Development Platforms for Agentic Software

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- □ Creating an AutoGen playground for experimentation (10min)
- **Other agentic development platforms (5 min)**
- □ Standardization efforts for FM-powered Agents (5 min)
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Introduction

- The idea of **multi-agent systems** have been around for a while (e.g., agents in Reinforcement Learning)
- Multi-agent systems are typically designed around autonomous agents that interact with each other to achieve a broader goal (e.g., fix a software bug)
 - Suitable architecture for complex problems that require decomposition (each agent focuses on solving one part of the problem)
- With the advent of foundation models (particularly smarter LLMs), the community quickly saw the potential of creating **FM-powered agents** and **FM-powered multi-agent systems**.
- Shortly after, the need for flexible multi-agent frameworks and platforms emerged...



[...] AGI will take the form factor of some kind of an AI agent. And it's not just going to be a single agent. [1]

Andrej Karpathy (former director of AI and Autopilot Vision at Tesla. Now with OpenAI)



The need for multi-agent frameworks

- AutoGen [1] from Microsoft became one of the most popular multi-agent frameworks in late 2023
- Multi-agent systems from that time (e.g., BabyAGI [1], MetaGPT [2]) served as inspiration to define the key set of features in AutoGen
 - A reusable framework
 - Flexible agent conversation patterns
 - Code execution capability
 - Human-in-the-loop

Qingyun Wu et al. AutoGen: Enabling Next-Gen LLM Applications via Multi-Agent Conversation. arXiv:2308.08155, 2023.
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AutoGen: Enabling Next-Gen LLM Applications via Multi-Agent Conversation

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Figure 1: AutoGen enables diverse LLM-based applications using multi-agent conversations. (Left) AutoGen agents are conversable, customizable, and can be based on LLMs, tools, humans, or even a combination of them. (Top-middle) Agents can converse to solve tasks. (Right) They can form a chat, potentially with humans in the loop. (Bottom-middle) The framework supports flexible conversation patterns.



Cognitive architecture as the key value of an agentic system

- FMs have become more powerful over time and will continue to improve (e.g., reasoning capabilities with o1)
- These models are available to everyone building multi-agent systems
- The key value (IP) of an agentic system thus lies in its cognitive architecture and not exactly in the models themselves
 - How many agents should my system have?
 - What roles should they play?
 - What model should each agent use?
 - How should agents communicate?
 - How much human intervention should be prescribed?
 - How to best manage (the different types of) memory?
- And those are fundamentally an **SE problem!** (an open problem btw)





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Deep dive based on Microsoft's AutoGen tutorial https://microsoft.github.io/autogen/0.2/docs/tutorial



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AutoGen

An Open-Source Programming Framework for Agentic AI

Get Started Preview v0.4 Current stable version of AutoGen (autogenagentchat~=0.2) A new event driven, asynchronous architecture for AutoGen



Multi-Agent Conversation Framework

AutoGen provides multi-agent conversation framework as a high-level abstraction. With this framework, one can conveniently build LLM workflows.



Easily Build Diverse Applications

AutoGen offers a collection of working systems spanning a wide range of applications from various domains and complexities.



Enhanced LLM Inference & Optimization

AutoGen supports enhanced LLM inference APIs, which can be used to improve inference performance and reduce cost.

pip install autogen-agentchat~=0.2



Key Concepts



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Key concepts

Agents

- An entity that can send and receive **messages** to and from **other agents** in **its environment**
- **ConversableAgent** is a built-in agent that supports the following components (which can be turned on and off):
 - A list of LLMs
 - A code executor
 - A function/tool executor
 - A component for keeping human-in-the-loop
- LLMs, for example, enable agents to converse in natural languages and transform between structured and unstructured text
- The **generate_reply** method takes a question and generates a reply



ConversableAgent



generate_reply

reply = agent.generate_reply(messages=[{"content": "Tell me a joke.", "role": "user"}])
print(reply)

Sure, here's a light-hearted joke for you:

Why don't scientists trust atoms?

Because they make up everything!

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Key concepts

Personas and Conversations

- It is common for agents to embody a persona
- A persona is typically assigned to an agent using a system prompt
 - A system prompt is defined with the **system_message** during **ConversableAgent** instantiation
- Agents participate in conversations or chat with each other
- A conversation is a sequence of messages exchanged between agents
- Conversations are employed to make progress on a task
- A conversation is **started** using the **agent.initiate_chat(recipient, message, max_turns, ...)** method
 - **recipient** is the agent receiving the message
 - **message** is the message being sent
 - **max_turns** indicates the number of conversation round trips



Let us have two agents put on a comedy show!

```
cathy = ConversableAgent(
    "cathy",
    system_message="Your name is Cathy and you are a part of a duo of comedians.",
    llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "temperature": 0.9, "api_key": os.environ.get("OPENAI_API_KEY")}]},
    human_input_mode="NEVER", # Never ask for human input.
)

joe = ConversableAgent(
    "joe",
    system_message="Your name is Joe and you are a part of a duo of comedians.",
    llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "temperature": 0.7, "api_key": os.environ.get("OPENAI_API_KEY")}]},
    human_input_mode="NEVER", # Never ask for human input.
```



result = joe.initiate_chat(cathy, message="Cathy, tell me a joke.", max_turns=2)

joe (to cathy):

Cathy, tell me a joke.

cathy (to joe):

Sure, here's one for you:

Why don't scientists trust atoms?

Because they make up everything!

joe (to cathy):

Haha, that's a good one, Cathy! Okay, my turn.

Why don't we ever tell secrets on a farm?

