Reference Card: LangChain
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Installation & Imports

```
# Installation
pip install langchain langchain-openai langchain-community
pip install langchain-anthropic langchain-google-genai

# Core Imports
from langchain.llms import OpenAI
from langchain.chat_models import ChatOpenAI
from langchain.schema import HumanMessage, SystemMessage, AIMessage
from langchain.prompts import PromptTemplate, ChatPromptTemplate
from langchain.chains import LLMChain, SimpleSequentialChain
from langchain.memory import ConversationBufferMemory
from langchain.agents import initialize_agent, Tool, AgentType
```

LLM Models - Basic Setup

```
# OpenAI LLM (Legacy)
from langchain.llms import OpenAI
llm = OpenAI(temperature=0.7, model_name="gpt-3.5-turbo-instruct")
response = llm("What is LangChain?")

# Chat Models (Recommended)
from langchain.chat_models import ChatOpenAI
chat = ChatOpenAI(temperature=0.7, model_name="gpt-4")
result = chat.invoke("Explain quantum computing")

# Anthropic Claude
from langchain_anthropic import ChatAnthropic
claude = ChatAnthropic(model="claude-3-sonnet-20240229")

# Google Gemini
from langchain_google_genai import ChatGoogleGenerativeAI
gemini = ChatGoogleGenerativeAI(model="gemini-pro")
```

Message Types & Chat

```
# Message Schema
from langchain.schema import HumanMessage, SystemMessage, AIMessage

messages = [
    SystemMessage(content="You are a helpful AI assistant"),
    HumanMessage(content="What is machine learning?"),
    AIMessage(content="ML is a subset of AI..."),
    HumanMessage(content="Give me an example")
]

# Invoke Chat with Messages
chat = ChatOpenAI()
response = chat.invoke(messages)
print(response.content)

# Batch Processing
responses = chat.batch([
    [HumanMessage(content="Hi")],
    [HumanMessage(content="Bye")]
])

# Streaming
for chunk in chat.stream("Tell me a story"):
    print(chunk.content, end="", flush=True)
```

Prompt Templates - Basic

```
# Simple Prompt Template
from langchain.prompts import PromptTemplate
template = "Tell me a {adjective} joke about {content}"
prompt = PromptTemplate(
    input_variables=["adjective", "content"],
    template=template
)
formatted = prompt.format(adjective="funny", content="programmers")

# Chat Prompt Template
from langchain.prompts import ChatPromptTemplate

chat_template = ChatPromptTemplate.from_messages([
    ("system", "You are a helpful assistant that translates {input_lang} to {output_lang}"),
    ("human", "{text}")
])
messages = chat_template.format_messages(
    input_lang="English", output_lang="French", text="Hello"
)

# Few-Shot Prompts
from langchain.prompts import FewShotPromptTemplate
examples = [{"word": "happy", "antonym": "sad"}]
```

Chains - LLMChain

```
# Basic LLMChain
from langchain.chains import LLMChain
from langchain.prompts import PromptTemplate

llm = ChatOpenAI()
prompt = PromptTemplate(
    input_variables=["product"],
    template="What is a good name for a company that makes {product}?"
)
chain = LLMChain(llm=llm, prompt=prompt)
result = chain.run(product="eco-friendly shoes")

# Multiple Inputs
chain.run({"product": "AI software", "style": "creative"})

# Invoke Method (New)
result = chain.invoke({"product": "bikes"})
print(result["text"])

# Chain with Output Parser
from langchain.output_parsers import CommaSeparatedListOutputParser
parser = CommaSeparatedListOutputParser()
chain = LLMChain(llm=llm, prompt=prompt, output_parser=parser)
```

