Machine Programming

Lecture 10 – Agentic Framework for Software Development Ziyang Li

Logistics – Week 6

- Assignment 2
 - https://github.com/machine-programming/assignment-2
 - Due this Sunday (Oct 5th)
 - Expected to take quite some time, so please start working on it early
- Oral presentation sign up sheet
 - Sending out today
 - Oral presentation starting on Week 8

The Course So Far

Behavioral SpecificationWhat should the program do?

- 1. Examples
- 2. Types
- 3. Functional Specifications
- 4. Natural Language

Synthesis Strategy

- How do we find such a program?

EnumerationLanguage Models

- Prompting
- Iterative refinement

Structural Specification

- What is the space of the programs?

General Purpose Programming Language
Python / Java / C / Rust / ...

Domain Specific Languages

Today

Agentic Frameworks

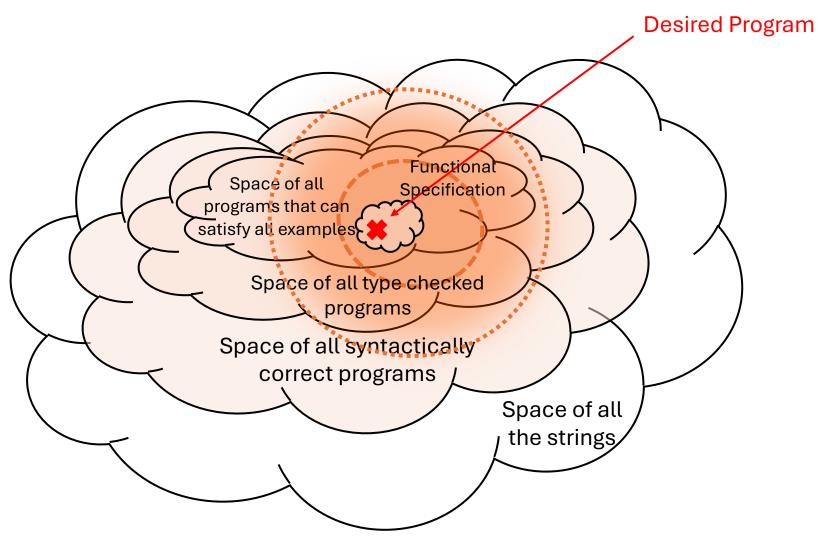
Tools, MCP Servers, Language Servers

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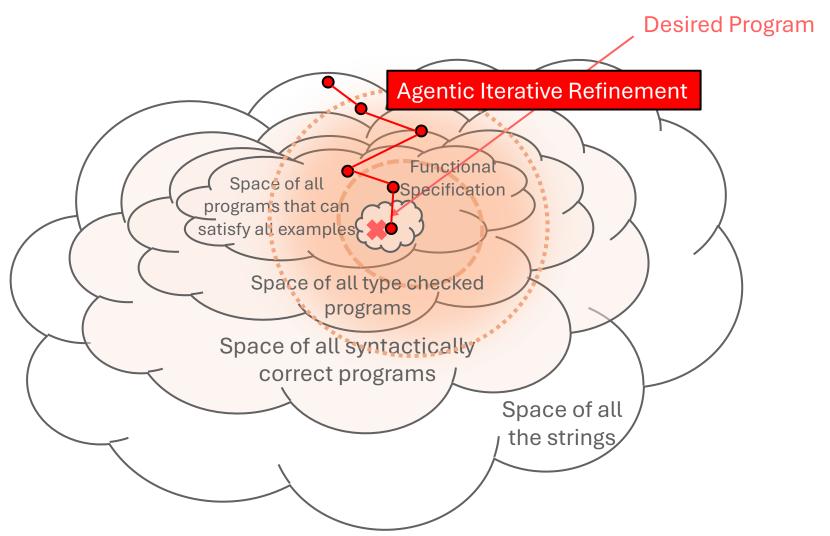
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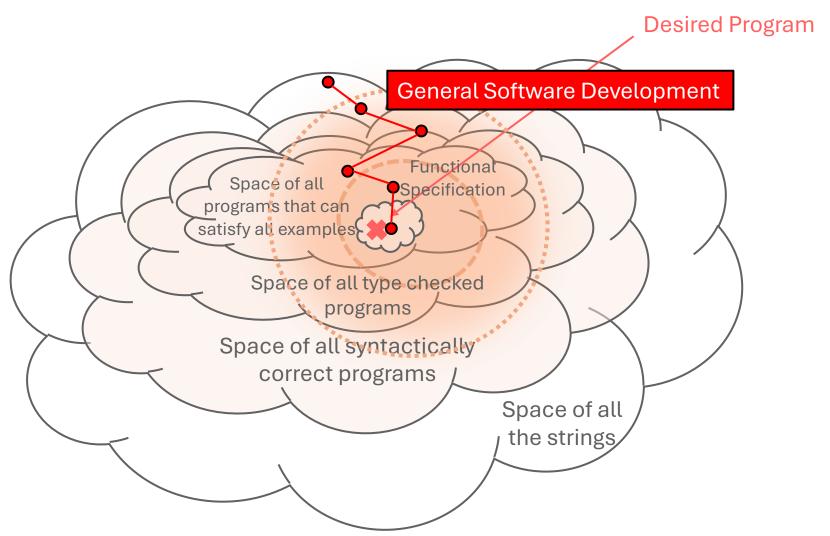
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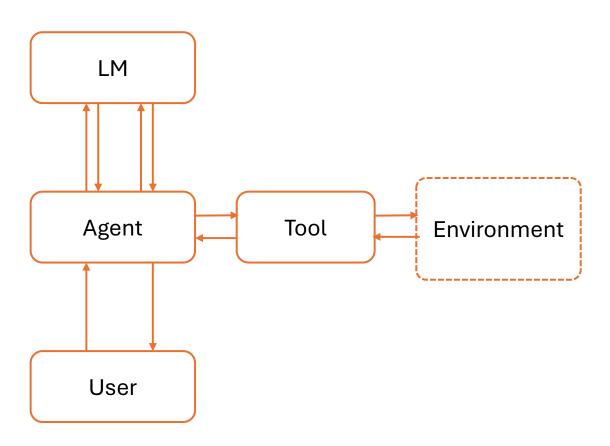
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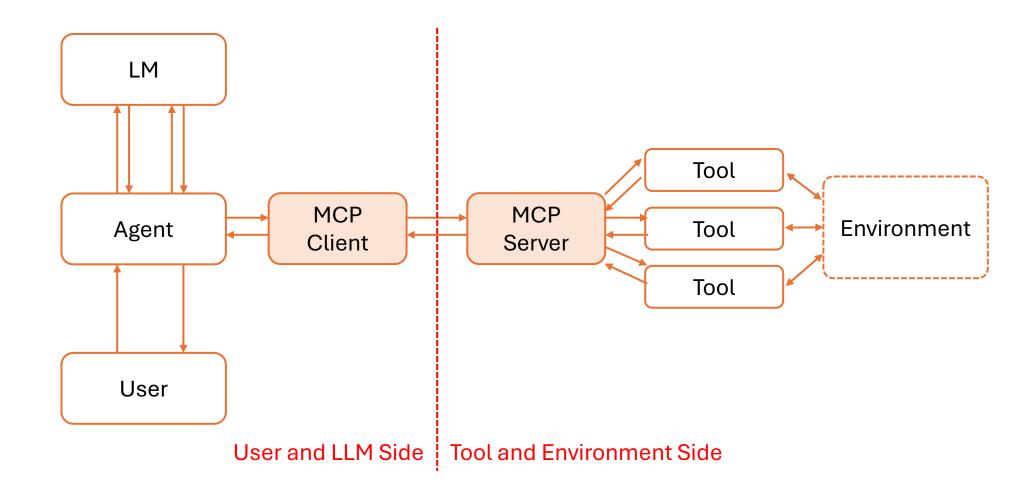
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Agentic Framework



Model Context Protocol (MCP)



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💢 Reference Servers

These servers aim to demonstrate MCP features and the official SDKs.

- Everything Reference / test server with prompts, resources, and tools.
- Fetch Web content fetching and conversion for efficient LLM usage.
- Filesystem Secure file operations with configurable access controls.
- Git Tools to read, search, and manipulate Git repositories.
- Memory Knowledge graph-based persistent memory system.
- Sequential Thinking Dynamic and reflective problem-solving through thought sequences.
- Time Time and timezone conversion capabilities.

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Archived

The following reference servers are now archived and can be found at servers-archived.

- AWS KB Retrieval Retrieval from AWS Knowledge Base using Bedrock Agent Runtime.
- Brave Search Web and local search using Brave's Search API. Has been replaced by the official server.
- EverArt Al image generation using various models.
- GitHub Repository management, file operations, and GitHub API integration.
- GitLab GitLab API, enabling project management.
- Google Drive File access and search capabilities for Google Drive.
- Google Maps Location services, directions, and place details.
- PostgreSQL Read-only database access with schema inspection.
- Puppeteer Browser automation and web scraping.
- Redis Interact with Redis key-value stores.
- Sentry Retrieving and analyzing issues from Sentry.io.
- Slack Channel management and messaging capabilities. Now maintained by Zencoder
- SQLite Database interaction and business intelligence capabilities.

Third-Party Servers

Official Integrations Official integrations are maintained by companies building production ready MCP servers for

their platforms.

. ActionKit by Paragon - Connect to 130+ SaaS integrations (e.g. Slack, Salesforce, Gmail) with Paragon's ActionKit API.

• 21st.dev Magic - Create crafted UI components inspired by the best 21st.dev design

. Adfin - The only platform you need to get paid - all payments in one place, invoicing and accounting reconciliations with Adfin. AgentOps - Provide observability and tracing for debugging AI agents with AgentOps

 AgentQL - Enable Al agents to get structured data from unstructured web with AgentQL

 AgentRPC - Connect to any function, any language, across network boundaries using AgentRPC.

Agentset - RAG for your knowledge base connected to Agentset

• Aiven - Navigate your Aiven projects and interact with the PostgreSQL®, Apache

Kafka®, ClickHouse® and OpenSearch® services • * Alation - Unlock the power of the enterprise Data Catalog by harnessing tools

provided by the Alation MCP server. • * Alby Bitcoin Payments - Connect any bitcoin lightning wallet to your agent to send

and receive instant payments globally with your agent. . Algolia - Use Al agents to provision, configure, and query your Algolia search indices.

for getting database or table metadata, querying and analyzing data. It will be supported to add the OpenAPI for cluster operation in the future.

 Alibaba Cloud AnalyticDB for PostgreSQL - An MCP server to connect to AnalyticDB for PostgreSQL instances, query and analyze data. M Alibaba Cloud DataWorks - A Model Context Protocol (MCP) server that provides

tools for AI, allowing it to interact with the DataWorks Open API through a standardized interface. This implementation is based on the Alibaba Cloud Open API and enables AI agents to perform cloud resources operations seamlessly.

 Alibaba Cloud OpenSearch - This MCP server equips Al Agents with tools to interact with OpenSearch through a standardized and extensible interface. Alibaba Cloud OPS - Manage the lifecycle of your Alibaba Cloud resources with

CloudOps Orchestration Service and Alibaba Cloud OpenAPI. Alibaba Cloud RDS - An MCP server designed to interact with the Alibaba Cloud RDS OpenAPI, enabling programmatic management of RDS resources via an LLM.