Because the potatoes have eyes, the corn has ears, and the beans stalk.

cathy (to joe):

Haha, that's a great one! A farm is definitely not the place for secrets. Okay, my turn again.

Why couldn't the bicycle stand up by itself?

Because it was two-tired!

First turn

Second turn

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Terminating Conversations



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Terminating Conversations (w/o human-in-the-loop)

- An any complex, autonomous workflows it's crucial to know when/how to stop the workflow
 - Task is completed
 - Process has consumed predetermined resources
- Two options
 - As a conversation parameter (parameter to initiate_chat)
 - max_turns: As we saw, this determines the number of conversation round trips
 - As an agent parameter (parameter to ConversableAgent)
 - max_consecutive_auto_reply: Triggers termination if the number of automatic responses to the same sender exceeds a threshold
 - is_termination_msg: Triggers termination if the received message satisfies a particular condition. More specifically, it is a function that takes a message in the form of a dictionary and returns a boolean value indicating if this received message is a termination message.
 - If NONE (default) is provided, is_termination_msg is internally set to "TERMINATE"
 - That is, by default, this agent stops responding once it receives a "TERMINATE" message



Using max_consecutive_auto_reply

Note how Joe replies only one to Cathy

<pre>joe = ConversableAgent("joe", system_message="Your name is Joe and you are a part of a duo of comedians.", llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "temperature": 0.7, "api_key": os.environ.get("OPENAI_API_K human_input_mode="NEVER", # Never ask for human input. max_consecutive_auto_reply=1, # Limit the number of consecutive auto-replies.) result = joe.initiate_chat(cathy, message="Cathy, tell me a joke.")</pre>
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cathy (<i>to</i> joe):
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Because they make up everything!
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Using is_termination_msg

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     human_input_mode="NEVER", # Never ask for human input.
     is_termination_msg=Lambda msg: "good bye" in msg["content"].lower(),
 result = joe.initiate chat(cathy, message="Cathy, tell me a joke and then say the words GOOD BYE.")
joe (to cathy):
Cathy, tell me a joke and then say the words GOOD BYE.
cathy (to joe):
Why don't scientists trust atoms?
Because they make up everything!
GOOD BYE!
```

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Another example: Guess the number game



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<pre>agent_with_number (to agent_guess_number):</pre>	agent_guess_number (<i>to</i> agent_
I have a number between 1 and 100. Guess it!	Is it 57?
<pre>agent_guess_number (to agent_with_number):</pre>	<pre>agent_with_number (to agent_;</pre>
Is it 50?	Too high.
<pre>agent_with_number (to agent_guess_number):</pre>	agent_guess_number (<i>to</i> agent
Too low.	Is it 54?
<pre>agent_guess_number (to agent_with_number):</pre>	agent_with_number (<i>to</i> agent_
Is it 75?	Too high.
<pre>agent_with_number (to agent_guess_number):</pre>	agent_guess_number (<i>to</i> agent
Too high.	Is it 52?
agent_guess_number (<i>to</i> agent_with_number):	agent_with_number(<i>to</i> agent_;
Is it 63?	Too low.
agent_with_number (<i>to</i> agent_guess_number):	agent_guess_number (<i>to</i> agent
	Is it 53?
Too high.	

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Human-in-the-loop



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Human-in-the-loop

Human-in-the-loop

- Many applications require human feedback to steer agents in the right direction, specify goals, or terminate conversations.
- AutoGen offers this capability via Human input modes

Human input modes

- **NEVER**: human input is **never** requested. Meant for fully autonomous agents.
- ALWAYS: human input is always requested (max_consecutive_auto_reply is ignored) and the human can choose to either
 - **Do nothing** and trigger an auto-reply (i.e., the agent replies)
 - **Reply** to the message
 - Terminate the conversation (by typing exit)

TERMINATE (default): human input is only requested when a termination condition is met. If the human chooses to reply, the conversation continues and the counter used by max_consecutive_auto_reply is reset.





human_input_mode = ALWAYS

• No LLM used for **human_proxy**, so this is a human <-> agent conversation

```
human_proxy = ConversableAgent(
    "human_proxy",
    llm_config=False, # no LLM used for human proxy
    human_input_mode="ALWAYS", # always ask for human input
)
# Start a chat with the agent with number with an initial guess.
result = human_proxy.initiate_chat(
    agent_with_number, # this is the same agent with the number as before
    message="10",
}
```



Human is prompted to enter a response each time

<pre>human_proxy (to agent_with_number):</pre>	
10	
<pre>agent_with_number (to human_proxy):</pre>	
Too low.	
<pre>human_proxy (to agent_with_number):</pre>	
79	
<pre>agent_with_number (to human_proxy):</pre>	
Too high.	
<pre>human_proxy (to agent_with_number):</pre>	
76	
<pre>agent_with_number (to human_proxy):</pre>	
Too high.	
<pre>human_proxy (to agent_with_number):</pre>	
I give up	
agent_with_number (<i>to</i> human_proxy):	
That's okay! The number I was thinking of was 53.	

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human_input_mode = TERMINATE

- Human input is requested when a termination condition is triggered, so need to pay attention to those conditions.
- If the human chooses to reply, the agent's reply (auto reply) counter is reset
- If the human chooses to skip, the agent replies and the agent's reply (auto reply) counter is incremented.
- If the human chooses to terminate, the conversation ends

```
agent_with_number = ConversableAgent(
    "agent_with_number",
    system_message="You are playing a game of guess-my-number. "
    "In the first game, you have the "
    "number 53 in your mind, and I will try to guess it. "
    "If I guess too high, say 'too high', if I guess too low, say 'too low'. ",
    llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "api_key": os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"]}]},
    max_consecutive_auto_reply=1, # maximum number of consecutive auto-replies before asking for human input
    is_termination_msg=Lambda msg: "53" in msg["content"], # terminate if the number is guessed by the other
    human_input_mode="TERMINATE", # ask for human input until the game is terminated
```