Sequential Chains

```
# SimpleSequentialChain - Single Input/Output
from langchain.chains import SimpleSequentialChain

chain1 = LLMChain(llm=llm, prompt=prompt1)  # Generate synopsis
chain2 = LLMChain(llm=llm, prompt=prompt2)  # Generate review
overall_chain = SimpleSequentialChain(chains=[chain1, chain2])
review = overall_chain.run("tragedy")

# SequentialChain - Multiple Inputs/Outputs
from langchain.chains import SequentialChain

chain = SequentialChain(
    chains=[chain1, chain2, chain3],
    input_variables=["era", "genre"],
    output_variables=["synopsis", "review", "social_post"],
    verbose=True
)
result = chain({"era": "medieval", "genre": "fantasy"})

# Access Outputs
print(result["synopsis"])
print(result["review"])
```

LCEL - LangChain Expression Language

```
# Basic LCEL Chain
from langchain.schema.runnable import RunnablePassthrough

prompt = ChatPromptTemplate.from_template("Tell me about {topic}")
chain = prompt | llm
result = chain.invoke({"topic": "neural networks"})

# Chain with Output Parser
from langchain.schema.output_parser import StrOutputParser
chain = prompt | llm | StrOutputParser()
output = chain.invoke({"topic": "blockchain"})

# Parallel Execution
from langchain.schema.runnable import RunnableParallel
chain = RunnableParallel(
    joke=joke_chain,
    poem=poem_chain
)

# Branching
from langchain.schema.runnable import RunnableBranch
branch = RunnableBranch(
    (lambda x: "python" in x["topic"].lower(), python_chain),
    (lambda x: "java" in x["topic"].lower(), java_chain),
    default_chain
)
```

Memory - Conversation

```
# ConversationBufferMemory
from langchain.memory import ConversationBufferMemory

memory = ConversationBufferMemory()
memory.save_context({"input": "hi"}, {"output": "hello"})
print(memory.load_memory_variables({}))

# With Chain
chain = LLMChain(llm=llm, prompt=prompt, memory=memory)
chain.run("What's my name?")  # Remembers context

# ConversationBufferWindowMemory (Last K interactions)
from langchain.memory import ConversationBufferWindowMemory
memory = ConversationBufferWindowMemory(k=2)

# ConversationSummaryMemory
from langchain.memory import ConversationSummaryMemory
memory = ConversationSummaryMemory(llm=llm)

# ConversationTokenBufferMemory
from langchain.memory import ConversationTokenBufferMemory
memory = ConversationTokenBufferMemory(llm=llm, max_token_limit=100)
```

Document Loaders

```
# Text File Loader
from langchain.document_loaders import TextLoader
loader = TextLoader("data.txt")
docs = loader.load()

# PDF Loader
from langchain.document_loaders import PyPDFLoader
loader = PyPDFLoader("document.pdf")
pages = loader.load_and_split()

# CSV Loader
from langchain.document_loaders import CSVLoader
loader = CSVLoader("data.csv")

# Web Page Loader
from langchain.document_loaders import WebBaseLoader
loader = WebBaseLoader("https://example.com")

# Directory Loader
from langchain.document_loaders import DirectoryLoader
loader = DirectoryLoader("./docs", glob="**/*.txt")

# Unstructured Loader (Multiple formats)
from langchain.document_loaders import UnstructuredFileLoader
loader = UnstructuredFileLoader("file.docx")
```

Text Splitters

```
# Character Text Splitter
from langchain.text_splitter import CharacterTextSplitter

splitter = CharacterTextSplitter(
    separator="\n\n",
    chunk_size=1000,
    chunk_overlap=200
)
texts = splitter.split_text(long_text)

# Recursive Character Text Splitter (Recommended)
from langchain.text_splitter import RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter

splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(
    chunk_size=500,
    chunk_overlap=50,
    separators=["\n\n", "\n", " ", ""]
)
chunks = splitter.split_documents(documents)

# Token Text Splitter
from langchain.text_splitter import TokenTextSplitter
splitter = TokenTextSplitter(chunk_size=100, chunk_overlap=10)

# Markdown Splitter
from langchain.text_splitter import MarkdownTextSplitter
```

