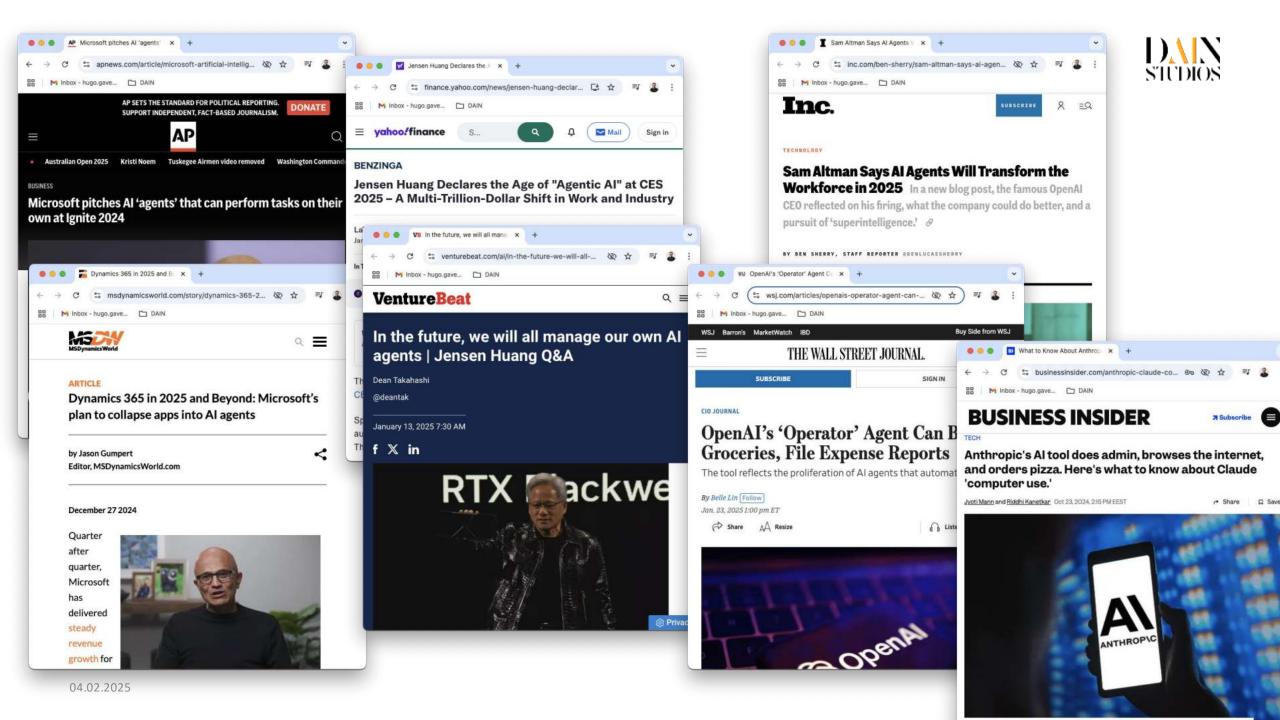


# AI AGENTS: BUILDING YOUR DIGITAL DREAM TEAM FOR BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS

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# **Al Accelerator**

From AI Strategy to Execution

# 3 Studios

Helsinki – Berlin – Munich

# 60+ Data & Al Experts

- Data & Al Strategists
- Data Scientists & Engineers
- BI Developers
- Al Agents





# What are Al agents?



### **Al Agents**

- Independent autonomous operation
- Tool use
- Common idea: they are based on LLM that can think and make decisions on its own
- Typically focused on performing single task

## **Agentic systems**

- Network of agents working collaboratively towards common goal
- Requires orchestration, workflow
- Consists of different types of agents
  - Not limited to Enhanced LLMs



# **Traits of an AI Agent**



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## 2. Skills / tools

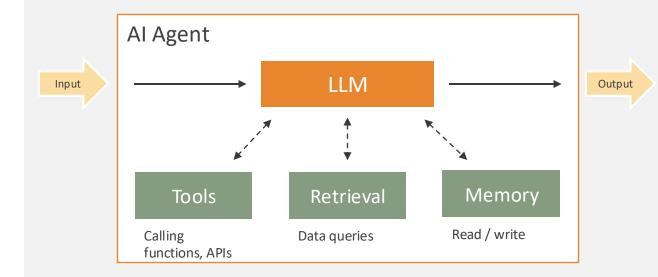
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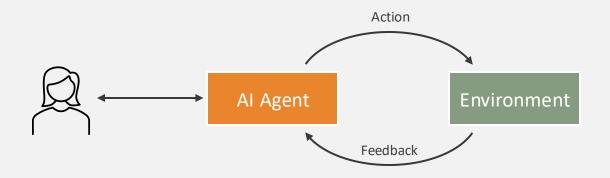
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# Workflows for agentic systems



Agentic systems can be separated by workflow:

#### 1. Predefined flow

- Ideal with the process can be decomposed into sequence of tasks
- Prompt chaining with traditional code
- Code may have checks and logic, sequential or parallel paths
- Aggregation is with code or LLM