• AlipayPlus - Connect your Al Agents to AlipayPlus Checkout Payment.

BoldSign.

n Alpaca – Alpaca's MCP server lets you trade stocks and options, analyze market data,

 ~ AlphaVantage - Connect to 100+ APIs for financial market data, including stock prices, fundamentals, and more from AlphaVantage

AllVoiceLab - An Al voice toolkit with TTS, voice cloning, and video translation, now

• # AltTester® - Use AltTester® capabilities to connect and test your Unity or Unreal game. Write game test automation faster and smarter, using AltTester and the

AltTester® MCP server. Antom - Connect your Al Agents to Antom Checkout Payment.

 Anytype - An MCP server enabling Al assistants to interact with Anytype - a local and collaborative wiki - to organize objects, lists, and more through natural language.

available as an MCP server for smarter agent integration.

and build strategies through Alpaca's Trading API

 Apache Doris - MCP Server For Apache Doris, an MPP-based real-time data . * Apache IoTDB - MCP Server for Apache IoTDB database and its tools

Apache Pinot – MCP server for running real - time analytics gueries on Apache Pinot,

an open-source OLAP database built for high-throughput, low-latency powering real-

by leveraging APIMatic's API.

 Apify - Use 6,000+ pre-built cloud tools to extract data from websites, e-commerce, social media, search engines, maps, and more

 APIMatic MCP - APIMatic MCP Server is used to validate OpenAPI specifications using APIMatic. The server processes OpenAPI files and returns validation summaries

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 Apollo MCP Server - Connect your GraphQL APIs to Al agents . @ Agara MCP Server - Control Agara smart home devices, query status, execute

scenes, and much more using natural language.

 Archbee - Write and publish documentation that becomes the trusted source for instant answers with Al. Stop cobbling tools and use Archbee — the first complete

DataStax Astra DB NoSQL database with a full range of operations such as create. update, delete, find, and associated bulk actions. • Atla - Enable Al agents to interact with the Atla API for state-of-the-art LLMJ . a Atlan - The Atlan Model Context Protocol server allows you to interact with the Atlan

services through multiple tools. A Atlassian - Securely interact with Jira work items and Confluence pages, and search

 AtomGit - Official AtomGit server for integration with repository management, PRs. issues, branches, labels, and more.

• « Astra DB - Comprehensive tools for managing collections and documents in a

· / Audiense Insights - Marketing insights and audience analysis from Audiense reports, covering demographic, cultural, influencer, and content engagement analysis. • B Autho - MCP server for interacting with your Autho tenant, supporting creating and modifying actions, applications, forms, logs, resource servers, and more.

• • Authenticator App • 2FA - A secure MCP (Model Context Protocol) server that enables AI agents to interact with the Authenticator App. • @ AWS - Specialized MCP servers that bring AWS best practices directly to your

. Axiom - Query and analyze your Axiom logs, traces, and all other event data in natural A Azure - The Azure MCP Server gives MCP Clients access to key Azure services and

tools like Azure Storage, Cosmos DB, the Azure CLI, and more. • Q Azure DevOps - Interact with Azure DevOps services like repositories, work items, builds, releases, test plans, and code search.

• Backdocket - Search, Retrieve, and Update your Backdocket data. This currently includes Claims, Matters, Contacts, Tasks and Advanced Searches, To easily use the Remote Mcp Server utilize the following url: https://ai.backdocket.com/mcp

• Baidu Map - Baidu Map MCP Server provides tools for Al agents to interact with Baidu Maps APIs, enabling location-based services and geospatial data analysis.

 Baserow - Query data from Baserow self-hosted or SaaS databases using MCP BICScan - Risk score / asset holdings of EVM blockchain address (EOA, CA, ENS) and

Bankless Onchain - Query Onchain data, like ERC20 tokens, transaction history.

. Bitrise - Chat with your builds, CI, and more. • @ Boikot - Learn about the ethical and unethical actions of major companies with

boikot.xyz. • PoldSign - Search, request, and manage e-signature contracts effortlessly with

and collaborate with humans on software projects

development workflow.

even domain names.

• Boost.space - An MCP server integrating with Boost.space for centralized, automated business data from 2000+ sources. • Box - Interact with the Intelligent Content Management platform through Box Al.

• BrightData - Discover, extract, and interact with the web - one interface powering automated access across the public internet.

extraction form filling and more) BrowserStack - Access BrowserStack's Test Platform to debug, write and fix tests, do

accessibility testing and more. • Buildkite - Exposing Buildkite data (pipelines, builds, jobs, tests) to Al tooling and

• Buildable (TypeScript) - Official MCP server for Buildable Al-powered development

• \(\mathbb{BuiltWith} - Identify the technology stack behind any website. Burp Suite - MCP Server extension allowing AI clients to connect to Burp Suite

• Cal.com - Connect to the Cal.com API to schedule and manage bookings and

appointments • Campertunity - Search campgrounds around the world on campertunity, check availability, and provide booking links.

• @ Canva — Provide AI - powered development assistance for Canva apps and

integrations. • 4 Carbon Voice - MCP Server that connects Al Agents to Carbon Voice. Create, manage, and interact with voice messages, conversations, direct messages, folders,

voice memos, Al actions and more in Carbon Voice. • Cartesia - Connect to the Cartesia voice platform to perform text-to-speech, voice cloning etc.

• Cashfree - Cashfree Payments official MCP server. CB Insights - Use the CB Insights MCP Server to connect to ChatCBI

• GodeLogic - Interact with CodeLogic, a Software Intelligence platform that graphs complex code and data architecture dependencies, to boost AI accuracy and insight. • @ CoinGecko - Official CoinGecko API MCP Server for Crypto Price & Market Data, across 200+ Blockchain Networks and 8M+ Tokens.

supporting keyword search, language, and safety options. Returns structured JSON

• Godacy - Interact with Codacy API to query code quality issues, vulnerabilities, and

• Cloudinary - Exposes Cloudinary's media upload, transformation, Al analysis,

• ± Cloudsway SmartSearch - Web search MCP server powered by Cloudsway,

management, optimization and delivery as tools usable by Al agents

. Comet Opik - Query and analyze your Opik logs, traces, prompts and all other telemetry data from your LLMs in natural language. • S Conductor - Interact with Conductor (OSS and Orkes) REST APIs.

• @ Composio - Use Composio to connect 100+ tools. Zero setup. Auth built-in. Made for agents, works for humans . © Confluent - Interact with Confluent Kafka and Confluent Cloud REST APIs.

coverage insights about your code.

• Contrast Security - Brings Contrast's vulnerability and SCA data into your coding agent to quickly remediate vulnerabilities. • O Convex - Introspect and query your apps deployed to Convex.

• Cortex - Official MCP server for Cortex. . Couchbase - Interact with the data stored in Couchbase clusters. . CRIC Wuye AI - Interact with capabilities of the CRIC Wuye AI platform, an intelligent

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intelligent security analysis, providing programmatic access to detections, incidents, behaviors, threat intelligence, hosts, vulnerabilities, and identity protection capabilities. • CTERA Edge Filer - CTERA Edge Filer delivers intelligent edge caching and

platform via Debugg.Al remote browsing test agents.

global namespace and unified management across petabytes of distributed content. . O Cycode - Boost security in your dev lifecycle via SAST, SCA, Secrets & IaC scanning with Cycode • Dart - Interact with task, doc, and project data in Dart, an Al-native project

• @ Databricks - Connect to data, Al tools & agents, and the rest of the Databricks

platform using turnkey managed MCP servers. Or, host your own custom MCP servers

multiprotocol file access, enabling fast, secure access to files across core and remote

CTERA Portal - CTERA Portal is a multi-tenant, multi-cloud platform that delivers a

within the Databricks security and data governance boundary. • DataHub - Search your data assets, traverse data lineage, write SQL queries, and more using DataHub metadata.

• Daytona - Fast and secure execution of your Al generated code with Daytona Debugg.Al - Zero-Config, Fully Al-Managed End-to-End Testing for any code gen

• Browserbase - Automate browser interactions in the cloud (e.g. web navigation, data • PeepL - Translate or rewrite text with DeepL's very own Al models using the DeepL

. Defang - Deploy your project to the cloud seamlessly with the Defang platform without leaving your integrated development environment
 <u>B Detailer</u> – Instantly generate rich, Al-powered documentation for your GitHub

repositories. Designed for AI agents to gain deep project context before taking action. · @ DevCycle - Create and monitor feature flags using natural language in your Al coding platform. Enables Al assistants to manage tasks, track progress, get project context,

> • DevHub - Manage and utilize website content within the DevHub CMS platform • DevRey - An MCP server to integrate with DevRey APIs to search through your

management tool

• ■ DexPaprika (CoinPaprika) - Access real-time DEX data, liquidity pools, token information, and trading analytics across multiple blockchain networks with DexPaprika by CoinPaprika.

Dumpling Al

• Dolt - The official MCP server for version-controlled Dolt databases. V Dot (GetDot.ai) - Fetch, analyze or visualize data from your favorite database or data warehouse (Snowflake, BigQuery, Redshift, Databricks, Clickhouse, ...) with Dot, your Al Data Analyst. This remote MCP server is a one-click integration for user that have setup

DevRev Knowledge Graph where objects can be imported from diff. Sources listed here.

• Drata - Get hands-on with our experimental MCP server—bringing real-time compliance intelligence into your AI workflows. • Dumpling AI - Access data, web scraping, and document conversion APIs by

• Inkeep - RAG Search over your content powered by Inkeep customers.

• Inflectra Spira - Connect to your instance of the SpiraTest, SpiraTeam or SpiraPlan application lifecycle management platform by Inflectra

information for an IP address.

VPNs, and find abuse contact details using IPLocate.io

• * Integration App - Interact with any other SaaS applications on behalf of your

• IP2Location.io - Interact with IP2Location.io API to retrieve the geolocation • DIPLocate - Look up IP address geolocation, network information, detect proxies and

. GitGuardian - GitGuardian official MCP server - Scan projects using GitGuardian's

contextual data for rapid, automated remediation.

• Glean - Enterprise search and chat using Glean's API.

• Google Cloud Run - Deploy code to Google Cloud Run

requests for approval to your gotoHuman inbox.

generate reports with native Claude Prompts.

crawling, into a searchable Graphlit project.

apps, add-ons, dynos, databases, and more.

. GROWI - Official MCP Server to integrate with GROWI APIs.

and code samples for optimal geo-related guidance and code.

ping, traceroute, mtr, http and DNS resolve.

aNucleus Al models.

Grafana instance

through Al conversations!

intelligence in a single command.

analyze data in GreptimeDB.

HevOnCall iOS or Android apps.

to crypto, DeFi, and Web3 analytics

compatible MCP Gradio tool spaces!

and OCR data.