Embeddings & Vector Stores

```
# OpenAI Embeddings
from langchain.embeddings import OpenAIEmbeddings
embeddings = OpenAIEmbeddings()
vector = embeddings.embed_query("Hello world")
doc_vectors = embeddings.embed_documents(["doc1", "doc2"])

# HuggingFace Embeddings
from langchain.embeddings import HuggingFaceEmbeddings
embeddings = HuggingFaceEmbeddings(model_name="all-MiniLM-L6-v2")

# FAISS Vector Store
from langchain.vectorstores import FAISS
vectorstore = FAISS.from_documents(documents, embeddings)
vectorstore.save_local("faiss_index")
loaded_vs = FAISS.load_local("faiss_index", embeddings)

# Chroma Vector Store
from langchain.vectorstores import Chroma
vectorstore = Chroma.from_documents(documents, embeddings, persist_directory="./chroma_db")

# Pinecone
from langchain.vectorstores import Pinecone
vectorstore = Pinecone.from_documents(documents, embeddings, index_name="myindex")
```

Retrieval - Similarity Search

```
# Basic Similarity Search
docs = vectorstore.similarity_search("query text", k=4)

# Similarity Search with Scores
docs_scores = vectorstore.similarity_search_with_score("query", k=3)
for doc, score in docs_scores:
    print(f"Score: {score}, Content: {doc.page_content}")

# Max Marginal Relevance (MMR) - Diverse Results
docs = vectorstore.max_marginal_relevance_search("query", k=4, fetch_k=20)

# As Retriever
retriever = vectorstore.as_retriever(
    search_type="similarity",
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    search_kwargs={"k": 3}
)
docs = retriever.get_relevant_documents("query")

# MMR Retriever
retriever = vectorstore.as_retriever(
    search_type="mmr",
    search_kwargs={"k": 3, "fetch_k": 10}
)

# Threshold-based
retriever = vectorstore.as_retriever(search_kwargs={"score_threshold": 0.5})
```

RAG - Retrieval Augmented Generation

```
# RetrievalQA Chain
from langchain.chains import RetrievalQA

qa = RetrievalQA.from_chain_type(
    llm=llm,
    chain_type="stuff",
    retriever=retriever,
    return_source_documents=True
)
result = qa({"query": "What is the main topic?"})
print(result["result"])
print(result["source_documents"])

# Chain Types: stuff, map_reduce, refine, map_rerank

# ConversationalRetrievalChain
from langchain.chains import ConversationalRetrievalChain

qa = ConversationalRetrievalChain.from_llm(
    llm=llm,
    retriever=retriever,
    memory=memory
)
result = qa({"question": "What is X?", "chat_history": []})

# LCEL RAG Chain
from langchain.schema.runnable import RunnablePassthrough
chain = {"context": retriever, "question": RunnablePassthrough()} | prompt | llm
```

Agents - Basic Setup

```
# Define Tools
from langchain.agents import Tool

def search_function(query):
    return f"Results for: {query}"

tools = [
    Tool(
        name="Search",
        func=search_function,
        description="useful for searching information"
    ),
    Tool(
        name="Calculator",
        func=lambda x: eval(x),
        description="useful for math calculations"
    )
]

# Initialize Agent
from langchain.agents import initialize_agent, AgentType

agent = initialize_agent(
    tools=tools,
    llm=llm,
    agent=AgentType.ZERO_SHOT_REACT_DESCRIPTION,
    verbose=True
)

# Run Agent
result = agent.run("What is 25 * 4?")
```

Agent Types & Tools

```
# Agent Types
# ZERO_SHOT_REACT_DESCRIPTION - Best for most cases
# CONVERSATIONAL_REACT_DESCRIPTION - With memory
# REACT_DOCSTORE - For document reasoning
# SELF_ASK_WITH_SEARCH - For factual questions
# OPENAI_FUNCTIONS - Uses OpenAI function calling

# Built-in Tools
from langchain.agents import load_tools

tools = load_tools(["serpapi", "llm-math"], llm=llm)
tools = load_tools(["wikipedia", "arxiv"])

# Custom Tool with Decorator
from langchain.tools import tool

@tool
def get_weather(location: str) -> str:
    """Get weather for a location"""
    return f"Weather in {location}: Sunny, 72F"

# Tool from Function
from langchain.tools import StructuredTool
tool = StructuredTool.from_function(
    func=my_function,
    name="MyTool",
    description="Does something"
)
```

