in just a few clicks!

Your email
gogheniak24@gmail.com

Choose a password

Create Account

Birmingham, MI, US

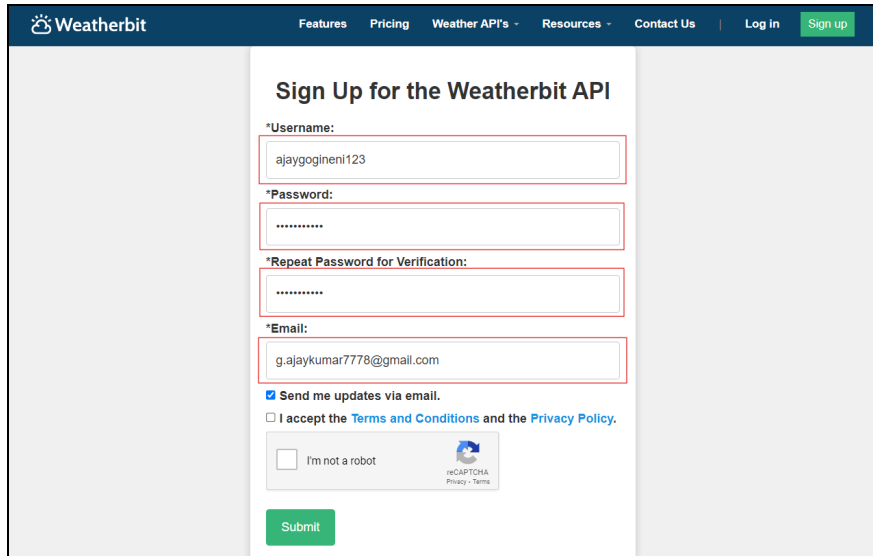
63°F

Wind: 10 mph
Precip: 0 in
Pressure: 1012 mb

Overcast Clouds

WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
67°F / 37°F	68°F / 41°F	69°F / 42°F	64°F / 34°F	55°F / 39°F	60°F / 56°F

- Enter the email id and password



Weatherbit

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Sign Up for the Weatherbit API

*Username:
ajaygogineni123

*Password:

*Repeat Password for Verification:

*Email:
g.ajaykumar7778@gmail.com

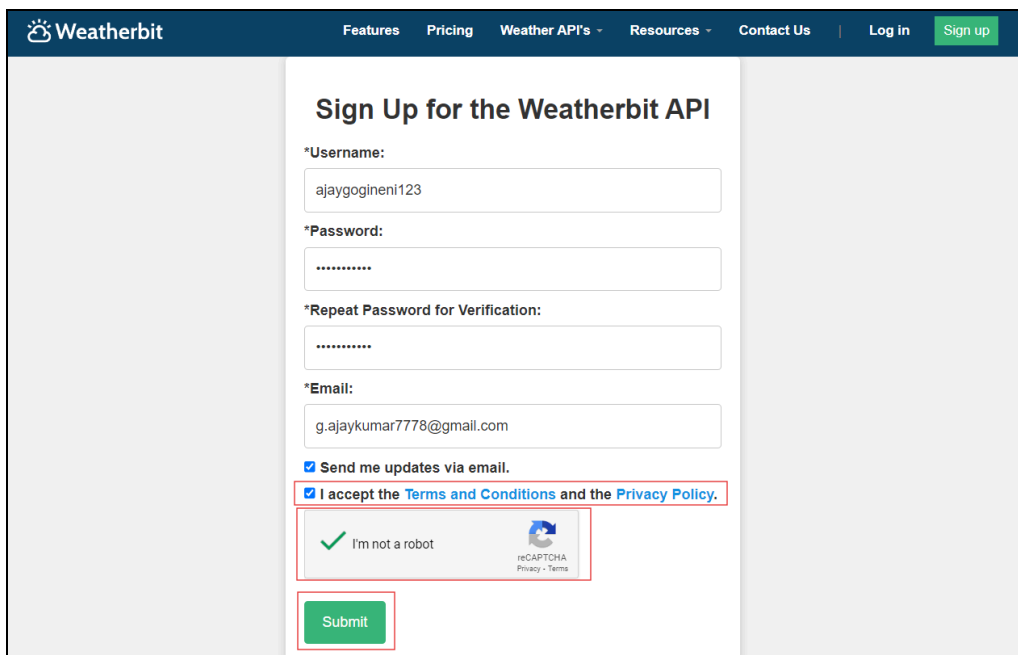
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Submit

d. Accept the Terms and Conditions, Verify captcha and click on Submit



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e. Verify the email id by clicking on the link sent over email.