Harper.

data.

o GitHub - GitHub's official MCP Server.

industry-leading API, which features over 500 secret detectors to prevent credential

GitKraken - A CLI for interacting with GitKraken APIs. Includes an MCP server via gk

. @ Globalping - Access a network of thousands of probes to run network commands like

© GoLogin MCP server - Manage your GoLogin browser profiles and automation directly

• ox gotoHuman - Human-in-the-loop platform - Allow Al agents and automations to send

Grafana - Search dashboards, investigate incidents and query datasources in your

• Grafbase - Turn your GraphQL API into an efficient MCP server with schema

• Grain - Access your Grain meetings notes & transcripts directly in claude and

• Graphlit - Ingest anything from Slack to Gmail to podcast feeds, in addition to web

• @ Gremlin - The official Gremlin MCP server. Analyze your reliability posture, review

© GreptimeDB - Provides Al assistants with a secure and structured way to explore and

• Gyazo - Search, fetch, upload, and interact with Gyazo images, including metadata

• Harper - An MCP server providing an interface for MCP clients to access data within

B Heroku - Interact with the Heroku Platform through LLM-driven tools for managing

• New On Call - Page a human, sending critical or non-critical alerts to the free

. ... Hiveflow - Create, manage, and execute agentic AI workflows directly from your

• Hive Intelligence - Ultimate cryptocurrency MCP for AI assistants with unified access

Honeycomb Allows Honeycomb Enterprise customers to guery and analyze their data,

alerts, dashboards, and more; and cross-reference production behavior with the

• A Hugging Face - Connect to the Hugging Face Hub APIs programmatically: semantic

• Hunter - Interact with the Hunter API to get B2B data using natural language.

search for spaces and papers, exploration of datasets and models, and access to all

. H Hyperbolic - Interact with Hyperbolic's GPU cloud, enabling agents and LLMs to view

• Hyperbrowser - Hyperbrowser is the next-generation platform empowering Al agents

. IBM wxflows - Tool platform by IBM to build, test and deploy tools for any data source

and rent available GPUs, SSH into them, and run GPU-powered workloads for you.

• Hologres - Connect to a Hologres instance, get table metadata, query and analyze

• B Homebrew Allows Homebrew users to run Homebrew commands locally.

• > HubSpot - Connect, manage, and interact with HubSpot CRM data

and enabling effortless, scalable browser automation.

• Inbox Zero - Al personal assistant for email Inbox Zero

recent tests and chaos engineering experiments, and create detailed reports.

mcp that not only wraps GitKraken APIs, but also Jira, GitHub, GitLab, and more.

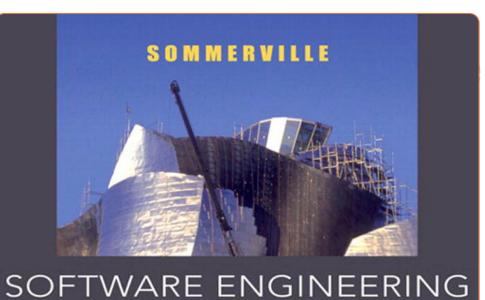
@ gNucleus Text-To-CAD - Generate CAD parts and assemblies from text using

leaks before they reach public repositories. Resolve security incidents directly with rich

Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)



Software Dev



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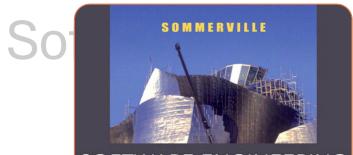
Planning

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5. Testing

6. Deploying



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SOFTWARE ENGINEERING



Part 1 Introduction to Software Engineering

Chapter 1 Introduction

Chapter 2 Software processes

Chapter 3 Agile software development

Chapter 4 Requirements engineering

Chapter 5 System modeling

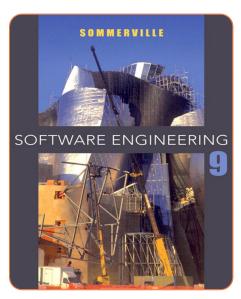
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Chapter 7 Design and implementation

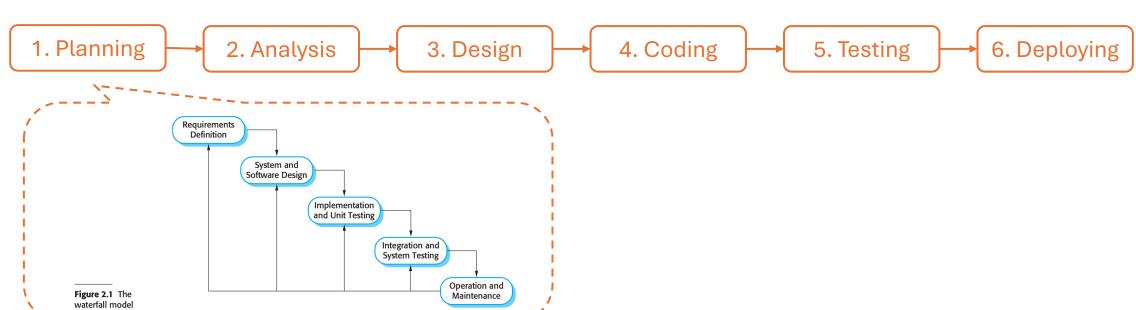
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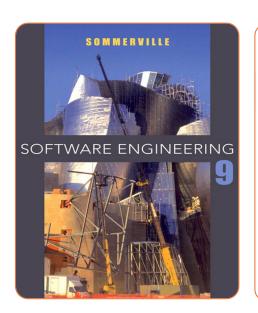
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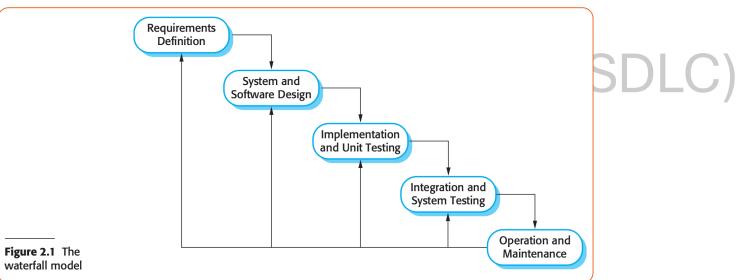
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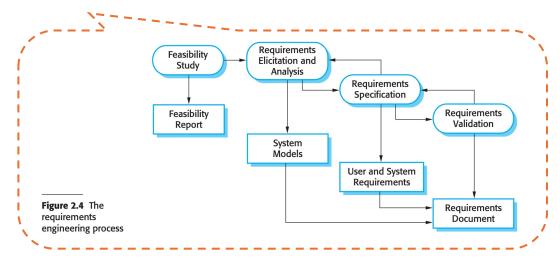
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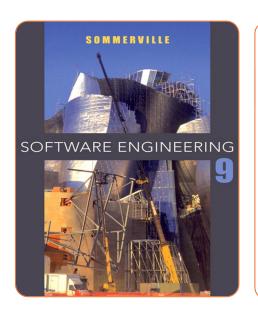


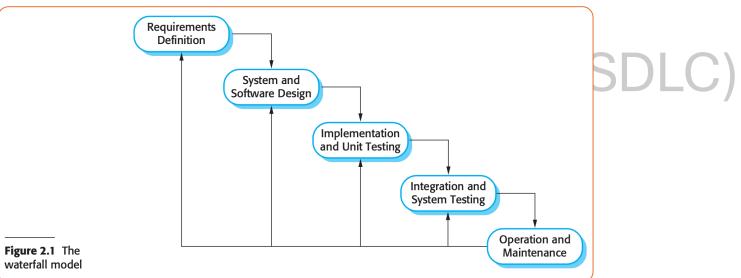




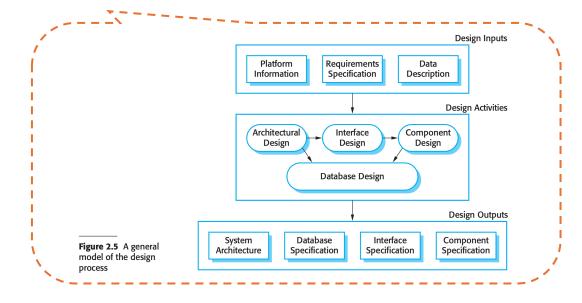
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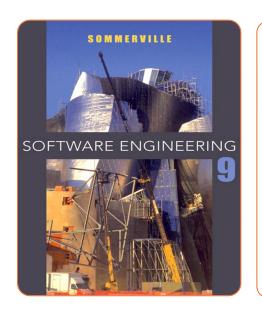


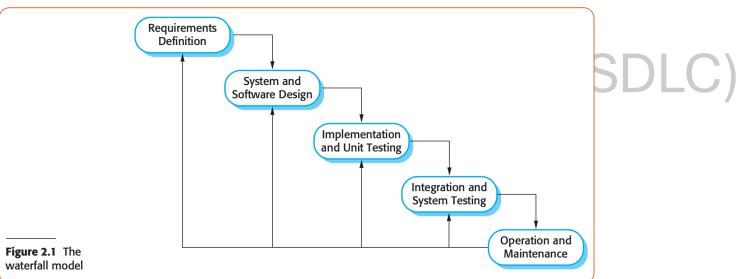


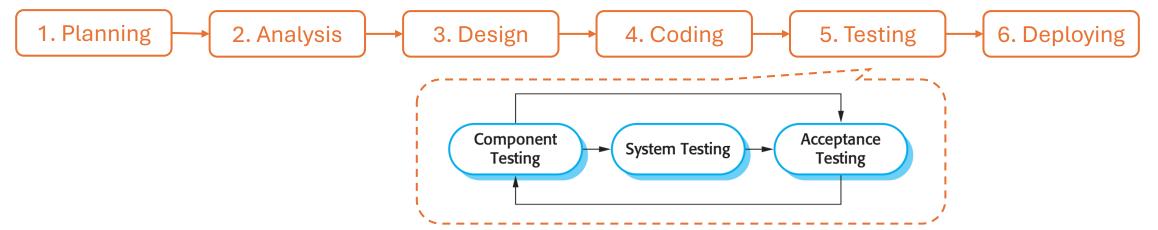


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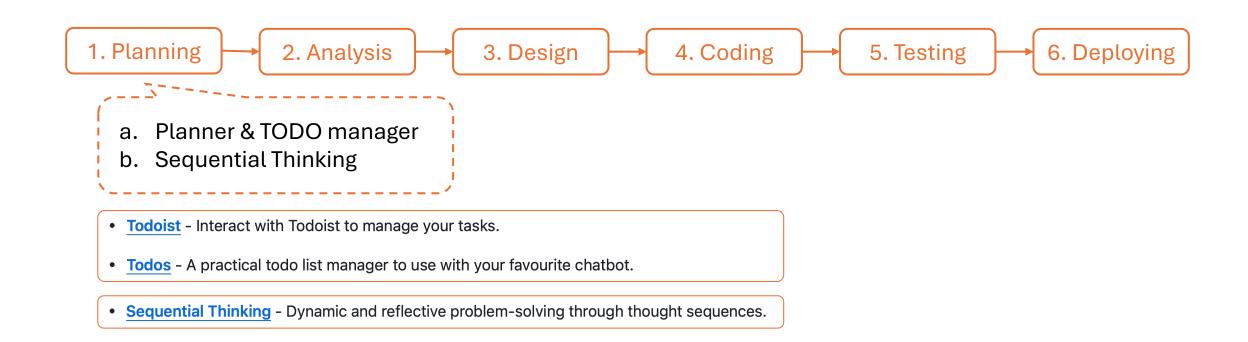