```
agent_guess_number = ConversableAgent(
    "agent_guess_number",
    system_message="I have a number in my mind, and you will try to guess it. "
    "If I say 'too high', you should guess a lower number. If I say 'too low', "
    "you should guess a higher number. ",
    llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "api_key": os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"]}]},
    human_input_mode="NEVER",
```

```
result = agent_with_number.initiate_chat(
    agent_guess_number,
    message="I have a number between 1 and 100. Guess it!",
```



<pre>agent_with_number (to agent_guess_number):</pre>	<pre>agent_guess_number (to agent_with_number):</pre>
I have a number between 1 and 100. Guess it!	Is it 55?
<pre>agent_guess_number (to agent_with_number):</pre>	<pre>agent_with_number (to agent_guess_number):</pre>
Is it 50?	still too high, but you are very close. Human answers
	agent_guess_number (<i>to</i> agent_with_number):
agent_with_number (to agent_guess_number):	Is it 52?
Too low.	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	>>>>>> USING AUTO REPLY
agent_guess_number (to agent_with_number):	<pre>agent_with_number (to agent_guess_number):</pre>
Is it 75?	Too low.
<pre>agent_with_number (to agent_guess_number):</pre>	<pre>agent_guess_number (to agent_with_number):</pre>
It is too high my friend. Human answers	Is it 54?
agent_guess_number (<i>to</i> agent_with_number):	agent_with_number (<i>to</i> agent_guess_number):
Is it 60?	Almost there! Human answers
	Leadership
>>>>>> USING AUTO REPLY	agent_guess_number (to agent_with_number): Toronto,
<pre>agent_with_number (to agent_guess_number):</pre>	Is it 53?
Too high.	

Code Executors



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Code Executors

- A code executor is a component that takes input messages containing code blocks, performs code execution, and outputs messages with the results
- Two types of code executors
 - Command Line: runs on a shell, each code block is executed in a new process (stateless)
 - Jupyter Kernel: runs on a stateful jupyter kernel (e.g., you can define one variable in a code block and use it in another block)
- Each code executor can run either locally or on a Docker container



Command Line Executor with a Local Setup

import tempfile

from autogen import ConversableAgent
from autogen.coding import LocalCommandLineCodeExecutor

Create a temporary directory to store the code files.
temp_dir = tempfile.TemporaryDirectory()

Create a local command line code executor.
executor = LocalCommandLineCodeExecutor(

timeout=10, # Timeout for each code execution in seconds.
work_dir=temp_dir.name, # Use the temporary directory to store the code files.

Create an agent with code executor configuration.

code_executor_agent = ConversableAgent(
 "code_executor_agent",
 llm_config=False, # Turn off LLM for this agent.

code_execution_config={"executor": executor}, # Use the local command line code executor. human_input_mode="ALWAYS", # Always take human input for this agent for safety.

message_with_code_block = """This is a message with code block. The code block is below: ```python import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt x = np.random.randint(0, 100, 100) y = np.random.randint(0, 100, 100) plt.scatter(x, y) plt.scatter.png') print('Scatter plot saved to scatter.png') ``` This is the end of the message. """ # Generate a reply for the given code. reply = code_executor_agent.generate_reply(messages=[{"role": "user", "content": message_with_code_bl print(reply) >>>>>> NO HUMAN INPUT RECEIVED.

>>>>>> EXECUTING CODE BLOCK (inferred language is python)...
exitcode: 0 (execution succeeded)
Code output:
Scatter plot saved to scatter.png

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A more interesting example...



import tempfile

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code_execution_config={"executor": executor}, # Use the local command line code executor. human_input_mode="ALWAYS", # Always take human input for this agent for safety.

[.] The code writer agent's system message is to instruct the LLM on how to use [.] the code executor in the code executor agent.

code_writer_system_message = """You are a helpful AI assistant.

Solve tasks using your coding and language skills.

In the following cases, suggest python code (in a python coding block) or shell script (in a sh coding 1. When you need to collect info, use the code to output the info you need, for example, browse or se 2. When you need to perform some task with code, use the code to perform the task and output the resu Solve the task step by step if you need to. If a plan is not provided, explain your plan first. Be cl When using code, you must indicate the script type in the code block. The user cannot provide any oth If you want the user to save the code in a file before executing it, put # filename: <filename> insid If the result indicates there is an error, fix the error and output the code again. Suggest the full When you find an answer, verify the answer carefully. Include verifiable evidence in your response if Reply TERMINATE' in the end when everything is done.

code_writer_agent = ConversableAgent(

"code_writer_agent",

system_message=code_writer_system_message,

llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "api_key": os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"]}]},

code_execution_config=False, # Turn off code execution for this agent.

.

as before

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code_executor_agent (to code_writer_agent):

Write Python code to calculate the 14th Fibonacci number.

Sure, here is a Python code snippet to calculate the 14th Fibonacci number. The Fibonacci series is a

```
'``python
def fibonacci(n):
    if(n <= 0):
        return "Input should be a positive integer."
    elif(n == 1):
        return 0
    elif(n == 2):
        return 1
    else:
        fib = [0, 1]
        for i in range(2, n):
            fib.append(fib[i-1] + fib[i-2])
        return fib[n-1]</pre>
```

```
print(fibonacci(14))
```

This Python code defines a function `fibonacci(n)` which computes the n-th Fibonacci number. The funct

>>>>>> NO HUMAN INPUT RECEIVED.

>>>>>>>> USING AUTO REPLY...

>>>>>> EXECUTING CODE BLOCK (inferred language is python)...
code_executor_agent (to code_writer_agent):

exitcode: 0 (execution succeeded)
Code output:
233

>>>>> USING AUTO REPLY...
code_writer_agent (to code_executor_agent):

Great, the execution was successful and the 14th Fibonacci number is 233. The sequence goes as follows I hope this meets your expectations. If you have any other concerns or need further computations, feel TERMINATE



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TERMINATE
```

Is the conversation over?