OpenAI Functions Agent

```
# OpenAI Functions Agent (Recommended)
from langchain.agents import create_openai_functions_agent
from langchain.agents import AgentExecutor

tools = [search_tool, calculator_tool]
llm = ChatOpenAI(model="gpt-4", temperature=0)

prompt = ChatPromptTemplate.from_messages([
    ("system", "You are a helpful assistant"),
    ("user", "{input}"),
    ("assistant", "{agent_scratchpad}")
])

agent = create_openai_functions_agent(llm, tools, prompt)
agent_executor = AgentExecutor(agent=agent, tools=tools, verbose=True)

result = agent_executor.invoke({"input": "Search for Python tutorials"})

# Streaming
for chunk in agent_executor.stream({"input": "Calculate 100/5"}):
    print(chunk)

# With Memory
memory = ConversationBufferMemory(memory_key="chat_history")
agent_executor = AgentExecutor(agent=agent, tools=tools, memory=memory)
```

Output Parsers

```
# String Output Parser
from langchain.schema.output_parser import StrOutputParser
parser = StrOutputParser()
chain = prompt | llm | parser

# List Output Parser
from langchain.output_parsers import CommaSeparatedListOutputParser
parser = CommaSeparatedListOutputParser()
format_instructions = parser.get_format_instructions()

# Structured Output Parser
from langchain.output_parsers import StructuredOutputParser, ResponseSchema
schemas = [
    ResponseSchema(name="answer", description="answer to question"),
    ResponseSchema(name="source", description="source of info")
]
parser = StructuredOutputParser.from_response_schemas(schemas)
```

```python
# Pydantic Output Parser
from langchain.output_parsers import PydanticOutputParser
from pydantic import BaseModel, Field

class Person(BaseModel):
    name: str = Field(description="person's name")
    age: int = Field(description="person's age")

parser = PydanticOutputParser(pydantic_object=Person)
```

Callbacks & Tracing

```python
# Custom Callback Handler
from langchain.callbacks.base import BaseCallbackHandler

class MyCallback(BaseCallbackHandler):
    def on_llm_start(self, serialized, prompts, **kwargs):
        print(f"LLM started with prompts: {prompts}")

    def on_llm_end(self, response, **kwargs):
        print(f"LLM ended with: {response}")

# Use Callback
handler = MyCallback()
llm = ChatOpenAI(callbacks=[handler])

# Streaming Callback
from langchain.callbacks.streaming_stdout import StreamingStdOutCallbackHandler
llm = ChatOpenAI(streaming=True, callbacks=[StreamingStdOutCallbackHandler()])

# LangSmith Tracing (Environment Variables)
import os
os.environ["LANGCHAIN_TRACING_V2"] = "true"
os.environ["LANGCHAIN_API_KEY"] = "your-api-key"

# Context Manager
from langchain.callbacks import tracing_enabled
with tracing_enabled():
    chain.run("query")
```

Caching

```python
# In-Memory Cache
from langchain.cache import InMemoryCache
from langchain.globals import set_llm_cache

set_llm_cache(InMemoryCache())
llm = ChatOpenAI()
# First call - slow
llm.invoke("Tell me a joke")
# Second call - instant (cached)
llm.invoke("Tell me a joke")

# SQLite Cache
from langchain.cache import SQLiteCache
set_llm_cache(SQLiteCache(database_path=".langchain.db"))

# Redis Cache
from langchain.cache import RedisCache
import redis
set_llm_cache(RedisCache(redis_=redis.Redis()))

# Semantic Cache (Vector-based)
from langchain.cache import RedisSemanticCache
set_llm_cache(RedisSemanticCache(
    redis_url="redis://localhost:6379",
    embedding=embeddings
))
```