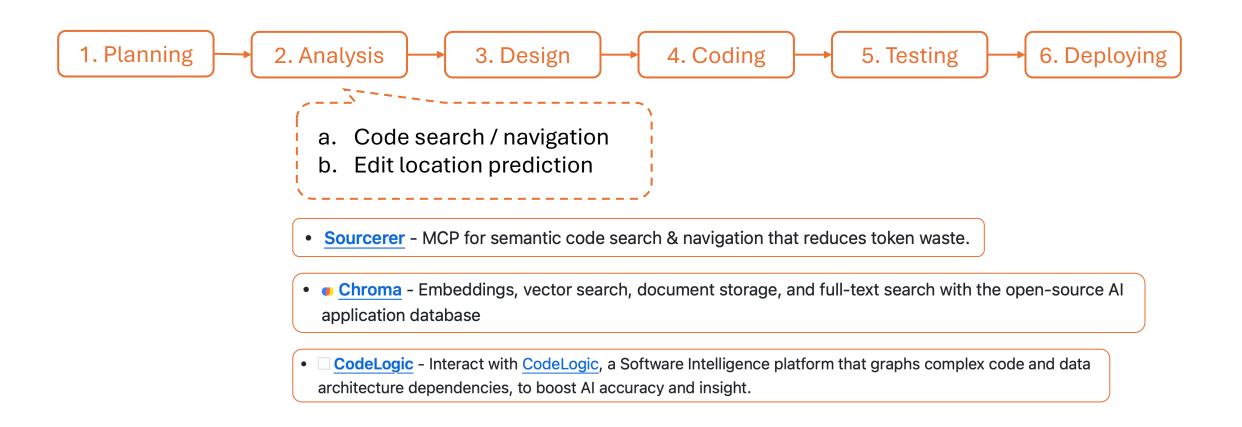


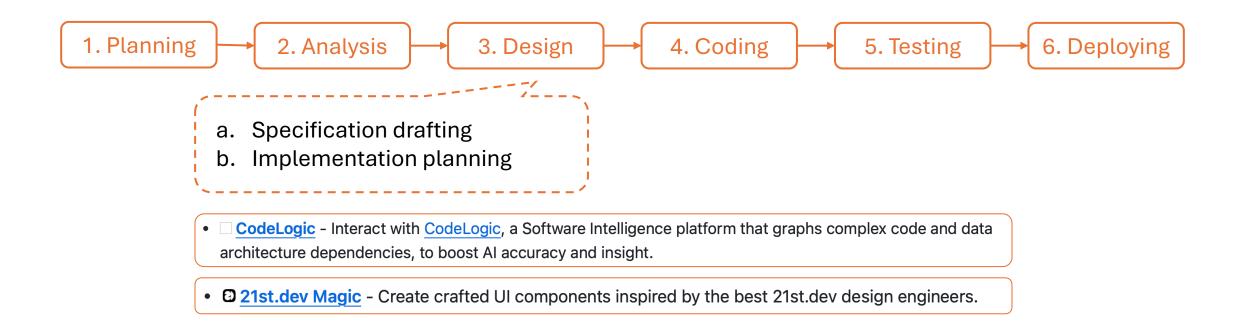


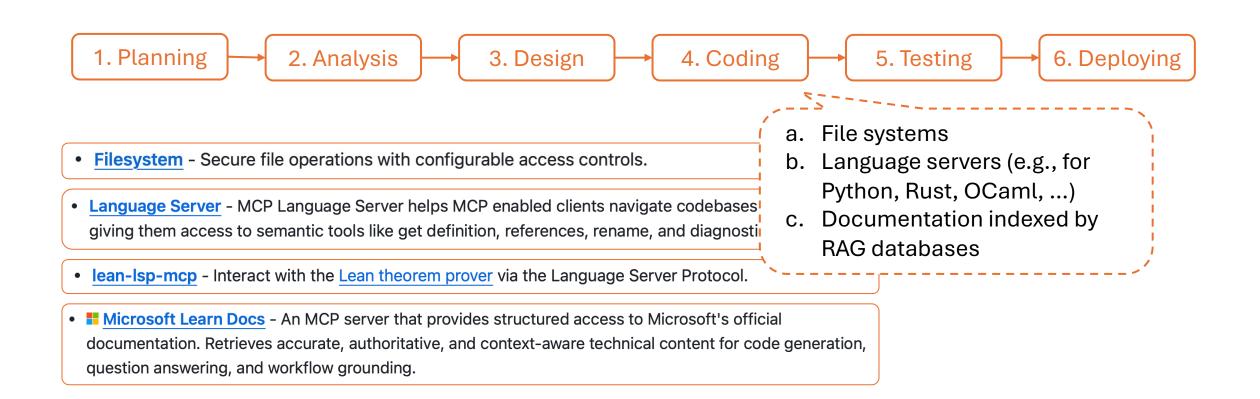


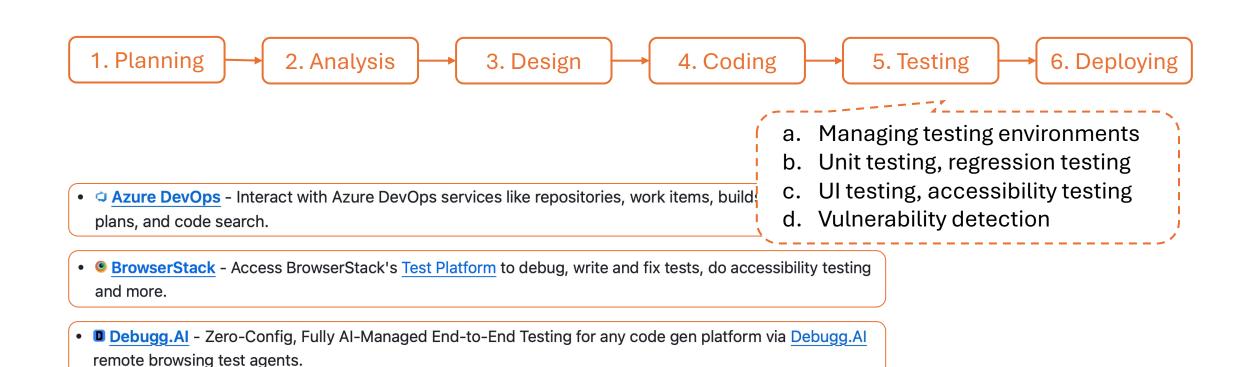






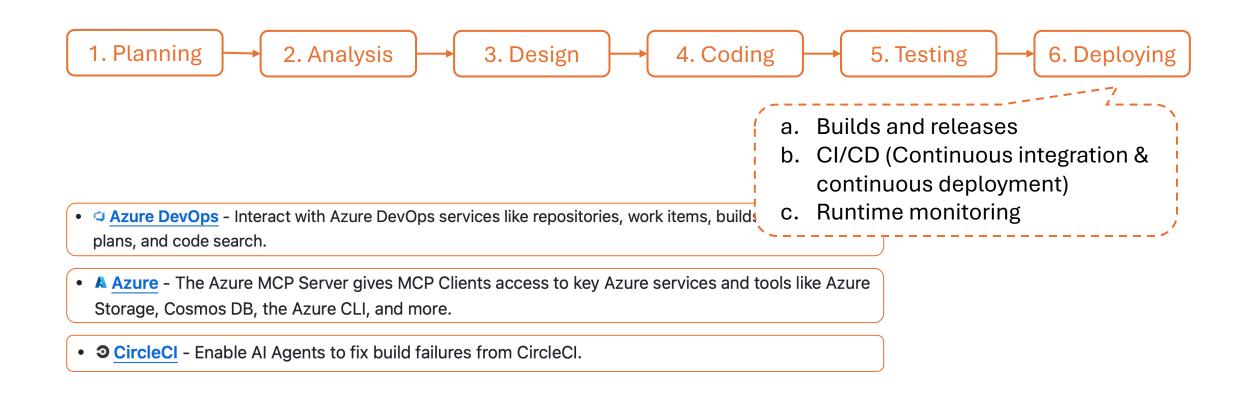






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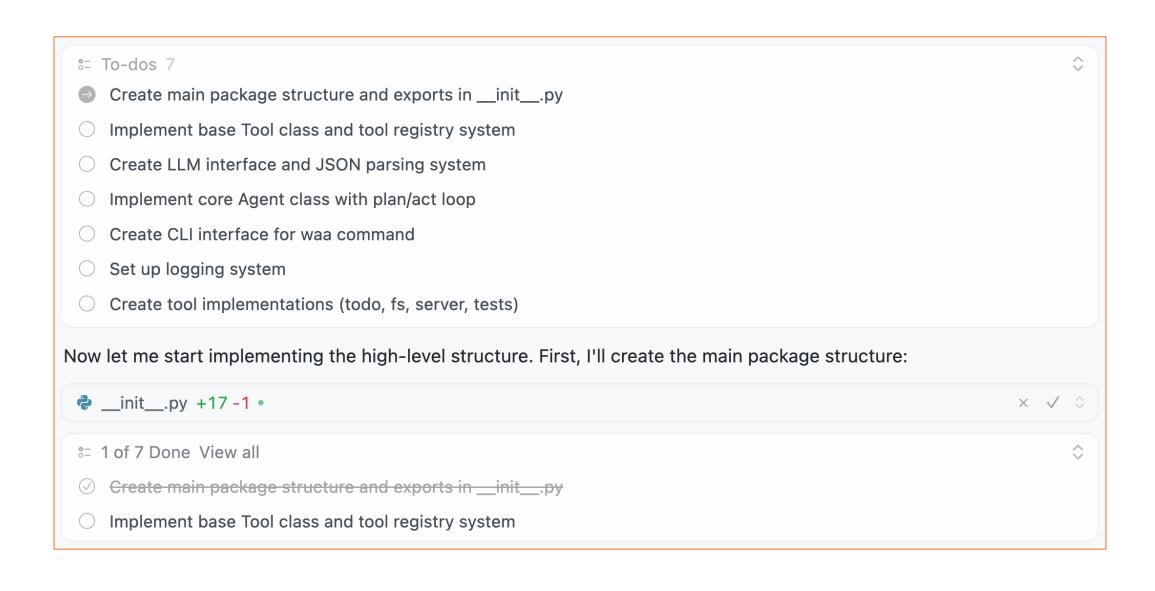
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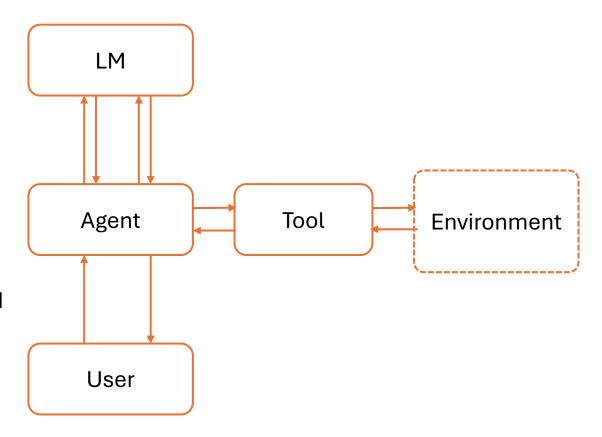
Tools Related to Software Development

- Sequential thinking
 - Planning, deliberate thinking
- File systems (FS)
 - Creating, removing, editing programs
 - Drafting test cases and setting up testing environment
- Retrieval augmented generation (RAG) databases
 - Context management
 - Documentations, examples, code snippets