It actually takes a few more turns for the conversation to end...

```
Replying as code executor agent. Provide feedback to code writer agent. Press enter to skip and use auto-reply, or type 'exit' to end the conversation:
>>>>>>> NO HUMAN INPUT RECEIVED.
code executor agent (to code writer agent):
code writer agent (to code executor agent):
TERMINATE
Replying as code executor agent. Provide feedback to code writer agent. Press enter to skip and use auto-reply, or type 'exit' to end the conversation:
>>>>>>> NO HUMAN INPUT RECEIVED.
```

code_executor_agent should define an explicit termination function (e.g., last word in received message is "TERMINATE")



Command Line Executor with a Docker Setup

from autogen.coding import DockerCommandLineCodeExecutor
<pre># Create a temporary directory to store the code files. temp_dir = tempfile.TemporaryDirectory()</pre>
<pre># Create a Docker command line code executor. executor = DockerCommandLineCodeExecutor(image="python:3.12-slim", # Execute code using the given docker image name. timeout=10, # Timeout for each code execution in seconds. work_dir=temp_dir.name, # Use the temporary directory to store the code files.)</pre>
<pre># Create an agent with code executor configuration that uses docker. code_executor_agent_using_docker = ConversableAgent("code_executor_agent_docker", llm_config=False, # Turn off LLM for this agent. code_execution_config={"executor": executor}, # Use the docker command line code executor. human_input_mode="ALWAYS", # Always take human input for this agent for safety.)</pre>
When the code executor is no longer used, stop it to release the resources. # executor.stop()



Tool Use



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Tool Use

What are tools?

- Tools are pre-defined functions that agents can use
 - Searching the web, performing calculations, reading files, or calling remote APIs
- Tools provide more control over the agent's actions (including code generation)
- Tool use is currently only available for LLMs that support OpenAI-compatible tool call API.

How to create tools?

- Tools can be created as regular Python functions
- Make sure to use type hints for arguments and return value of functions
- Also supports pydantic (for more complex schema definitions)
- **Registering tools**
 - A tool must be registered with two agents for it to be useful in a conversation.
 - The agent registered with the tool's signature through **register_for_llm** can create a tool call
 - The agent registered with the tool's function object through **register_for_execution** can execute the call.
 - Tool usage and code execution can be "hidden" within a single agent via nested chats



Let's create an agent that can call a calculator First let's define the python function...

```
from typing import Annotated, Literal
```

```
Operator = Literal["+", "-", "*", "/"]
```

```
def calculator(a: int, b: int, operator: Annotated[Operator, "operator"]) -> int:
    if operator == "+":
        return a + b
    elif operator == "-":
        return a - b
    elif operator == "*":
        return a * b
    elif operator == "/":
        return int(a / b)
    else:
        raise ValueError("Invalid operator")
```



import os



from autogen import ConversableAgent

```
# Let's first define the assistant agent that suggests tool calls.
assistant = ConversableAgent(
    name="Assistant",
    system_message="You are a helpful AI assistant. "
    "You can help with simple calculations. "
    "Return 'TERMINATE' when the task is done.",
    llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "api_key": os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"]}]},
)
```

The user proxy agent is used for interacting with the assistant agent # and executes tool calls.

```
user_proxy = ConversableAgent(
```

name="User",

llm_config=False,

is_termination_msg=lambda msg: msg.get("content") is not None and "TERMINATE" in msg["content"], human_input_mode="NEVER",

Registering the tool... (no change in how an agent is instantiated)

Register the tool signature with the assistant agent. assistant.register_for_llm(name="calculator", description="A simple calculator")(calculator)

Register the tool function with the user proxy agent.
user_proxy.register_for_execution(name="calculator")(calculator)



The tool's schema is auto-generated by AutoGen from the function's typehints...

assistant.llm_config["tools"]

```
[{'type': 'function',
 'function': {'description': 'A simple calculator',
 'name': 'calculator',
 'parameters': {'type': 'object',
 'properties': {'a': {'type': 'integer', 'description': 'a'},
 'b': {'type': 'integer', 'description': 'b'},
 'operator': {'enum': ['+', '-', '*', '/'],
 'type': 'string',
 'description': 'operator'}},
 'required': ['a', 'b', 'operator']}}]
```



```
chat_result = user_proxy.initiate_chat(assistant, message="What is (44232 + 13312 / (232 - 32)) * 5?
```

User (*to* Assistant):

What is (44232 + 13312 / (232 - 32)) * 5?

```
>>>>> USING AUTO REPLY...
Assistant (to User):
```

```
***** Suggested tool call (call_4rElPoLggOYJmkUutbGaSTX1): calculator *****
Arguments:
```

```
"a": 232,
"b": 32,
"operator": "-"
```

```
>>>>> EXECUTING FUNCTION calculator...
User (to Assistant):
```

User (*to* Assistant):

>>>>> USING AUTO REPLY...
Assistant (to User):