The screenshot shows the Weatherbit API User Login page. At the top is a dark blue navigation bar with the Weatherbit logo and links for Features, Pricing, Weather API's, Resources, Contact Us, Log in, and a green Sign up button. The main content area has a white background with a central card. The card is titled "API User Login" and contains a green confirmation message: "✓ We have sent a confirmation link to your email. Please check your email, and click the link provided in it. If you did not receive that email, you can reset your password via the 'Forgot Password?' link below to access your account." Below the message are two input fields: "Username:" with a placeholder "Enter Email or Username" and "Password:" with a placeholder "Enter Password". A green "Login" button is positioned below the password field. At the bottom of the card are two blue links: "Forgot Password" and "Forgot Username".

f. Login using the details after verifying the account

This screenshot shows the same Weatherbit API User Login page, but with the input fields filled. The green confirmation message is still present. The "Username:" field now contains the text "ajaygogineni123". The "Password:" field contains a series of dots, indicating a masked password. The green "Login" button remains below the password field. The "Forgot Password" and "Forgot Username" links are still at the bottom of the card.

g. You will be redirected to a page where you can select your plan

Welcome to Weatherbit.io!

Before you can access your free API key, we need just a few more things:

Company Name/Organization

Name*

Billing Currency*

Country*

API Usage Purpose*

API Tier* [Billing Terms and Conditions](#)

Plan Details

Plan: Free Trial (21 Days)
1,500 req/day
1,500 historical req/day
Current weather + alerts
25 years historical
16 day forecasts
240 hour forecasts
60 minute forecasts
+ Energy / Air Quality / Agweather / Climate Normals API
Non-Commercial use only
95.0% Uptime
Price: \$0/mo

[Proceed to Dashboard](#)

h. Fill the details. Select Free Trial for API Tier. Click on Proceed to Dashboard

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Manage Subscription

Change Email / Password

API Documentation

API Status

Support

Historical Forecast Order

Historical Data Order

Delete Account

Log Out

Plan	Details	Support Level
Business Trial (Expires 2024-11-13)	1,500 req/day 1,500 historical req/day 25 years historical Current weather + alerts 16 day forecasts 240 hour forecasts 60 minute forecasts + Energy / Air Quality / Agweather / Climate Normals API Non-Commercial use only	Basic Support Email Support 3 Business Day Response API Status Page Outage Notifications > 2 hours

API Key	Name
c7f1c97301dd46b98	Master API Key

Contact Emails	Access
gogineniak24@gmail.com	Primary Login Email

Company Information

Business Name

Update

5. Add the API key as an environment variable in the Cloud Function

Expand Runtime, build, connections and security settings menu

Cloud Run functions

Edit function

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✓ get_current_weather

Cloud Run function

us-central1

Trigger

Trigger type

HTTPS

URL

https://us-central1-fresh-span-400217.cloudfunctions.net/get_current_weather

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Go to Runtime environment variables

Add a variable with name WEATHER_API_KEY and value as the API KEY obtained from Weatherbit.io

Cloud Run functions

Edit function

Runtime, build, connections and security settings

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CONNECTIONS

SECURITY AND

>

Memory allocated *

256 MiB

CPU *

0.167

Timeout *

60

seconds

Concurrency

Maximum concurrent requests per instance

1

Autoscaling

Minimum number of instances

0

Maximum number of instances

100

Runtime service account

Service account

Default compute service account

By default Cloud Functions uses the automatically created Default Compute Engine Service Account. [Learn more about service accounts.](#)

Runtime environment variables

Name 1 *

LOG_EXECUTION_ID

Value 1

true

Name 2 *

WEATHER_API_KEY

Value 2

c7f1c97301dd46b9883cdc31c04de

+ ADD VARIABLE

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6. Click on NEXT to open the Editor

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6. Update the code to point to a Flask endpoint in the Editor.
(Note that the Function name from Step 1, Entry point and the function name in main.py should be same)

- Select Python 3.12 in Runtime
- Update Entry point to get_current_weather
- Update the python code in main.py

This code gets weather through an API code

Code for [main.py](#):