#### 2. Orchestrator

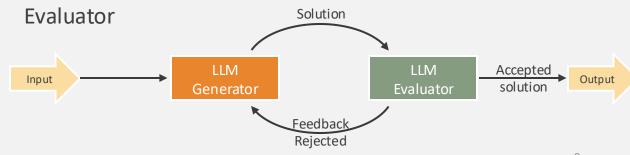
- Well suited for complex tasks where it's not easy to predict which tasks are needed
- Central LLM analyzes the task and dynamically breaks it down to subtasks and delegates them to worker LLMs
- The process may contain loops and decision points

#### 3. Evaluation

- Effective when there is a clear evaluation criteria
- First LLM agent creates a solution, the second LLM evaluates it, gives feedback and rejects the answer if it does not meet the criteria







CASE

# AGENTIC CO-PILOT FOR ACCOUNT MANAGERS

# Al Agent team helping account managers in negotiations



Multinational corporation with global business – sales team cannot know all the customers well

We created an AI Agentic team to help the account managers. Their task: do background research on the market situation

# Penelope Pierce Planning



A poised **organizer** who always sees the big picture.

**Coordinates** the entire team's activities, consolidates findings, and ensures smooth workflow.

Leverages clear **task planning**, timeline management, and a strategic mindset to keep everyone on track.

Miranda Brown
Market Research



An insightful investigator with a knack for uncovering **consumer** and market insights.

Gathers data on industry trends, customer behaviors, and competitor activity.

Uses web searches, news monitoring, and in-depth reports to develop actionable intelligence.

**Charles Watson**Financial Analysis



A precise numbers expert focused on pricing, forecasting, and bottom-line impact.

Analyzes revenue streams, simulates financial outcomes, and designs pricing strategies.

Employs internal data analytics, cost modeling, and financial tools to back decisions with robust figures.

**Leon Carlisle**Scenario Planning



A visionary forecaster skilled at modeling different future possibilities.

Examines potential market shifts, product evolutions, and strategic outcomes.

Uses specialized scenario modeling tools, historical data, and trend analyses to provide forward-looking insights.

# Victoria Hayes Quality Assurance



A detail-oriented reviewer dedicated to ensuring excellence in every deliverable.

**Validates** research and analysis outputs, flags inconsistencies, and maintains high standards.

Applies rigorous **quality checks**, systematic reviews, and process audits to uphold integrity.

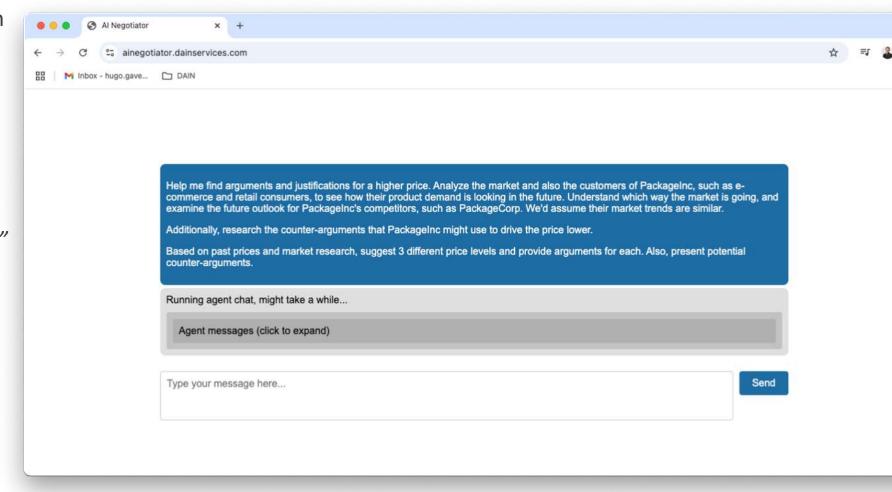
# The assignment



The team is designed to research larger scenarios, not just simple questions...

"Help me find arguments and justifications...

...suggest 3 different price levels and provide arguments for each."



# Team working on the assignment

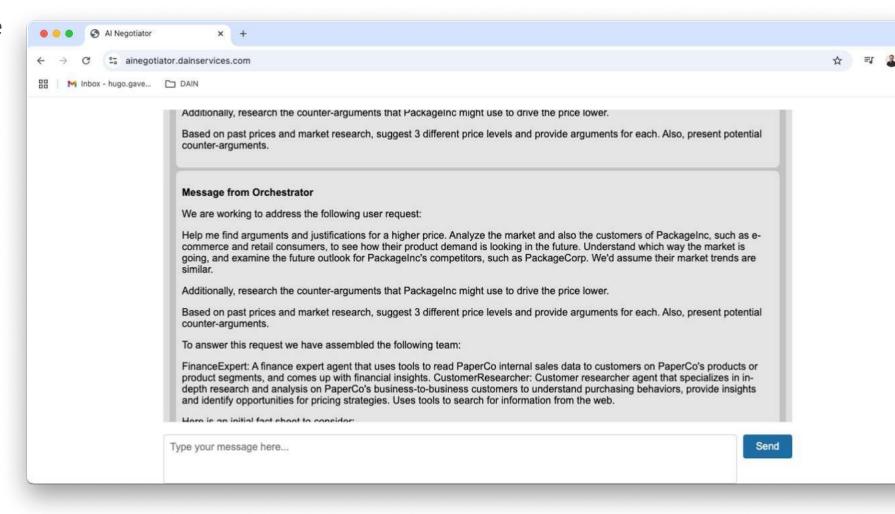


"To answer this request we have assembled the following team:

Finance Expert...