***** Suggested tool call (call_SGtr8tK9A4i0CJGdCqkKR20v): calculator *****
Arguments:

"a": 13312, "b": 200, "operator": "/"

```
>>>>> EXECUTING FUNCTION calculator...
User (to Assistant):
```

```
User (to Assistant):
```

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***** Response from calling tool (call_SGtr8tK9A4i0CJGdCqkKR20v) *****



Conversation Patterns



Overview

- **Two-agent chat**: the simplest form of conversation pattern where two agents chat with each other.
- Sequential chat: a sequence of chats between two agents, chained together by a carryover mechanism, which brings the summary of the previous chat to the context of the next chat.
- **Group Chat**: a single chat involving more than two agents.
 - Several strategies can be used to define the next speaker (agent): round_robin, random, manual (human selection), and auto (Default, using an LLM to decide).
 - Selection of the next speaker can be constrained using allowed and disallowed speaker transitions
 - Selection of the next speaker can be done with a user-defined function (e.g., allowing a deterministic workflow among agents)
- **Nested Chat**: package a workflow into a single agent for reuse in a larger workflows.



Two-Agent Chat

E.g., "What is triangle inequality?"





```
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import os
from autogen import ConversableAgent
student_agent = ConversableAgent(
   name="Student_Agent",
   system_message="You are a student willing to learn.",
   llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "api_key": os.environ["OPENAI_AP
teacher_agent = ConversableAgent(
   name="Teacher_Agent",
   system_message="You are a math teacher.",
   llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "api_key": os.environ["OPENAI_AP
chat_result = student_agent.initiate_chat(
   teacher_agent,
   message="What is triangle inequality?",
    summary_method="reflection_with_llm",
   max_turns=2,
print(chat_result.summary)
```

The triangle inequality theorem states that in a triangle, the sum of the lengths of

Sequential Chats

This pattern is useful for complex task that can be broken down into interdependent sub-tasks

 Carryover (conversation summary) accumulates as the conversation moves forward, so each subsequent chat starts with all the carryovers from previous chats.



Example: arithmetic operations with agents

The Number Agent always returns the same numbers.

The Adder Agent adds 1 to each number it receives.

The Multiplier Agent multiplies each number it receives by 2.

The Subtracter Agent subtracts 1 from each number it receives.

The Divider Agent divides each number it receives by 2.



print("First Chat Summary: ", chat_results[0].summary)
print("Second Chat Summary: ", chat_results[1].summary)
print("Third Chat Summary: ", chat_results[2].summary)
print("Fourth Chat Summary: ", chat_results[3].summary)

```
First Chat Summary: 16
Second Chat Summary: 64
Third Chat Summary: 14
62
Fourth Chat Summary: 4
16
3.5
15.5
```



Group Chats

- All agents contribute to a single conversation thread (chat)
 - Agents share the same context
- A GroupChatManager decides who will speak next using one of these strategies:
 - round_robin
 - random
 - manual (human selection)
 - **auto** (default, LLM decides).
- The selection of the next speaker can be constrained
- The selection of the next speaker can be customized with a Python function





1) Describe the Agents

- To help the GroupChatManager select the next agent, we add a description to the agents that will engage in the group chat.
- If a description is not provided, the GroupChatManager will use the agents' system_message (system prompt) to decide the order, which might not be the best choice.

The `description` attribute is a string that describes the agent. # It can also be set in `ConversableAgent` constructor. adder_agent.description = "Add 1 to each input number." multiplier_agent.description = "Multiply each input number by 2." subtracter_agent.description = "Subtract 1 from each input number." divider_agent.description = "Divide each input number by 2." number_agent.description = "Return the numbers given."



2) Instantiate a GroupChat

- Defines the basic parameters of the chat
- The **agents** list defines the list of agents who will chat
 - If round_robin is used, the list order is respected
- The speaker_selection_method determines the method for selecting the next speaker (omitted below, defaults to auto)
- The messages list acts as the starting history or context for the conversation among the agents.
 - It helps establish any predefined interactions, setup information, or introductory dialogue that the agents can reference during the chat. (empty in this example)
- The max_rounds parameter defines the number of chat rounds ("Select speaker -> agent speaks -> message is broadcasted").



- 3) Instantiate a GroupChatManager
- A GroupChatManager takes a GroupChat as input (i.e., the group chat that it will manage)
- The auto mode uses an LLM to select the next speaker based on their descriptions, so we need to specify an LLM for this agent

```
from autogen import GroupChatManager
group_chat_manager = GroupChatManager(
   groupchat=group_chat,
    llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "api_key": os.environ["OPENAI_AP
)
```



4) Initiate the chat

- We initiate the chat as usual in a two-agent style
- In this example, one of the agents in the group (number agent) sends a message to the group chat manager
- The group chat manager will then run the group chat internally and terminate the two-agent chat when the internal group chat is done.
- Since the number_agent is selected to speak by us, it counts as the first round of the group chat.

```
chat_result = number_agent.initiate_chat(
    group_chat_manager,
    message="My number is 3, I want to turn it into 13.",
    summary_method="reflection_with_llm",
```



In practice, it is as if a team member is asking a question the whole team

> (and a moderator coordinates the conversation)!