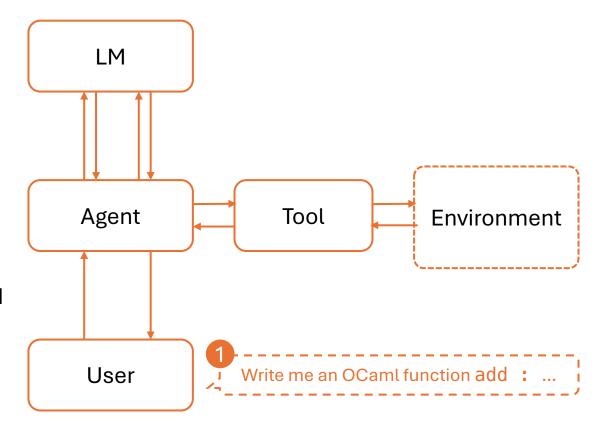
- Externalized Chain-of-thought
- The Sequential Thinking tool is designed for:
 - Breaking down complex problems into steps
 - Planning and design with room for revision
 - Analysis that might need course correction
 - Problems where the full scope might not be clear initially
 - Tasks that need to maintain context over multiple steps
 - Situations where irrelevant information needs to be filtered out

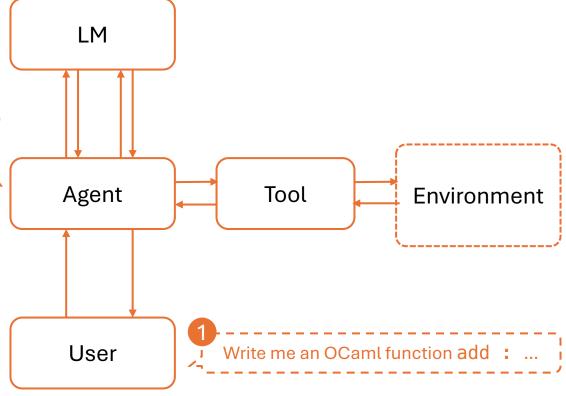


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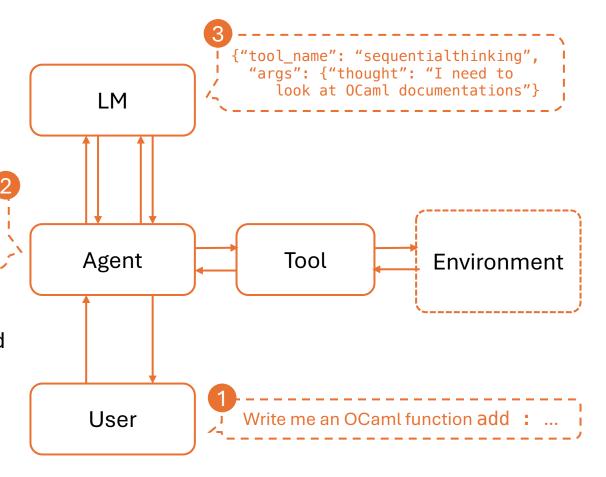


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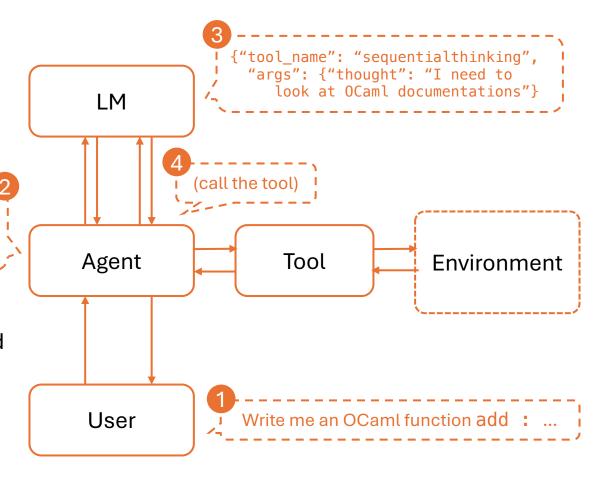




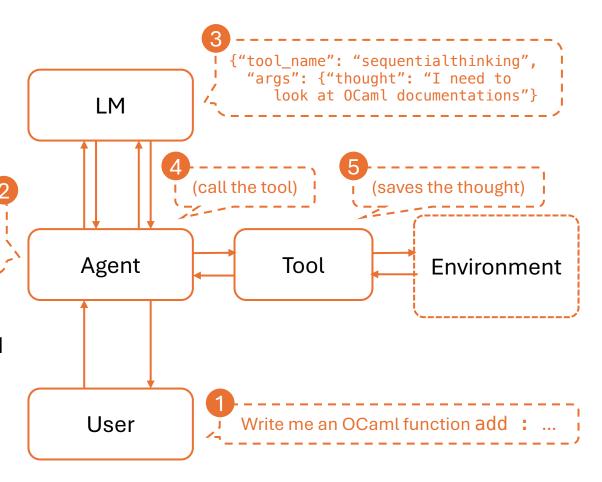
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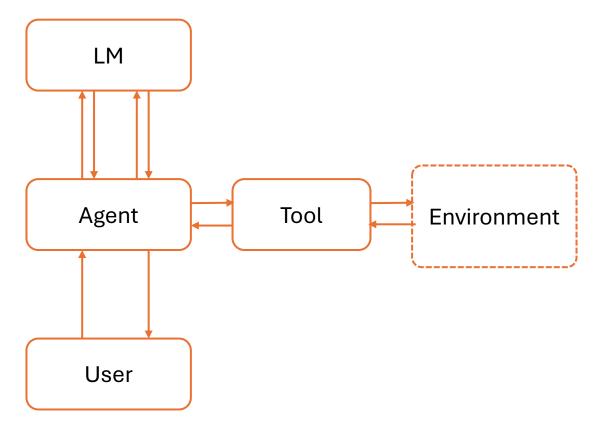
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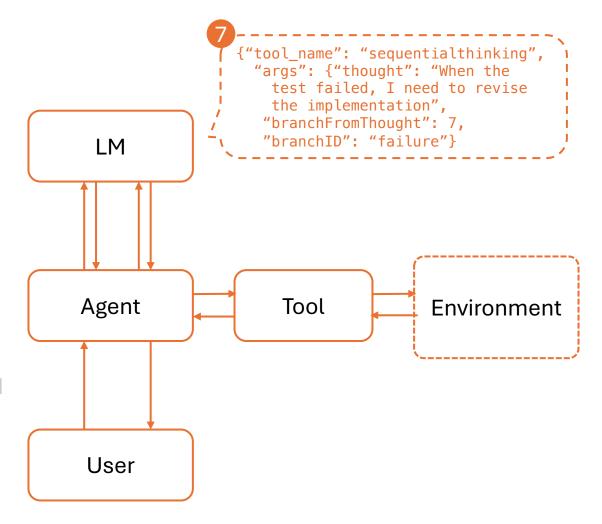
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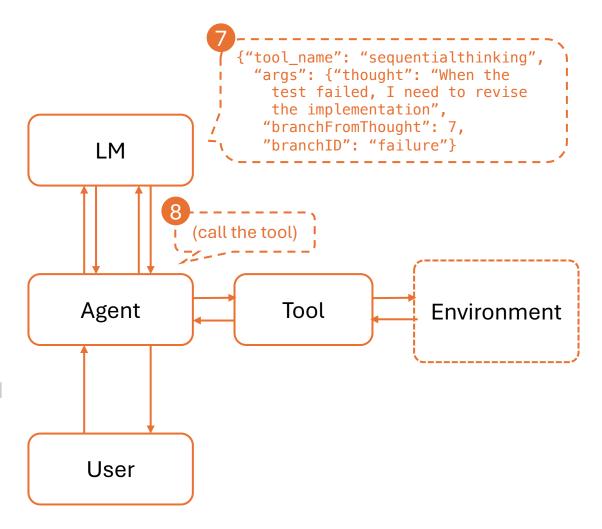
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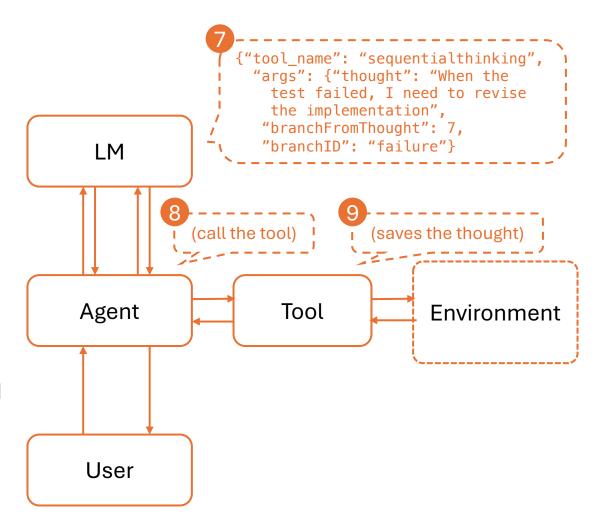
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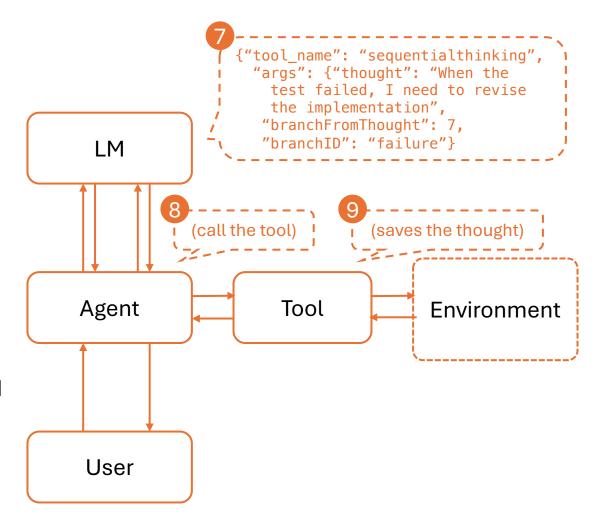
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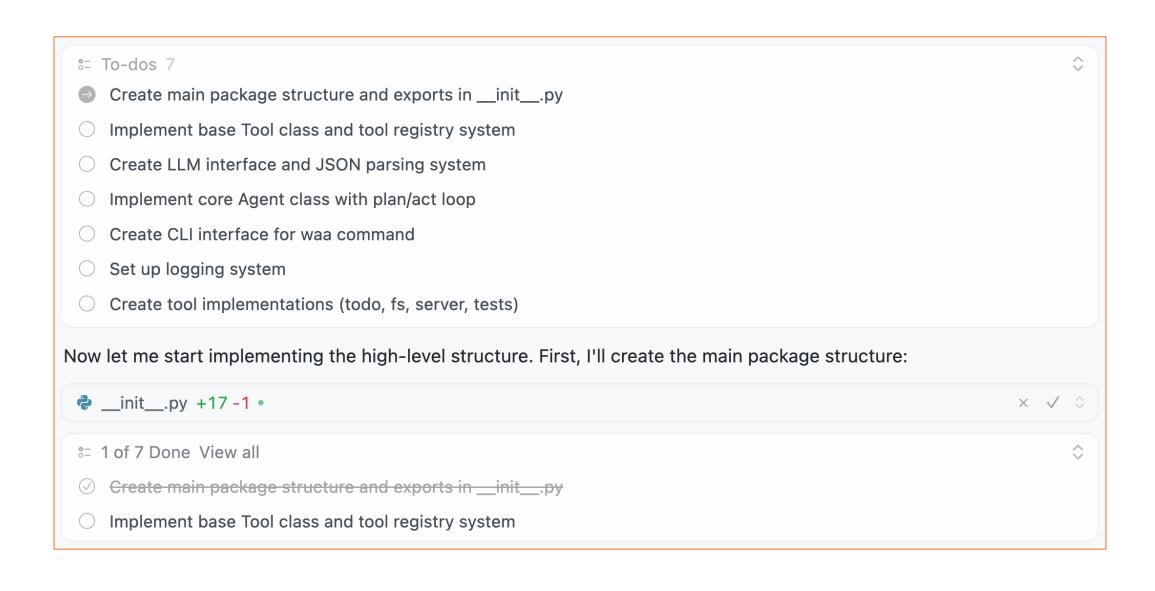