Router Chains

```python
# MultiPromptChain - Route to Different Prompts
from langchain.chains.router import MultiPromptChain
from langchain.chains.router.llm_router import LLMRouterChain, RouterOutputParser

physics_template = "You are a physics expert..."
math_template = "You are a math expert..."

prompt_infos = [
    {"name": "physics", "description": "Good for physics questions", "prompt_template": physics_template},
    {"name": "math", "description": "Good for math questions", "prompt_template": math_template}
]

destinations = [f"{p['name']}: {p['description']}" for p in prompt_infos]
router_template = "Route to appropriate expert..."

router_chain = LLMRouterChain.from_llm(llm, router_prompt)
chain = MultiPromptChain(
    router_chain=router_chain,
    destination_chains=destination_chains,
    default_chain=default_chain
)

result = chain.run("What is Newton's law?")
```

SQL Database Chain

```python
# SQL Database Integration
from langchain.utilities import SQLDatabase
from langchain.chains import SQLDatabaseChain

db = SQLDatabase.from_uri("sqlite:///mydb.db")
db_chain = SQLDatabaseChain.from_llm(llm, db, verbose=True)

# Natural Language to SQL
result = db_chain.run("How many users are in the database?")

# SQL Database Sequence Chain
from langchain.chains import SQLDatabaseSequentialChain
chain = SQLDatabaseSequentialChain.from_llm(llm, db)

# Custom SQL Query
from langchain.chains import create_sql_query_chain
chain = create_sql_query_chain(llm, db)
query = chain.invoke({"question": "List all products"})

# Execute Query
from langchain.tools import QuerySQLDataBaseTool
execute = QuerySQLDataBaseTool(db=db)
result = execute.run(query)
```

API Chains & Requests

```python
# API Chain
from langchain.chains import APIChain
from langchain.chains.api import open_meteo_docs

chain = APIChain.from_llm_and_api_docs(
    llm,
    open_meteo_docs.OPEN_METEO_DOCS,
    verbose=True
)
result = chain.run("What's the weather in London?")

# LLM Requests Chain
from langchain.chains import LLMRequestsChain

template = """Extract info from {requests_result}"""
chain = LLMRequestsChain(llm_chain=LLMChain(llm=llm, prompt=prompt))
inputs = {"url": "https://api.example.com/data"}
result = chain(inputs)

# Custom API Tool
from langchain.tools import APIOperation
from langchain.utilities import RequestsWrapper

requests = RequestsWrapper()
tool = APIOperation.from_openapi_spec(spec, requests)
```

Evaluation & Testing

```
# Question Answering Evaluation
from langchain.evaluation.qa import QAEvalChain

examples = [
    {"query": "What is 2+2?", "answer": "4"},
    {"query": "Capital of France?", "answer": "Paris"}
]

predictions = chain.apply(examples)
eval_chain = QAEvalChain.from_llm(llm)
graded_outputs = eval_chain.evaluate(examples, predictions)

# String Evaluation
from langchain.evaluation import load_evaluator

evaluator = load_evaluator("criteria", criteria="conciseness")
result = evaluator.evaluate_strings(
    prediction="The answer is 4",
    reference="4",
    input="What is 2+2?"
)

# Custom Evaluator
from langchain.evaluation import StringEvaluator
class MyEvaluator(StringEvaluator):
    def _evaluate_strings(self, prediction, reference=None, input=None):
        return {"score": 0.9}
```

Advanced RAG Patterns

```
# Multi-Query Retriever
from langchain.retrievers.multi_query import MultiQueryRetriever
retriever = MultiQueryRetriever.from_llm(
    retriever=vectorstore.as_retriever(),
    llm=llm
)

# Contextual Compression
from langchain.retrievers import ContextualCompressionRetriever
from langchain.retrievers.document_compressors import LLMChainExtractor

compressor = LLMChainExtractor.from_llm(llm)
compression_retriever = ContextualCompressionRetriever(
    base_compressor=compressor,
    base_retriever=retriever
)

# Ensemble Retriever (Hybrid Search)
from langchain.retrievers import EnsembleRetriever
ensemble = EnsembleRetriever(
    retrievers=[bm25_retriever, faiss_retriever],
    weights=[0.5, 0.5]
)

# Parent Document Retriever
from langchain.retrievers import ParentDocumentRetriever
from langchain.storage import InMemoryStore
store = InMemoryStore()
retriever = ParentDocumentRetriever(vectorstore=vs, docstore=store)
```