Note: "Please verify code indentation after copying." You can copy the code in a text format from the github location: <https://github.com/themlguy-tf/generative-ai/tree/main/agent-builder>

```
from flask import Flask, request, make_response, jsonify
import requests
import os
app = Flask(__name__)

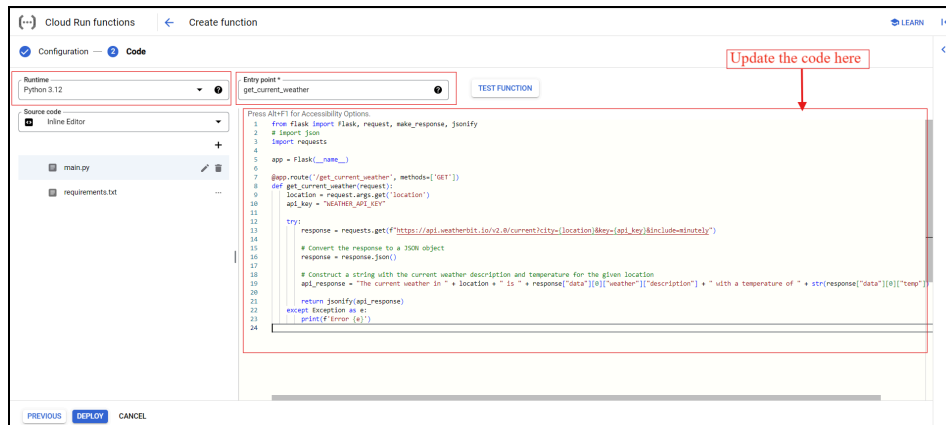
@app.route('/get_current_weather', methods=['GET'])
def get_current_weather(request):
    location = request.args.get('location')
    api_key = os.getenv('WEATHER_API_KEY')

    try:
        response =
requests.get(f"https://api.weatherbit.io/v2.0/current?city={location}&key={api_key}&include
=minutely")

        # Convert the response to a JSON object
        response = response.json()

        # Construct a string with the current weather description and temperature for the given
location
        api_response = "The current weather in " + location + " is " +
response["data"][0]["weather"]["description"] + " with a temperature of " +
str(response["data"][0]["temp"]) + "°C."

        return jsonify(api_response)
    except Exception as e:
        print(f'Error {e}')
```