Tailoring Group Chats: Sending Introductions

- The description field of agents helps the **GroupChatManager** select the next agent
 - Does not help the participating agents to know about each other
- If send_introductions is set to True, the agents will introduce themselves to other agents in the same chat
 - Under the hood, the **GroupChatManager** sends a message containing the agents' names and descriptions to all agents in the group chat before the group chat starts.

```
group_chat_with_introductions = GroupChat(
    agents=[adder_agent, multiplier_agent, subtracter_agent, divider_agent, number_
    messages=[],
    max_round=6,
    send_introductions=True,
)
```



Tailoring Group Chats: Constraining Speaker Selection

- Group chat is a powerful conversation pattern, but it can be hard to control if the number of participating agents is large.
- AutoGen provides a way to constrain the selection of the next speaker by using the allowed_or_disallowed_speaker_transitions and speaker_transition_type argument of the GroupChat class.
- Let us see an example...





```
allowed_transitions = {
    number_agent: [adder_agent, number_agent],
    adder_agent: [multiplier_agent, number_agent],
    subtracter_agent: [divider_agent, number_agent],
    multiplier_agent: [subtracter_agent, number_agent],
    divider_agent: [adder_agent, number_agent],
}
```

```
constrained_graph_chat = GroupChat(
   agents=[adder_agent, multiplier_agent, subtracter_agent, divider_agent, number_
   allowed_or_disallowed_speaker_transitions=allowed_transitions,
   speaker_transitions_type="allowed",
   messages=[],
   max_round=12,
   send_introductions=True,
constrained_group_chat_manager = GroupChatManager(
   groupchat=constrained_graph_chat,
   llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "api_key": os.environ["OPENAI_AP
chat_result = number_agent.initiate_chat(
   constrained_group_chat_manager,
   message="My number is 3, I want to turn it into 10. Once I get to 10, keep it t
   summary_method="reflection_with_llm",
```

Number_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager):	Multiplier_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager):
My number is 3, I want to turn it into 10. Once I get to 10, keep it there.	
Adder_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager):	Subtracter_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager):
4	8
Multiplier_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager):	Divider_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager):
8	4
Subtracter_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager):	Adder_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager): 5
Divider_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager):	Multiplier_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager):
3.5	10
Adder_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager):	Number_Agent (<i>to</i> chat_manager):
4.5	10



Group Chats as part of Sequential Chats

```
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# Let's use the group chat with introduction messages created above.
                                                                           group_chat_manager_with_intros = GroupChatManager(
   groupchat=group_chat_with_introductions,
   llm_config={"config_list": [{"model": "gpt-4", "api_key": os.environ["OPENAI_AP
# Start a sequence of two-agent chats between the number agent and
# the group chat manager.
chat_result = number_agent.initiate_chats(
            "recipient": group_chat_manager_with_intros,
            "message": "My number is 3, I want to turn it into 13.",
       },
            "recipient": group_chat_manager_with_intros,
            "message": "Turn this number to 32.",
       },
```

```
Number_Agent (to chat_manager):
Start a new chat with the following message:
My number is 3, I want to turn it into 13.
                                      Your number is 13.
With the following carryover:
                                       Start a new chat with the following message:
Number_Agent (to chat_manager):
                                      Turn this number to 32.
My number is 3, I want to turn it into 13.
                                      With the following carryover:
                                      Your number is 13.
Multiplier_Agent (to chat_manager):
                                       Number_Agent (to chat_manager):
                                      Turn this number to 32.
                                      Context:
Adder_Agent (to chat_manager):
                                      Your number is 13.
                                      Multiplier_Agent (to chat_manager):
Multiplier_Agent (to chat_manager):
                                      26
14
                                      Adder_Agent (to chat_manager):
Subtracter_Agent (to chat_manager):
                                      14
```

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Nested Chats

- Encapsulates a complex chat into an atomic unit (think of it as a subworkflow node)
- Exposes a single conversational interface
 - Often needed for scenarios like questionanswering bots and personal assistants

Mechanism:

- After passing the human-in-the-loop component, the nested chats handler checks if the message should trigger a nested chat based on conditions specified by the user.
- If the conditions are met, the nested chats handler starts a sequence of nested chats specified using the sequential chats pattern.
- In each of the nested chats, the sender agent is always the same agent that triggered the nested chats.
- In the end, the nested chat handler uses the results of the nested chats to produce a response to the original message.
- By default, the nested chat handler uses the summary of the last chat as the response.





Step 1. Define the Agents

```
human proxy = ConversableAgent(
    name="HumanProxy",
    llm config=False,
    human input mode="NEVER",
# Code Writer Agent: Generates Python code for the required task
code writer agent = ConversableAgent(
    name="CodeWriterAgent",
    system message="You are a code writer. Generate Python code in Markdown format. Do not show the output or try
    to run the code".
    llm config={"config list": [gpt 4o config]},
    human_input_mode="NEVER",
# Code Executor Agent: Executes the generated code locally in a sandboxed environment
code executor agent = ConversableAgent(
    name="CodeExecutorAgent",
    system message="You are a code executor that runs Python code locally and reports the results.",
    code execution config={"use docker": False, "work dir": temp dir},
    human input mode="ALWAYS" # Keeps human verification for code execution
```



```
# Define the nested chat setup
Step 2. Define the
                               nested_chats = [
nested chats
                                      "recipient": code writer agent,
                                       "summary_method": "last_msg",
                                       "max_turns": 1,
                                  },
                                       "sender": code writer agent,
                                       "recipient": code executor agent,
                                       "message": "Execute the provided Python code and return the output.",
                                       "summary method": "last msg",
                                       "max_turns": 1,
                               # Register the nested chats
Step 3. Register the
                               human proxy.register nested chats(
                                  nested_chats,
nested chats
                                  trigger=lambda sender: sender not in [code_writer_agent, code_executor agent]
                               # Example: Generating and executing code for a simple user query
Step 4. Ask the
                               reply = human proxy.generate reply(
                                  messages=[{"role": "user", "content": "Write code to turn the number 3 into 7 by adding 4."}
question (mimicking
a human)
                               print(f"The final answer is {reply}")
```

Starting a new chat....