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iPhone, iPad, and iPod

Answer: iPhone, iPad, iPod

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(1) Hotspot QA Question: Aside from the Apple Remote, what other device can control the program Apple Remote was originally designed to interact with? (1a) Standard (1c) Act-Only Act 1: Search[Apple Remote] Answer: iPod Obs 1: The Apple Remote is a remote control ... (1b) CoT (Reason Only) Thought: Let's think step Act 2: Search[Front Row] by step. Apple Remote was Obs 2: Could not find [Front originally designed to Rowl. Similar: ... interact with Apple TV. Apple TV can be controlled Act 3: Search [Front Row by iPhone, iPad, and iPod (software) Touch. So the answer is Obs 3: Front Row is a

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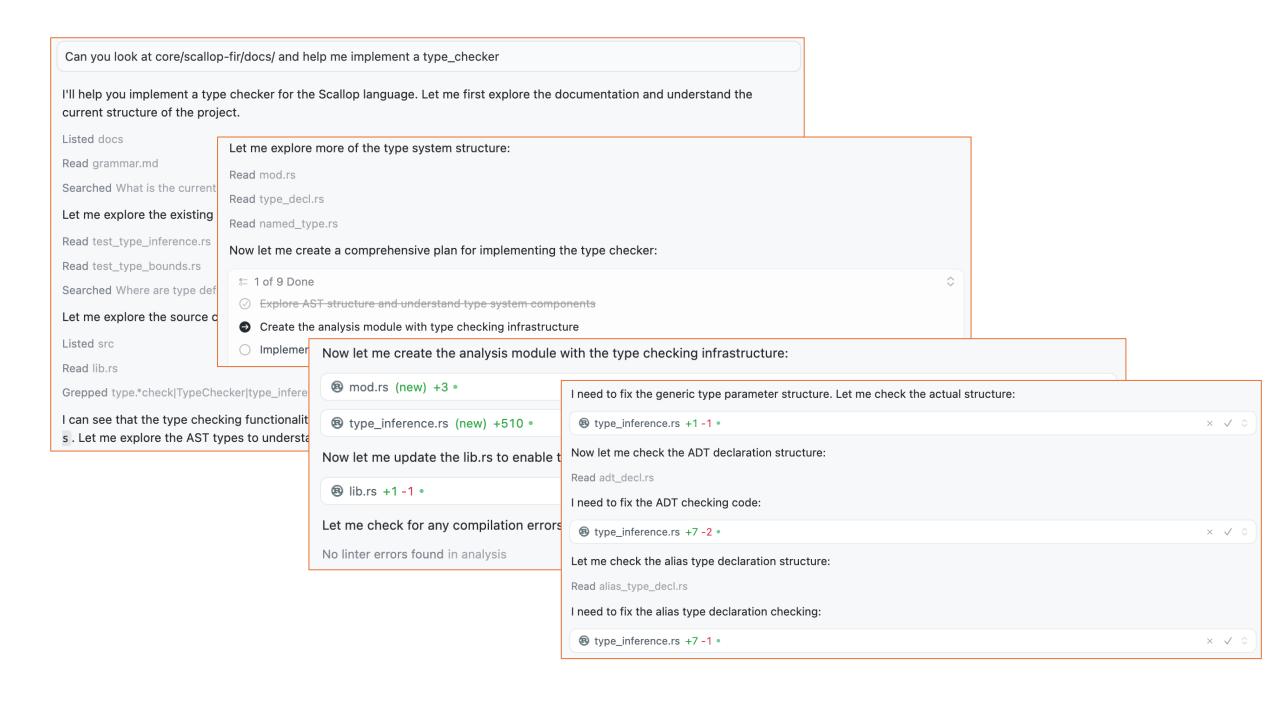
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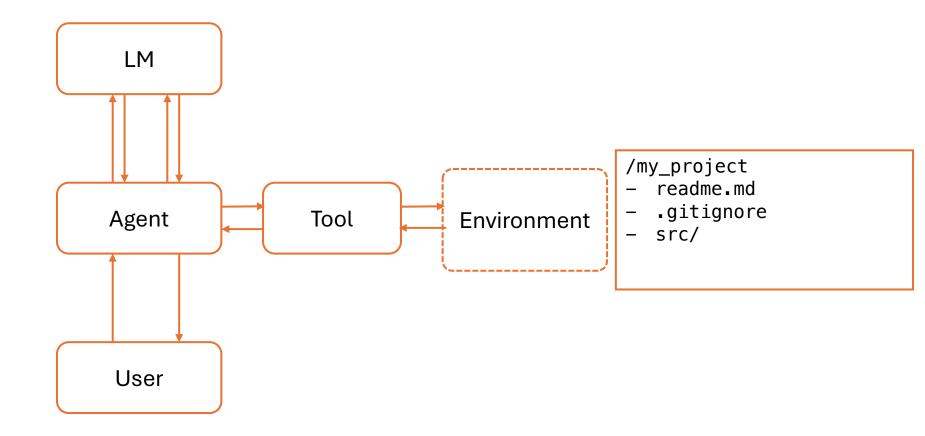
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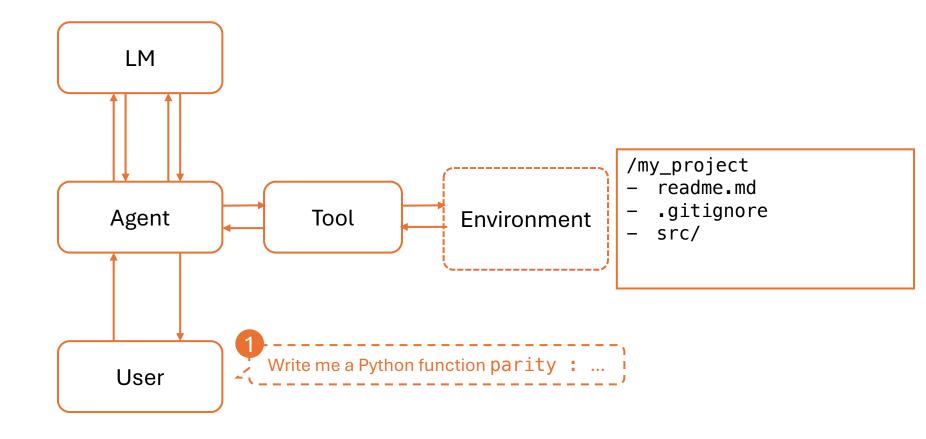
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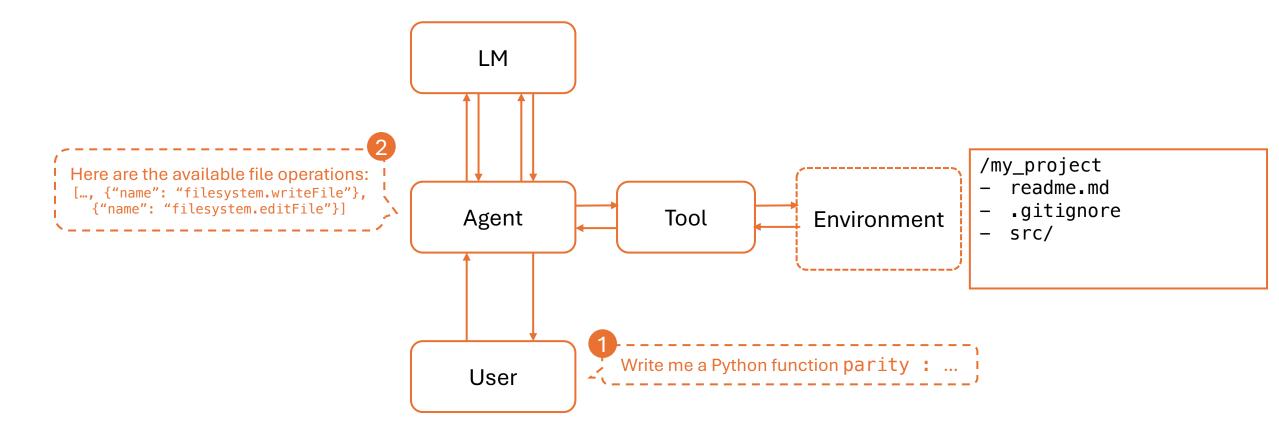
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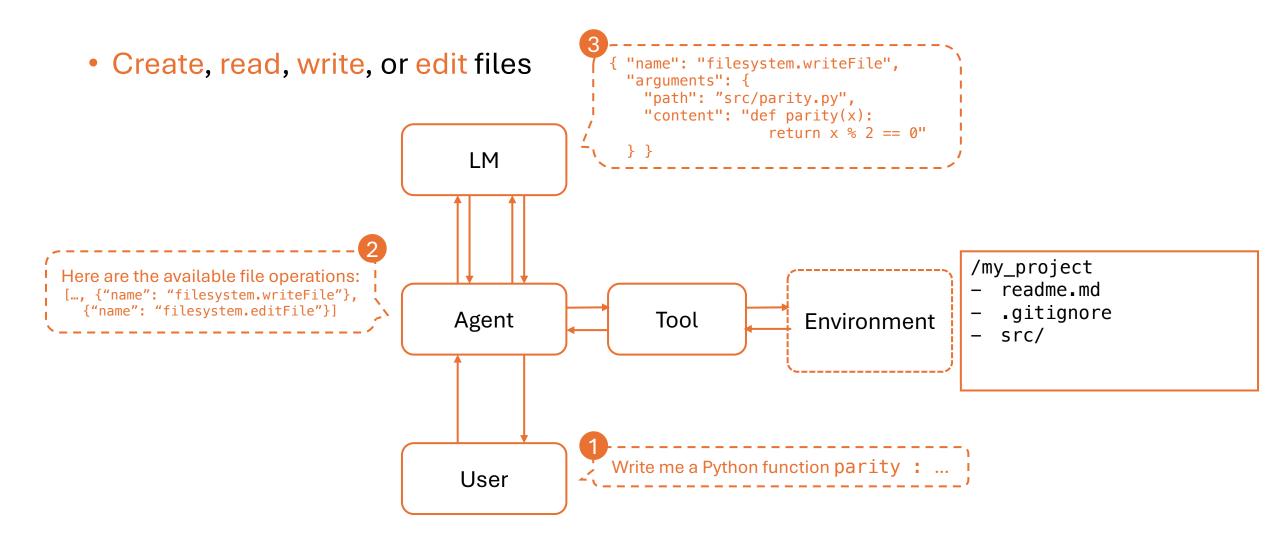