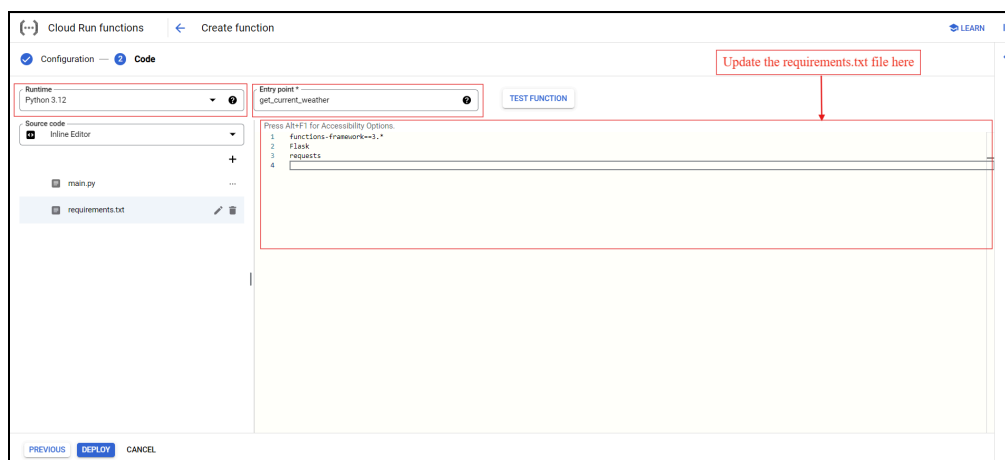


- d. Update the requirements.txt file
- e. requirements.txt

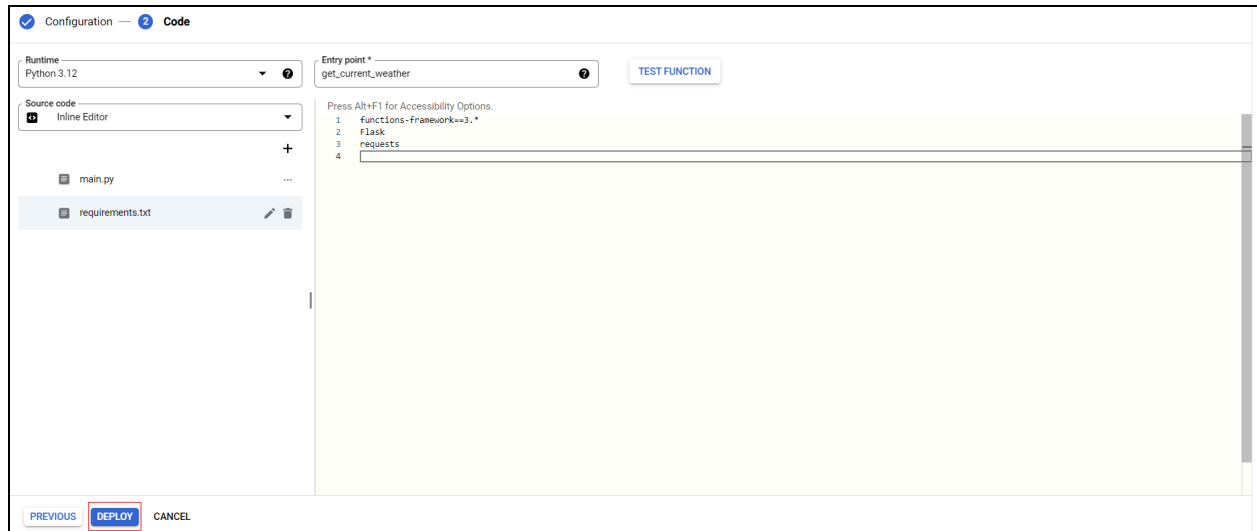
functions-framework==3.*

Flask

requests



6. Click on Deploy to deploy the cloud function

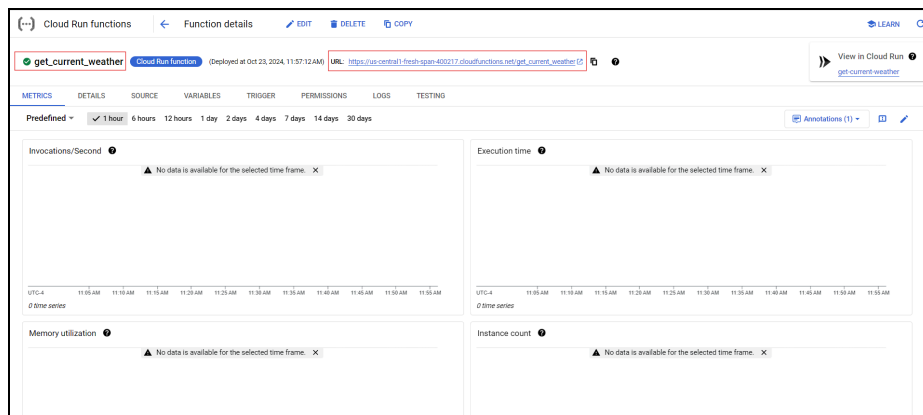


This will deploy the cloud function that can get weather from Weatherbit.io. The cloud function is deployed here:

https://us-central1-fresh-span-400217.cloudfunctions.net/get_current_weather

* Note: This url will be different for your application

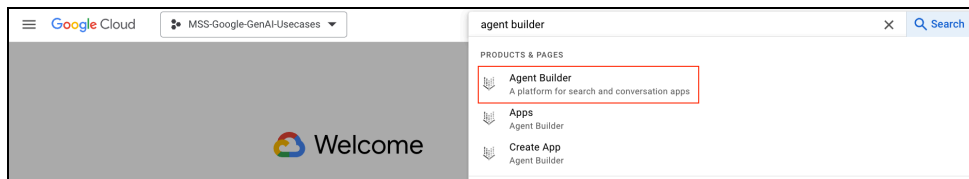
Debug Steps: Make sure the Entry point and function name are same



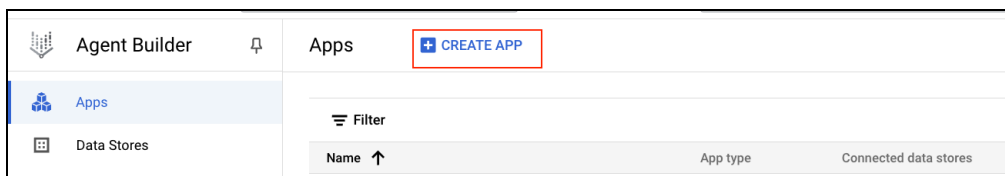
Task 3. Navigate to the Agent Builder service and set up an OpenAPI tool for the get_current_weather cloud function.