Write code to turn the number 3 into 7 by adding 4.

CodeWriterAgent (to HumanProxy):

```python
# Start with the number 3
number = 3

# Add 4 to the number
number += 4

# The resulting number should be 7
print(number)

### 

CodeWriterAgent (to CodeExecutorAgent):

Execute the provided Python code and return the output. Context: ```python # Start with the number 3 number = 3

# Add 4 to the number
number += 4

# The resulting number should be 7
print(number)

Replying as CodeExecutorAgent. Provide feedback to CodeWriterAgent. Press enter

>>>>>> NO HUMAN INPUT RECEIVED.

>>>>> EXECUTING CODE BLOCK 0 (inferred language is python)... CodeExecutorAgent (to CodeWriterAgent):

exitcode: 0 (execution succeeded)
Code output:



# Agent Memory with Mem0

mem0

https://docs.mem0.ai/integrations/autogen#autogen



### Mem0: How does it work?

- Mem0 leverages a hybrid database approach to manage and retrieve long-term memories for AI agents and assistants.
- Each memory is associated with a unique identifier, such as user\_id/agent\_id/session\_id, allowing Mem0 to
  organize and access memories specific to an individual or context.

#### **Adding memories**

- When a message is added to the Mem0 using add() method, the system extracts relevant facts and preferences and stores it across data stores: a vector database, a key-value database, and a graph database.
- This hybrid approach ensures that different types of information are stored in the most efficient manner, making subsequent searches quick and effective.

#### **Recalling memories**

- When an AI agent or LLM needs to recall memories, it uses the **search()** method.
- Mem0 then performs search across these data stores, retrieving relevant information from each source.
- This **information is then passed through a scoring layer**, which evaluates their importance based on relevance, importance, and recency. This ensures that only the most personalized and useful context is surfaced.
- The retrieved memories can then be appended to the LLM's prompt as needed, making responses personalized and relevant.



### **Storing Conversations in Memory**

Add conversation history to Mem0 for future reference:

#### conversation = [

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{"role": "assistant", "content": "Hi, I'm Best Buy's chatbot! How can I help you
{"role": "user", "content": "I'm seeing horizontal lines on my TV."},
{"role": "assistant", "content": "I'm sorry to hear that. Can you provide your
{"role": "user", "content": "It's a Sony - 77\" Class BRAVIA XR A80K OLED 4K UHE
{"role": "assistant", "content": "Thank you for the information. Let's troublest

memory\_client.add(messages=conversation, user\_id=USER\_ID)
print("Conversation added to memory.")



#### **Retrieving and Using Memory**

Create a function to get context-aware responses based on user's question and previous interactions:

```
def get_context_aware_response(guestion):
 Q
 relevant_memories = memory_client.search(question, user_id=USER_ID)
 context = "\n".join([m["memory"] for m in relevant_memories])
 prompt = f"""Answer the user question considering the previous interactions:
 Previous interactions:
 {context}
 Question: {question}
 11 11 11
 reply = agent.generate_reply(messages=[{"content": prompt, "role": "user"}])
 return reply
Example usage
question = "What was the issue with my TV?"
answer = get_context_aware_response(guestion)
print("Context-aware answer:", answer)
```

#### **Multi-Agent Conversation**

For more complex scenarios, you can create multiple agents:





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# Ollama



### **Ollama in a Nutshell**

### **Ollama: Local AI Model Hub**

Ollama is a platform for discovering, running, and managing FMs (typically LLMs) directly on personal devices. It ensures privacy by operating offline and enables AI model use without internet connectivity.

#### **Efficient Resource Utilization**

- Ollama intelligently selects between CPU and GPU based on hardware availability, model size, and user configurations.
- If a compatible GPU is available, Ollama defaults to it; otherwise, it uses the CPU.
- For large models, it may split processing between GPU and CPU to optimize performance.
- Accessible and Flexible
  - With a user-friendly interface across operating systems, Ollama allows both developers and non-developers to experiment with powerful AI tools seamlessly on local machines. Oliva, Alware Leadership Bootcamp, Toronto, Canada, 2024




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# AutoGen + Ollama



from autogen import AssistantAgent, UserProxyAgent



assistant = AssistantAgent("assistant", llm\_config={"config\_list": config\_list})

user\_proxy = UserProxyAgent("user\_proxy", code\_execution\_config={"work\_dir":
 "coding", "use\_docker": False})
 user\_proxy.initiate\_chat(assistant, message="Plot a chart of NVDA and TESLA
 stock price change YTD.")

# AutoGen Studio





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agents.yaml