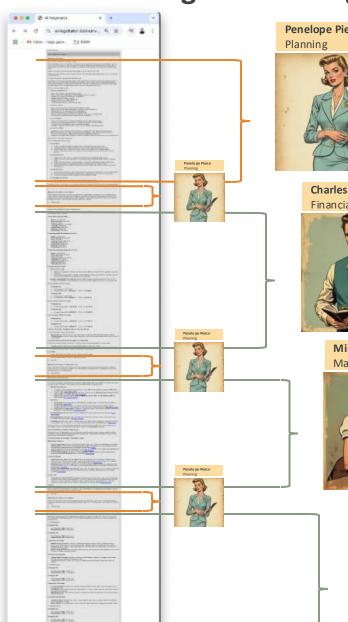
Market Researcher...

...



# Team working on the assignment





Penelope Pierce



- Checks the background information, writes down
- Creates a research plan, what each team member must do
- Keeps track of the work and assigns tasks as the work progresses

"Plan to Address the Request:

- 1. Market Analysis and Future Outlook: CustomerResearcher: Research current and future demand ...
- 2. Historical Data and Pricing Trends: Finance Expert: Analyze historical price data for ...
- 3. Competitive Analysis and Dependency Assessment: ..."

**Charles Watson** Financial Analysis



- Connects to financial DB
- Pulls related historical data
  - Production and material costs
  - Sales
  - Revenues
- Gives also feedback on what to research next

"Analysis of Historical Price Data:

- 1. Prod A (2024):
  - Revenue: -1,663,133.14
    - Total Costs: -1,543,207.32
    - Contribution Margin: 591,766.46
    - EBITDA (TRUE): 343,762.89..."

Miranda Brown Market Research



- Searches the internet and news for market trends
  - News concerning the customer
  - Key drivers for customers
  - Market growth projections
  - Economic challenges
- Note: the links to original sources are included

"Consumer Preferences:

- Online Grocery Shopping: A significant shift towards online grocery shopping is observed, with a 56% increase in grocery delivery services and a... Source
- Sustainable Packaging: There is a growing preference for sustainable packaging... Source ..."

**Leon Carlisle** Scenario Planning



- Creates pricing scenarios
- Uses the information from Financial analyst and Market research to write arguments for the scenarios
- Gives advices on the negotiations

"Justifications for scenario A:

- Market Growth: The overall e-commerce market, particularly in the food and beverage sector, shows significant growth...
- Sustainability Costs: The shift towards sustainable packaging is increasing raw material and production costs...
- Maintaining Relationships: Ensures long-term partnership ..."

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# **Charles Watson**Financial Analysis



#### Message from Financial Analyst:

It appears that the internal tool used to retrieve historical financial data ... is currently unavailable.

I recommend ... or collaborating with the finance department for this information.

#### **Data Request Example**

To retrieve the historical data, you can formulate a formal data request as follows:

**To:** Finance Department

Subject: Request for Historical Financial Data (2021 - 2023)

#### Dear [Recipient's Name],

I am writing to request detailed financial metrics for PackagingProd A and PackagingProd B for the years 2021 through 2023. This data is crucial for our upcoming contract negotiations with PackageInc. The specific metrics required include:

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# Key takeaways

 Al Agents are already reality - They are focused, adaptive and collaborative

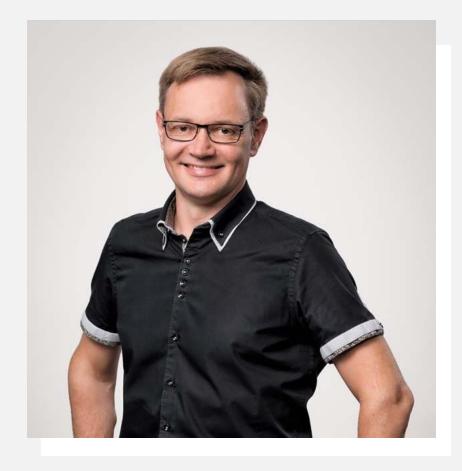
#### 2. Development is fast

- LLMs are commodity, agentic workflows is where the development is now
- Reasoning models are creating maybe better plans

#### 3. Development is not easy

- Skills / tools need to be written
- No, agents are not good in writing code not efficient & endless loops of mistakes
- Testing single purpose agent is not easy, testing agentic system is challenging
- **4. Don't forget safety** Build safeguards, human in the loop
  - Ethical implications: BIAS in decision-making is still proven to be a problem in LLMs don't ask for opinions

Automating or re-imaging business processes with AI Agents requires experience → start experimenting!





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# Thanks!

















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