This tool will be used as an input to the agent. A description of the tool and the corresponding schema should be provided here. The output format of get_current_weather cloud function and the input of this tool should be the same. If there is a mismatch, there will be errors.

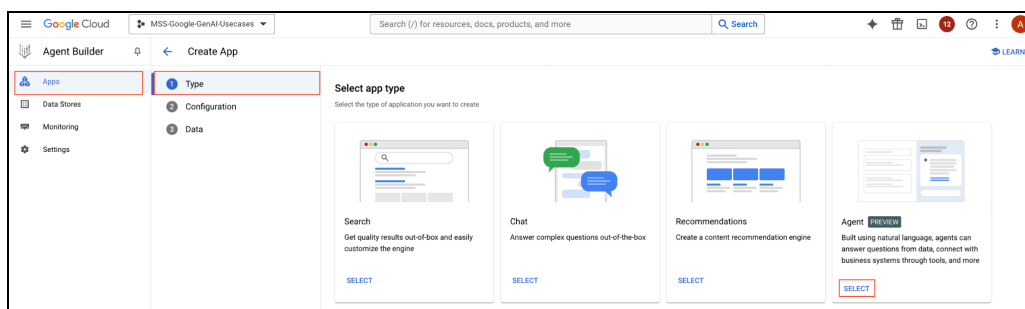
1. Go to Agent Builder on Google cloud console



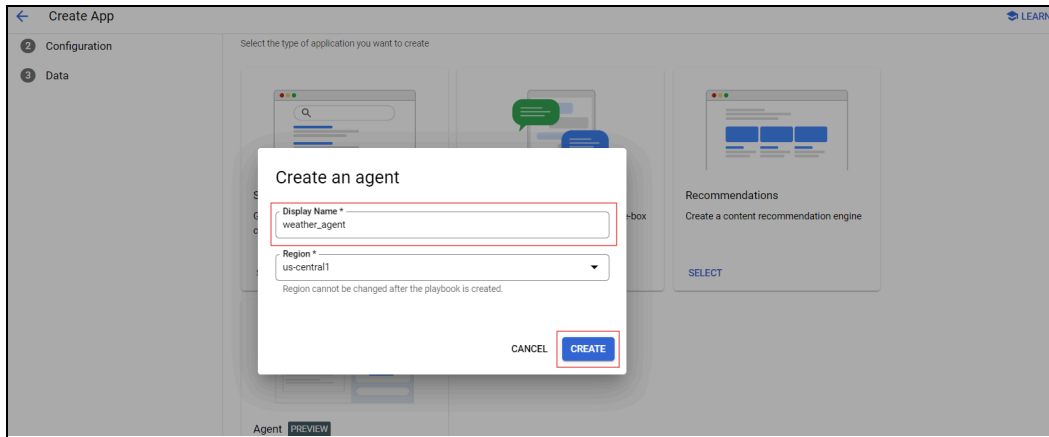
2. Click on Create App to start building a new Agent builder