Graph & LangGraph Basics

```
# LangGraph - State-based Workflows
from langgraph.graph import StateGraph, END
from typing import TypedDict, Annotated

class State(TypedDict):
    messages: list
    next_step: str

def node1(state):
    return {"next_step": "node2"}

def node2(state):
    return {"messages": state["messages"] + ["Done"]}

workflow = StateGraph(State)
workflow.add_node("start", node1)
workflow.add_node("process", node2)
workflow.add_edge("start", "process")
workflow.add_edge("process", END)
workflow.set_entry_point("start")

app = workflow.compile()
result = app.invoke({"messages": [], "next_step": "start"})

# Conditional Edges
def router(state):
    return "process" if state["next_step"] == "yes" else END
workflow.add_conditional_edges("start", router)
```

Streaming & Async

```
# Streaming Responses
for chunk in llm.stream("Write a poem"):
    print(chunk.content, end="", flush=True)

# Chain Streaming
chain = prompt | llm | StrOutputParser()
for token in chain.stream({"topic": "AI"}):
    print(token, end="")

# Async Invocation
import asyncio

async def run_chain():
    result = await chain.ainvoke({"input": "Hello"})
    return result

asyncio.run(run_chain())

# Async Batch
results = await chain.abatch([{"input": "Hi"}, {"input": "Bye"}])

# Async Streaming
async for chunk in chain.astream({"input": "Tell me"}):
    print(chunk)

# Agent Streaming
for step in agent_executor.stream({"input": "Query"}):
    print(step)
```

Best Practices & Tips

```
# 1. Use LCEL for Modern Chains
chain = prompt | llm | parser  # Recommended
# vs old LLMChain

# 2. Batch for Efficiency
results = chain.batch([input1, input2, input3])

# 3. Set Temperature Appropriately
llm = ChatOpenAI(temperature=0)  # Deterministic
llm = ChatOpenAI(temperature=0.7)  # Creative

# 4. Handle Errors Gracefully
try:
    result = chain.invoke(input)
except Exception as e:
    print(f"Error: {e}")

# 5. Use Streaming for Long Responses
for chunk in chain.stream(input):
    display(chunk)

# 6. Limit Context Window
splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(chunk_size=1000)

# 7. Use Async for Concurrent Operations
await asyncio.gather(chain1.ainvoke(x), chain2.ainvoke(y))

# 8. Monitor with Callbacks
llm = ChatOpenAI(callbacks=[MyCallbackHandler()])

# 9. Cache Expensive Calls
```

```
set_llm_cache(InMemoryCache())

# 10. Version Control Prompts
prompt_v1 = PromptTemplate.from_file("prompts/v1.txt")
```

Custom Tools & Toolkits

```
# Custom Tool with Schema
from langchain.tools import BaseTool
from pydantic import BaseModel, Field

class SearchInput(BaseModel):
    query: str = Field(description="search query")
    limit: int = Field(default=5, description="result limit")

class CustomSearchTool(BaseTool):
    name = "custom_search"
    description = "Search for information"
    args_schema = SearchInput

    def _run(self, query: str, limit: int = 5):
        return f"Results for {query}, limit {limit}"

    async def _arun(self, query: str, limit: int = 5):
        return self._run(query, limit)

# Use Toolkits
from langchain.agents.agent_toolkits import create_python_agent
from langchain.tools import PythonREPLTool

agent = create_python_agent(llm=llm, tool=PythonREPLTool())

# JSON Agent
from langchain.agents.agent_toolkits import create_json_agent
agent = create_json_agent(llm=llm, toolkit=json_toolkit)
```