```
src/latest_ai_development/config/agents.yaml
researcher:
 role: >
 {topic} Senior Data Researcher
 goal: >
 Uncover cutting-edge developments in {topic}
 backstory: >
 You're a seasoned researcher with a knack for uncovering the latest
 developments in {topic}. Known for your ability to find the most relevant
 information and present it in a clear and concise manner.
reporting_analyst:
 role: >
```

{topic} Reporting Analyst

goal: >

Create detailed reports based on {topic} data analysis and research findings backstory: >

You're a meticulous analyst with a keen eye for detail. You're known for your ability to turn complex data into clear and concise reports, making it easy for others to understand and act on the information you provide. Oliva, Alware Leadership Bootcamp, Toronto, Canada 2024

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#### tasks.yaml

## # src/latest\_ai\_development/config/tasks.yaml research\_task:

#### description: >

Conduct a thorough research about {topic}

Make sure you find any interesting and relevant information given

the current year is 2024.

#### expected\_output: >

A list with 10 bullet points of the most relevant information about {topic} agent: researcher

#### reporting\_task:

#### description: >

Review the context you got and expand each topic into a full section for a report. Make sure the report is detailed and contains any and all relevant information. expected\_output: >

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https://github.com/openai/swarm

# Swarm (experimental, educational)

An educational framework exploring ergonomic, lightweight multi-agent orchestration.

### 🛆 Warning

Swarm is currently an experimental sample framework intended to explore ergonomic interfaces for multi-agent systems. It is not intended to be used in production, and therefore has no official support. (This also means we will not be reviewing PRs or issues!)

The primary goal of Swarm is to showcase the handoff & routines patterns explored in the <u>Orchestrating Agents: Handoffs & Routines</u> cookbook. It is not meant as a standalone library, and is primarily for educational purposes.



# LangGraph







# Controllable cognitive architecture for any task

LangGraph's flexible framework supports diverse control flows – single agent, multi-agent, hierarchical, sequential – and robustly handles realistic, complex scenarios.

Ensure reliability with easy-to-add moderation and quality loops that prevent agents from veering off course.

Use LangGraph Platform to templatize your cognitive architecture so that tools, prompts, and models are easily configurable with LangGraph Platform Assistants.

See the docs 7



|                            | AutoGen                                  | CrewAl                                           | Open Al Swarm                          | Langgraph                             |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Popularity                 | 32.4k stars                              | 20.5k stars                                      | 15k stars                              | 6.4k stars                            |
| Primary Use Case           | Autonomous multi-<br>agent systems       | Task automation and<br>workforce<br>optimization | Collaborative agent orchestration      | Dynamic<br>conversational agents      |
| Platform Focus             | Autonomous agent<br>interaction          | Workforce task allocation                        | Swarm intelligence and collaboration   | NLP model interactions and flows      |
| <b>Collaboration Model</b> | Multi-agent<br>autonomous synergy        | Task assignment<br>(human-AI blend)              | Swarm-based, collaborative agents      | Node-based, agent-<br>to-agent flows  |
| <b>Customization Level</b> | Moderate; code-based<br>custom workflows | Moderate; predefined<br>workflows                | High; modular swarm<br>architecture    | High; tailored conversation flows     |
| Deployment                 | Cloud and edge deployment options        | Cloud and on-premise                             | Cloud-native only                      | Cloud-based                           |
| User Interface             | Comprehensive UI for<br>agent workflows  | Dashboard-focused<br>for task management         | Modular,<br>customizable<br>dashboards | Visual, node-based graphing interface |

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## A standard is needed to enable interoperability



- Developers are building agents in their own way (ad-hoc) or using different frameworks
- The lack of a common/unified interface for agents creates several problems:
  - Hard to compare (e.g., benchmark) agents
  - Hard to **reuse** agents
  - Hard to develop tools that would work with any agent out-of-the-box
- Due to the increased adoption of agentic cognitive architectures, agent interoperability will become a key challenge



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#### <u>Home</u> > <u>Projects</u> > Standard for Large Language Model Agent Interface

This standard defines natural language interfaces that facilitate communication between Large Language Model (LLM) applications, agents, and human users. The standard defines a set of protocols and guidelines that enable applications and agents to effectively communicate with LLM enabled Agents. Thereby, the standard enables seamless interactions between multiple applications and agents. The standard covers a wide range of aspects related to LLM usage and application, including but not limited to API syntax and semantics, voice and text format, conversational flow, prompt engineering integration, LLM chain of thoughts integration, and API endpoint configuration, authentication and authorization for LLM plugins.

| Sponsor Committee | C/AISC - Artificial Intelligence Standards Committee |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Status            | Active PAR                                           |
| PAR Approval      | 2023-09-21 >                                         |

#### **WORKING GROUP DETAILS**

| Society                 | IEEE Computer Society<br>Learn More About IEEE Computer Society > |
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| Sponsor Committee       | C/AISC - Artificial Intelligence Standards Committee              |
| Working Group           | LLM-AAI - Large Language Model Application and Agent Interface    |
| IEEE Program<br>Manager | Christy Bahn<br>Contact Christy Bahn >                            |

Working Group Chair Richard Tong



# **Agent Protocol by AI Engineer Foundation**

- Goal: Develop a unified protocol/interface that is as simple as possible
- The Agent Protocol is an API specification (OpenAPI specification v3) and thus technology agnostic
  - List of endpoints that the agent should expose with predefined response schema
- The three base objects of the protocol are Task, Step, and Artifact
  - A Task denotes one specific goal for the agent, which can be very specific or very broad
  - A Step is a single action that the agent should perform. Each step is triggered by calling the step endpoint of the agent.
  - An **Artifact** is a file that the agent has worked with.
- The protocol has two main endpoints:
  - /ap/v1/agent/tasks [POST] This endpoint is used to create a new task for the agent.
  - /ap/v1/agent/tasks/{task\_id}/steps
     [POST] This endpoint is used to trigger next step of the task.



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# Where to go from here?

- Productionizing Agentic FMware is really hard
  - Make sure you check Ahmed/Gopi's talk about the challenges of productionizing Alware
- AgentOps and (Semantic) Observability are crucial!
  - Make sure you check Ben's presentation about Alware Observability on Day 6 (11:00-11:45am)
- About Tools...
  - Check out other memory frameworks (e.g., Zep)
  - AutoGen 0.4 experimental will be released soon and has a nicer API
  - Several cool videos and courses on Youtube / Coursera
  - FMArts hands-on
- Autonomous Software Engineers is an interesting use case
  - Agentless (why agents?)
  - Aide (agents everywhere!)
  - SWE-bench