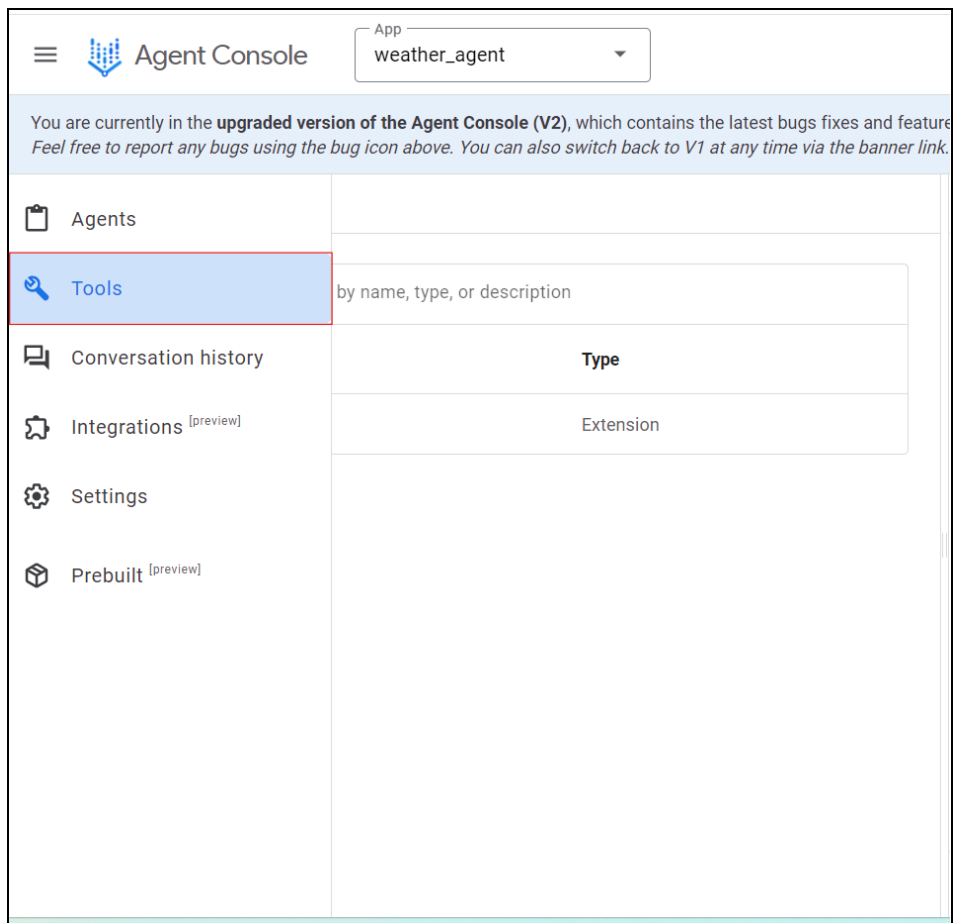
3. Select Apps > Type > Agent



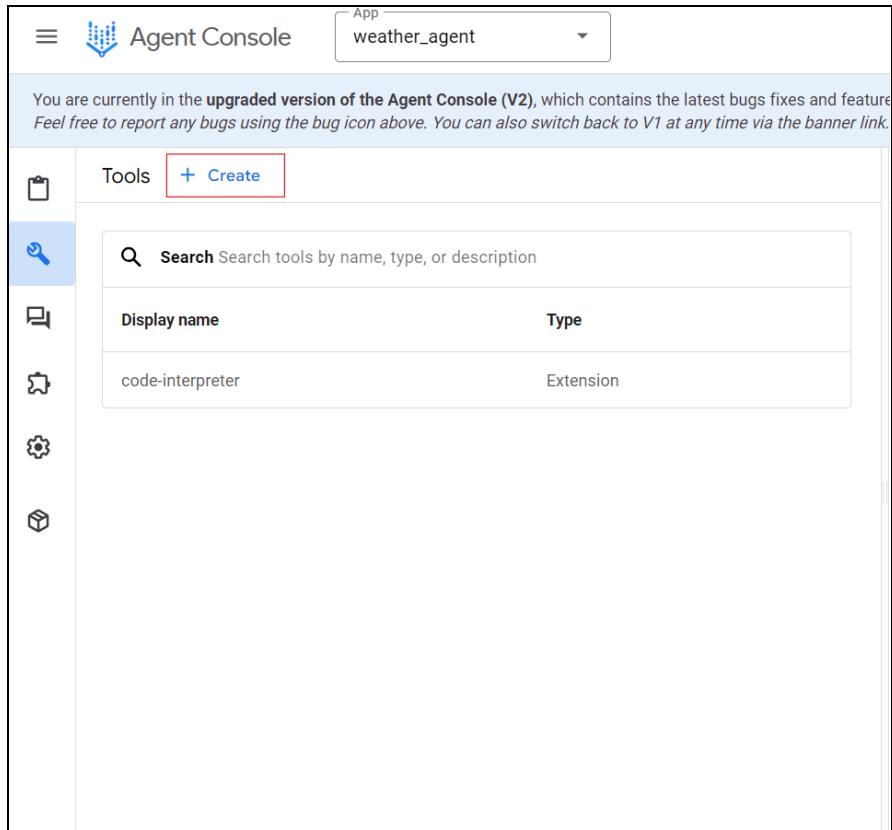
4. Update the Display name of the agent to **Weather Agent** and click on Create



5. Select Tools from the left panel



6. Click on Create



7. Update the following parameters:

- a. Tool name : `get_current_weather`
- b. Type : OpenAPI
- c. Update the Description to:
Use this tool to get the real time weather at a particular location. Pass the location as an input parameter to get the weather at that location.
- d. Select YAML under schema
- e. Update the schema to:
* Note: Use the url corresponding to `get_current_weather` cloud function created previously in the schema. Set the paths to `get_current_weather`.