Multi-Modal Inputs

```
# Image Inputs with GPT-4V
from langchain.schema.messages import HumanMessage

llm = ChatOpenAI(model="gpt-4-vision-preview")
message = HumanMessage(
    content=[
        {"type": "text", "text": "What's in this image?"},
        {"type": "image_url", "image_url": {"url": "https://example.com/img.jpg"}}
    ]
)
response = llm.invoke([message])

# Base64 Image
import base64
with open("image.jpg", "rb") as f:
    image_data = base64.b64encode(f.read()).decode()

message = HumanMessage(
    content=[
        {"type": "text", "text": "Describe this"},
        {"type": "image_url", "image_url": {"url": f"{image_data}"}}
    ]
)

# Multiple Images
content = [
    {"type": "text", "text": "Compare these images"},
    {"type": "image_url", "image_url": {"url": url1}},
    {"type": "image_url", "image_url": {"url": url2}}
]
```

Guardrails & Moderation

```
# Constitutional Chain (Content Filtering)
from langchain.chains.constitutional_ai.base import ConstitutionalChain
from langchain.chains.constitutional_ai.models import ConstitutionalPrinciple

principles = [
    ConstitutionalPrinciple(
        name="harmful",
        critique_request="Is this harmful?",
        revision_request="Rewrite to be harmless"
    )
]

constitutional_chain = ConstitutionalChain.from_llm(
    llm=llm,
    chain=qa_chain,
    constitutional_principles=principles
)

# OpenAI Moderation
from langchain.chains import OpenAIModerationChain

moderation = OpenAIModerationChain()
result = moderation.run("Check this text")

# Input Validation
def validate_input(user_input):
    if len(user_input) > 1000:
        raise ValueError("Input too long")
    return user_input
```

Fallbacks & Retry Logic

```
# Fallback Models
from langchain.schema.runnable import RunnableWithFallbacks

primary_llm = ChatOpenAI(model="gpt-4")
fallback_llm = ChatOpenAI(model="gpt-3.5-turbo")

chain = primary_llm.with_fallbacks([fallback_llm])
result = chain.invoke("Complex query")

# Multiple Fallbacks
chain = primary.with_fallbacks([fallback1, fallback2, fallback3])

# Retry Logic
from langchain.schema.runnable import RunnableRetry

chain_with_retry = chain.with_retry(
    stop_after_attempt=3,
    wait_exponential_jitter=True
)

# Custom Error Handling
from langchain.schema.runnable import RunnablePassthrough

def error_handler(error):
    print(f"Error occurred: {error}")
    return {"error": str(error)}

chain = chain.with_config(
    run_name="my_chain",
    max_concurrency=5
)
```

Metadata & Filtering

```
# Add Metadata to Documents
from langchain.schema import Document

docs = [
    Document(
        page_content="Content 1",
        metadata={"source": "file1.txt", "date": "2024-01-01", "category": "tech"}
    ),
    Document(
        page_content="Content 2",
        metadata={"source": "file2.txt", "date": "2024-01-02", "category": "science"}
    )
]

# Metadata Filtering in Vector Store
vectorstore = Chroma.from_documents(docs, embeddings)
```

```
# Filter by Metadata
results = vectorstore.similarity_search(
    "query",
    filter={"category": "tech"}
)

# Complex Filters
results = vectorstore.similarity_search(
    "query",
    filter={"date": {"$gte": "2024-01-01"}, "category": {"$in": ["tech", "science"]}}
)

# Self-Query Retriever
from langchain.retrievers.self_query.base import SelfQueryRetriever
retriever = SelfQueryRetriever.from_llm(llm, vectorstore, document_contents, metadata_field_info)
```

HuggingFace Integration

```
# HuggingFace Hub Models
from langchain.llms import HuggingFaceHub

llm = HuggingFaceHub(
    repo_id="google/flan-t5-large",
    model_kwargs={"temperature": 0.5, "max_length": 512}
)

# HuggingFace Pipeline (Local)
from langchain.llms import HuggingFacePipeline
from transformers import AutoTokenizer, AutoModelForCausalLM, pipeline

model_id = "gpt2"
tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained(model_id)
model = AutoModelForCausalLM.from_pretrained(model_id)
pipe = pipeline("text-generation", model=model, tokenizer=tokenizer)

llm = HuggingFacePipeline(pipeline=pipe)

# HuggingFace Text Generation Inference
from langchain.llms import HuggingFaceTextGenInference
llm = HuggingFaceTextGenInference(
    inference_server_url="http://localhost:8080/",
    max_new_tokens=512
)
```