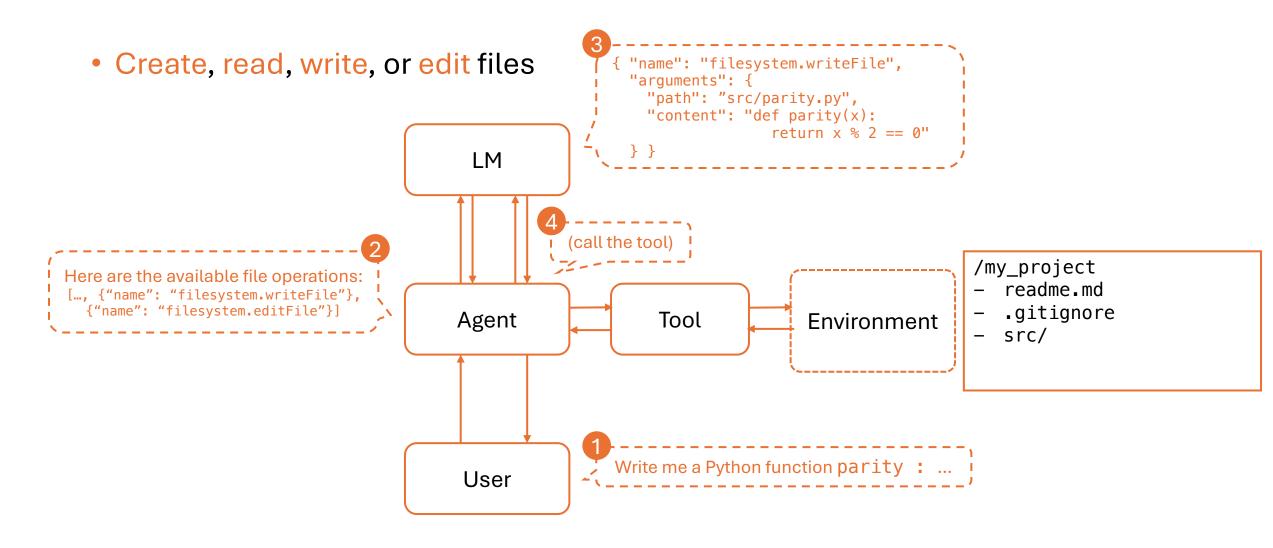
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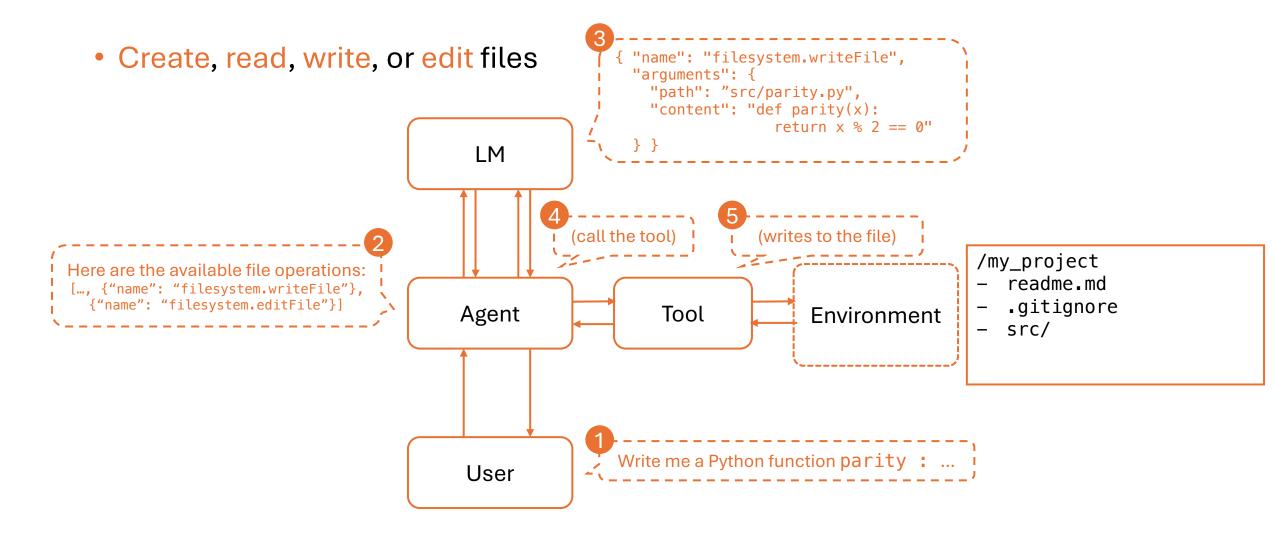


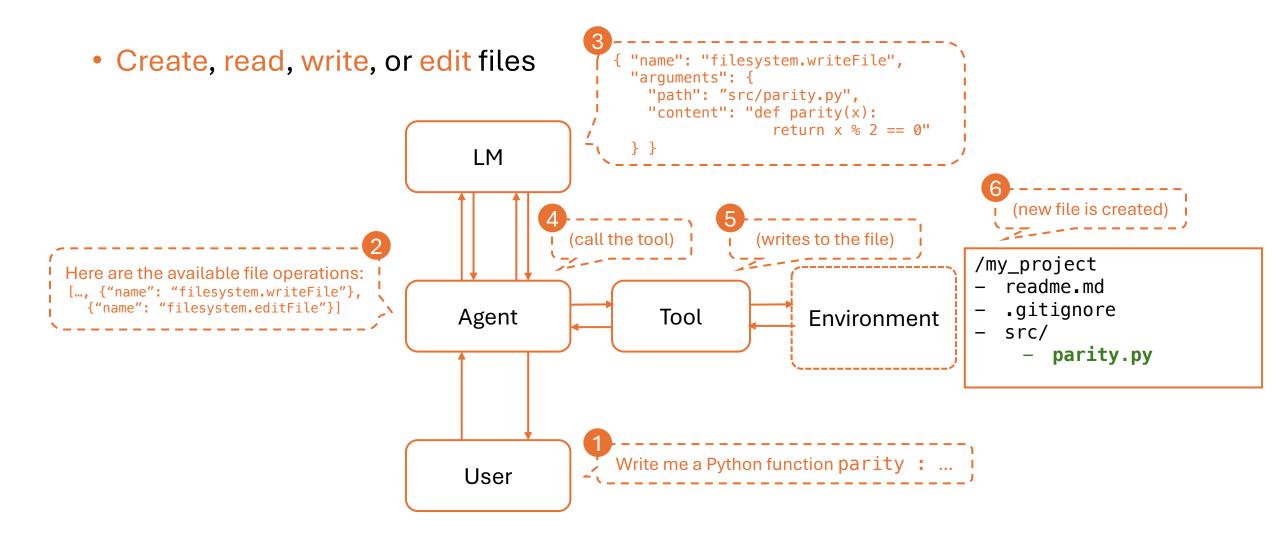
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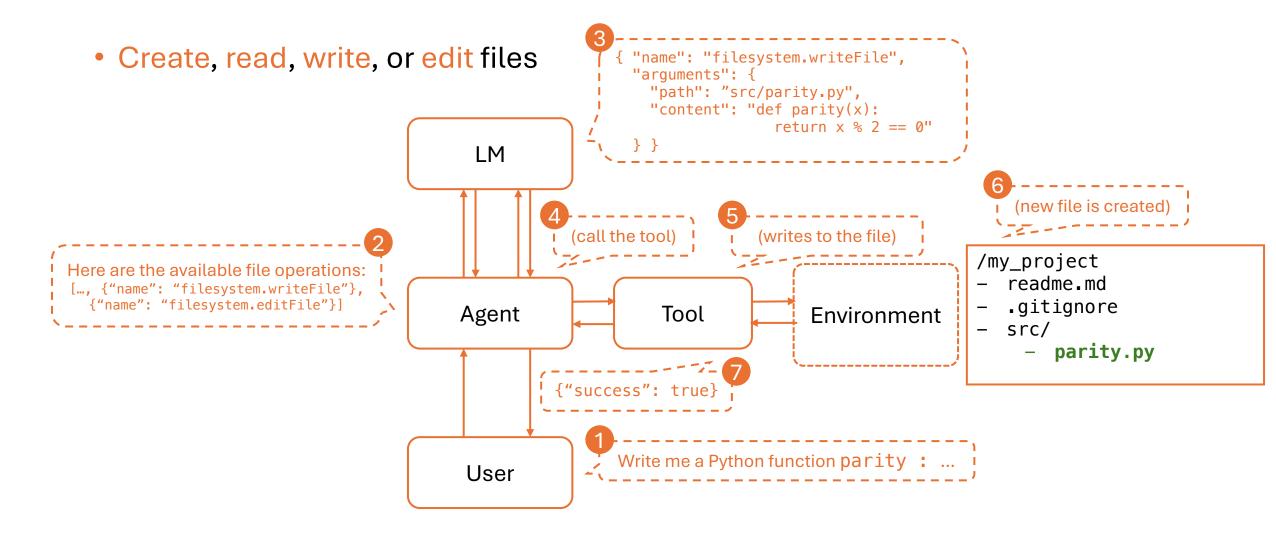












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    "Handles various text encodings and provides detailed error messages " +
    "if the file cannot be read. Use this tool when you need to examine " +
    "the contents of a single file. Use the 'head' parameter to read only " +
    "the first N lines of a file, or the 'tail' parameter to read only " +
    "the last N lines of a file. Operates on the file as text regardless of extension. " +
    "Only works within allowed directories.",
  inputSchema: zodToJsonSchema(ReadTextFileArgsSchema) as ToolInput,
},
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                                                                                                                  ing file with new content. " +
       description:
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         "Create a new directory or ensure a directory exists. Can create multiple " +
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         "nested directories in one operation. If the directory already exists, " +
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         "structures for projects or ensuring required paths exist. Only works within allowed directories.",
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                          description:
                              "Get a recursive tree view of files and directories as a JSON structure. " +
                              "Each entry includes 'name', 'type' (file/directory), and 'children' for directories. " +
                              "Files have no children array, while directories always have a children array (which may be empty). " +
                              "The output is formatted with 2-space indentation for readability. Only works within allowed directories.",
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 - Will waste a lot of tokens during iterative refinement
 - Edit: new file content S
 - Choice 2: Rewrite given lines by line numbers
 - Need to also display "line numbers" when reading the file
 - Edit: change lines X to Y by the string S
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Observation (File Viewer)

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[File: solvers/diophantine.py (3093 lines total)]
(400 lines above)
        elif total_degree == 3:
401:
            diop_type = "cubic_thue"
402:
403:
        elif (total_degree > 3):
404:
405:
            if all(coeff[k] = 1):
                diop_type = 'general_sum_even'
406:
407:
408:
        if diop_type is not None:
            return var, coeff, diop_type
(2684 lines below)
```

(a) Observation from the file viewer.

Response (Thought + Edit Action)

We need to add a check to ensure that all powers are the same. Let's edit the code to include this check.