openapi: 3.0.2

info:

title: Weather API

description: API to get the current weather based on location using Weatherbit.

version: 1.0.0

servers:

- url: 'https://us-central1-genaiinprogress.cloudfunctions.net'

description: Cloud Function Deployment

paths:

/get_current_weather:

get:

summary: Get Current Weather

description: Retrieve the current weather for a specified location.

parameters:

- in: query

name: location

schema:

type: string

required: true

description: The name of the city to get the weather for.

responses:

'200':

description: Successful response with weather information

content:

application/json:

schema:

type: object

properties:

weather:

type: string

example: >-

The current weather in London is Clear sky with a temperature of 13.3°C.

'400':

description: Bad Request (missing or invalid location parameter)

'500':

description: 'Internal Server Error (e.g., API issues or connectivity failure)'

components:

securitySchemes:

ApiKeyAuth:

type: apiKey

in: header

name: WEATHER_API_KEY

security:

- ApiKeyAuth: []

App

weather_agent

Agent Console

weather_agent

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Tools

Save

Using tools, you can connect agents to external systems. These systems can augment the knowledge of agents and empower them to execute complex tasks efficiently. [Learn more](#)

Tool name*

get_current_weather

Type

OpenAPI

Connect to an external API using an OpenAPI tool.

Description

Provide a description of this tool. This description is provided to the model as context informing how the tool is used.

Description

Use this tool to get the real time weather at a particular location. Pass the location as an input parameter to get the weather at that location.

Schema

Provide the [OpenAPI schema](#) defining this tool's API. YAML and JSON are supported. You can use the [OpenAPI schema builder](#) to assist with building your OpenAPI schema specification.