LLM Configuration & Parameters

```
# Temperature: Randomness (0=deterministic, 1=creative)
llm = ChatOpenAI(temperature=0.7)

# Max Tokens: Response length limit
llm = ChatOpenAI(max_tokens=500)

# Top P: Nucleus sampling (0.1=conservative, 1=diverse)
llm = ChatOpenAI(top_p=0.9)

# Frequency Penalty: Reduce repetition (-2.0 to 2.0)
llm = ChatOpenAI(frequency_penalty=0.5)

# Presence Penalty: Encourage new topics (-2.0 to 2.0)
llm = ChatOpenAI(presence_penalty=0.6)

# Stop Sequences
llm = ChatOpenAI(stop=["\n", "END"])

# Model Specific Parameters
llm = ChatOpenAI(
    model="gpt-4-turbo-preview",
    temperature=0.7,
    max_tokens=1000,
    timeout=60,
    max_retries=2,
    request_timeout=30
)

# Streaming
llm = ChatOpenAI(streaming=True, callbacks=[handler])
```

Prompt Engineering Patterns

```
# Few-Shot Learning
from langchain.prompts import FewShotPromptTemplate

examples = [
    {"input": "happy", "output": "sad"},
    {"input": "tall", "output": "short"}
]

example_prompt = PromptTemplate(
    input_variables=["input", "output"],
    template="Input: {input}\nOutput: {output}"
)

few_shot_prompt = FewShotPromptTemplate(
    examples=examples,
    example_prompt=example_prompt,
    prefix="Give the antonym:",
    suffix="Input: {adjective}\nOutput:",
    input_variables=["adjective"]
)

# Chain of Thought
cot_template = """Let's solve this step by step:
Question: {question}
Step 1: Identify key information
Step 2: Apply relevant concepts
Step 3: Calculate/reason
Answer:"""

# ReAct Pattern
react_template = """Thought: {thought}
Action: {action}
Observation: {observation}"""
```

Production Deployment Tips

```
# 1. Environment Variables
import os
os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"] = "your-key"
os.environ["LANGCHAIN_TRACING_V2"] = "true"

# 2. Rate Limiting
from langchain.llms import OpenAI
llm = OpenAI(request_timeout=30, max_retries=3)

# 3. Error Handling
try:
    result = chain.invoke(input)
except Exception as e:
    logger.error(f"Chain failed: {e}")
    result = fallback_response

# 4. Logging
import logging
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.INFO)

# 5. Monitoring
from langchain.callbacks import get_openai_callback
with get_openai_callback() as cb:
    result = chain.run("query")
    print(f"Tokens: {cb.total_tokens}, Cost: ${cb.total_cost}")

# 6. Async for Scale
async def process_batch(inputs):
    tasks = [chain.ainvoke(inp) for inp in inputs]
    return await asyncio.gather(*tasks)

# 7. Connection Pooling
llm = ChatOpenAI(max_concurrency=10)
```

Quick Reference - Common Patterns

```
# Basic Chat
from langchain.chat_models import ChatOpenAI
llm = ChatOpenAI()
response = llm.invoke("Hello")
```

```
# Simple Chain
chain = prompt | llm | parser
result = chain.invoke({"input": "data"})

# RAG Pipeline
docs = loader.load()
chunks = splitter.split_documents(docs)
vectorstore = FAISS.from_documents(chunks, embeddings)
retriever = vectorstore.as_retriever()
qa = RetrievalQA.from_chain_type(llm=llm, retriever=retriever)
answer = qa.run("question")
```

```
# Agent with Tools
tools = [search_tool, calculator_tool]
agent = initialize_agent(tools, llm, agent=AgentType.ZERO_SHOT_REACT_DESCRIPTION)
result = agent.run("query")

# Memory + Chain
memory = ConversationBufferMemory()
chain = LLMChain(llm=llm, prompt=prompt, memory=memory)
response = chain.run("input")
```

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