☐ JSON

☒ YAML

Samples

Schema

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2 info:
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6 servers:
7   - url: 'https://us-central1-fresh-span-400217.cloudfunctions.net'
8     description: Cloud Function Deployment
9 paths:
10  /get_current_weather:
11    get:
```

8. Save the Tool

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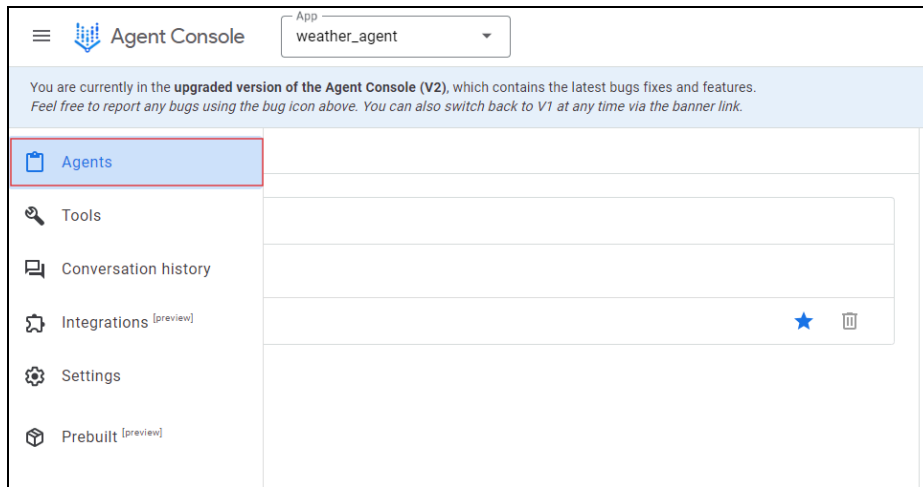
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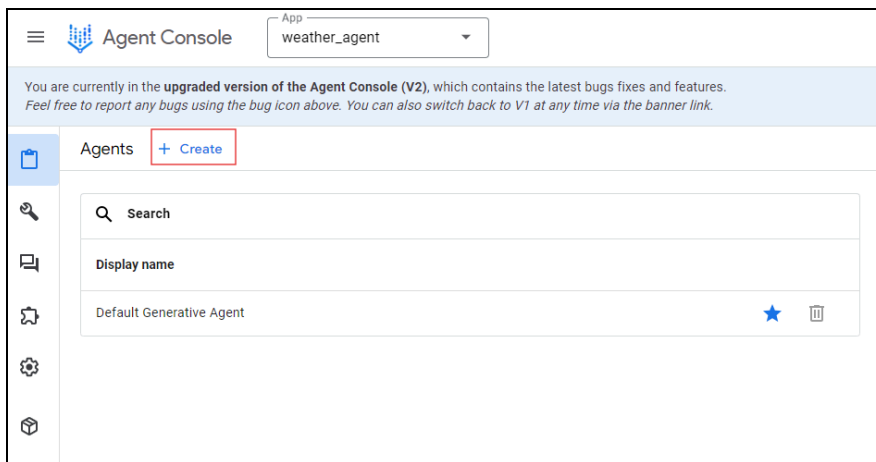
Description

Step 3: Create an Agent using the tool created in Step 2 as one of the inputs

1. Click on Agent in the left panel



2. Click on Create to create a new Agent



3. Update the following fields:

- Agent name : Weather Agent *Note: Change the name of the agent as per requirement
- Set the **Goal** of the Agent to :

Provide helpful and informative answers to the user's questions, using available tools like ``get_current_weather`` when appropriate. Use the ``get_current_weather`` tool to get the current real time weather at a location.

- Specify the **instructions** to be followed by the Agent. To reference a tool, use the syntax ``${TOOL: tool name}``:

- Determine the user's intent and what information they are seeking.

- If the user's question is about the current weather at a specific location, use the `${TOOL:get_current_weather}` tool to retrieve the latest weather information.

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Agent name*

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High level description of the goal the agent intends to accomplish. [Learn more](#)

Instructions

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- If the user's question is about the current weather at a specific location, use the tool `${TOOL:get_current_weather}` tool to retrieve the latest weather information.

Ordered list of step-by-step execution instructions to accomplish target goal. Specify instructions using [unordered](#)

Set the Goal here

Set the Instructions here

4. Save the Agent

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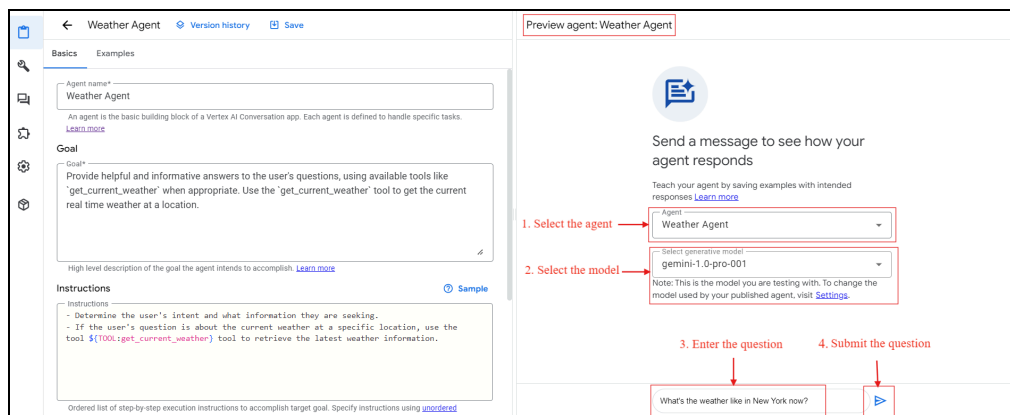
Sample

Step 4: Testing the Agent created

Follow these steps to test the Agent Builder:

Use the Preview agent: section to ask questions

1. Select the agent created, Weather Agent. *Note: Select the correct agent
2. Select the GenAI model, **gemini-1.0-pro-001**
3. Enter the question in the text box. Example question: 'What's the weather like in New York now?'
4. Click the **submit** button or press Enter



Get a list of tools used by the agent to come up with the final answer

Preview agent: Weather Agent
Max token count per LLM call in current turn: input 1178, output :

Agent invocations

Weather Agent

What's the weather like in New York now?

Tool	Action	Input parameters	Output parameters
get_current_weather	GET/get_current_weather	1	1

The current weather in New York is Clear sky with a temperature of 20.6°C.

Tools used by the Agent

Agent's response

Enter user input

Expand the tool to view its inputs and outputs in detail.

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Tool*

get_current_weather

Action name

GET/get_current_weather

Name of the action to be called during the tool use.

Tool input

Input (location) *

"New York"

Tool output

Output (200) *

"The current weather in New York is Clear sky with a temperature of 20.6°C."

The current weather in New York is Clear sky with a temperature of 20.6°C.

Enter user input

Congratulations!

In this lab, you have successfully learnt about how to build an agent using the Agent Builder using external APIs

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