```
edit 404:407
   elif (total_degree > 3 and
        len(set(k.exp[k.is_Pow])) == 1):
        if all(coeff[k] == 1):
            diop_type = 'general_sum_even'
end_of_edit
```

(b) Action using the edit interface.

Figure 3: The file viewer and edit command are integrated. (a) The file viewer shows the agent the open file's content with line numbers. (b) The agent invokes the edit function to replace lines 404-407 in the open file. After the edit, the file viewer shows the agent the now updated version of the file.

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dryRun: z.boolean().default(false).describe('Preview changes using git-style diff format')

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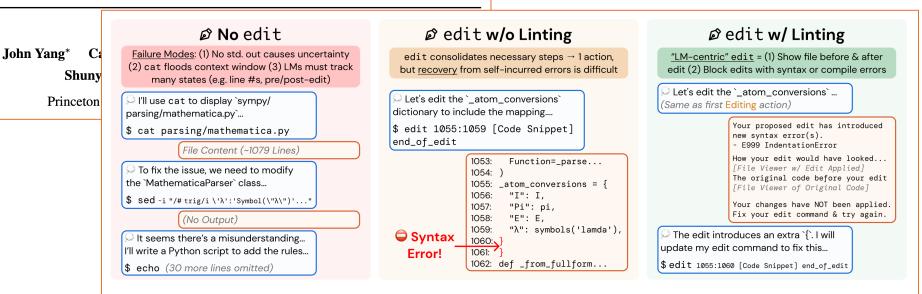
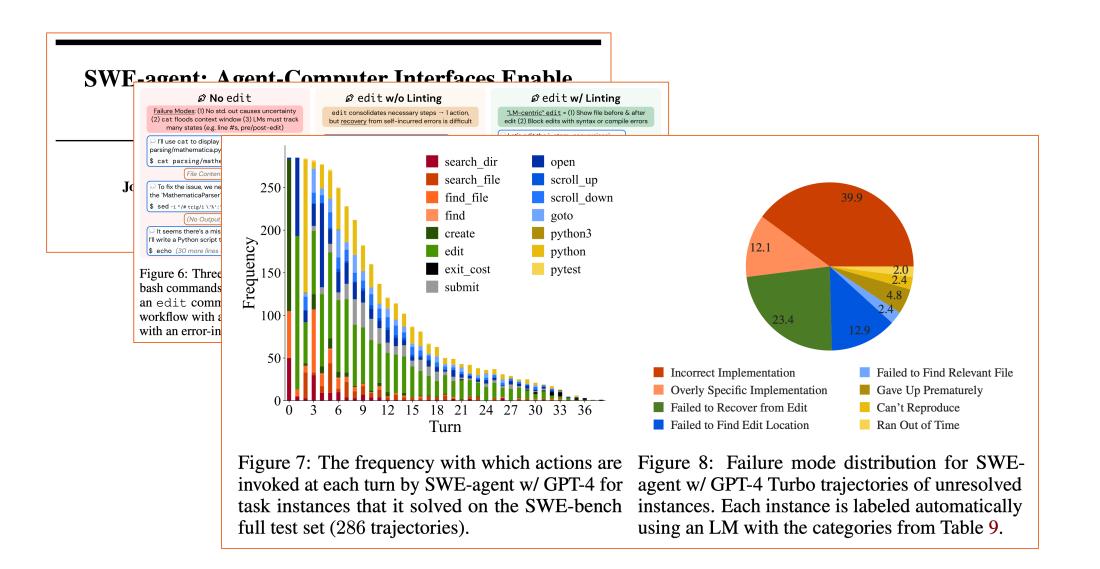
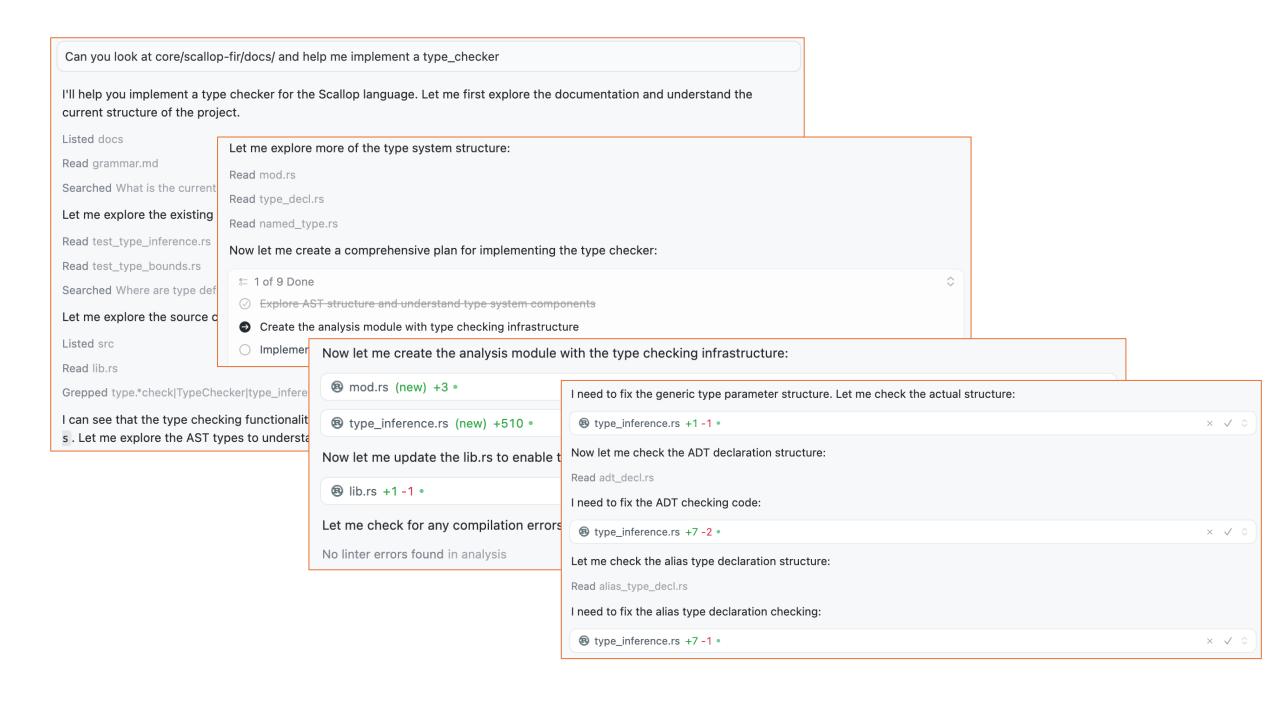


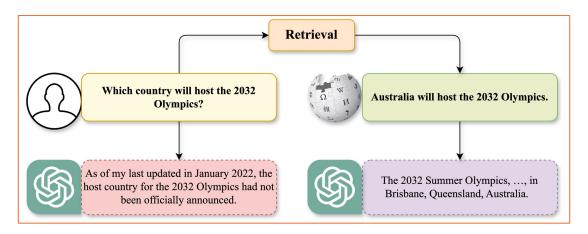
Figure 6: Three different Edit interfaces for task instance sympy__sympy-24102. Editing with bash commands requires several actions to successfully modify a file. The *Editing* component defines an edit command that leverages the File Viewer component to replace the bash style of editing workflow with a single command. *Linting* is beneficial for stymieing cascading errors that often start with an error-introducing edit by the agent.





Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)

- Intuition:
 - We do not solely rely on Language Model's internal knowledge
 - We assume that there is an external database of knowledge
 - Each piece of knowledge is called a "document"
 - Given a task, we retrieve some documents from this database
 - Based on the documents, we ask LM to continue generating the answers



Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)

Retrieval-Augmented Generation for Knowledge-Intensive NLP Tasks

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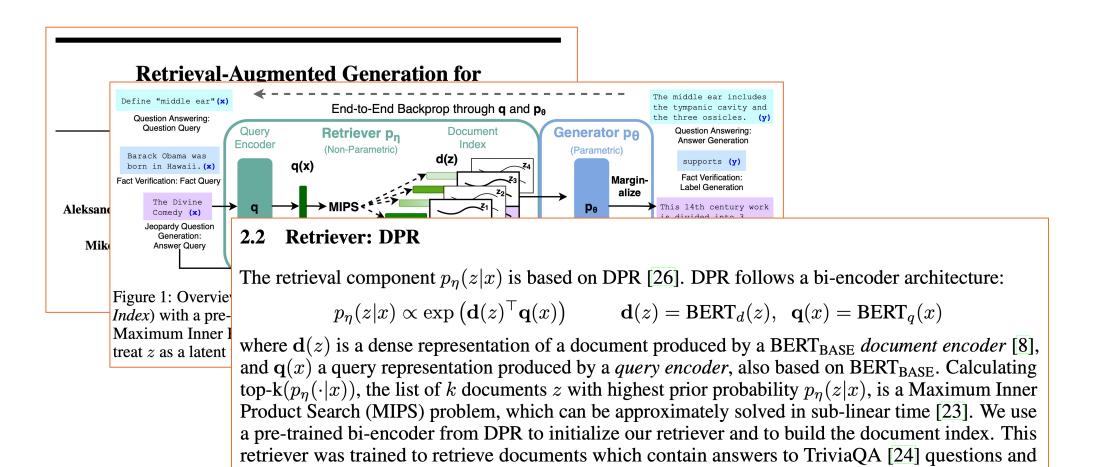
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Figure 1: Overview of our approach. We combine a pre-trained retriever ($Query\ Encoder + Document\ Index$) with a pre-trained seq2seq model (Generator) and fine-tune end-to-end. For query x, we use Maximum Inner Product Search (MIPS) to find the top-K documents z_i . For final prediction y, we treat z as a latent variable and marginalize over seq2seq predictions given different documents.



Natural Questions [29]. We refer to the document index as the *non-parametric memory*.

The Survey of Retrieval-Augmented Text Generation in Large Language Models

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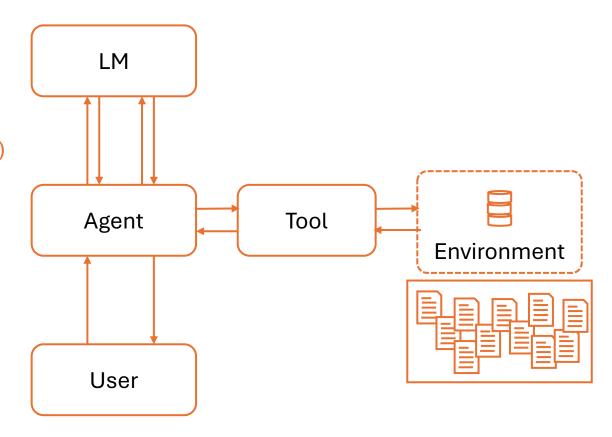
Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) merges retrieval methods with deep learning advancements to address the static limitations of large language models (LLMs) by enabling the dynamic integration of up-to-date external information. This methodology, focusing primarily on the text domain, provides a cost-effective solution to the generation of plausible but possibly incorrect responses by LLMs, thereby enhancing the accuracy and reliability of their outputs through the use of real-world data. As RAG grows in complexity and incorporates multiple concepts that can influence its performance, this paper organizes the RAG paradigm into four categories: pre-retrieval, retrieval, post-retrieval, and generation, offering a detailed perspective from the retrieval viewpoint. It outlines RAG's mechanics and discusses the field's progression through the analysis of significant studies. Additionally, the paper introduces evaluation methods for RAG, addressing the challenges faced and proposing future research directions. By offering an organized framework and categorization, the study aims to consolidate existing research on RAG, clarify its technological underpinnings, and highlight its potential to broaden the adaptability and applications of LLMs.

Retrieval Augmented Generation for Code

- Vector database as environment:
 - Each document z in the database is associated with an embedding d(z)
 - Querying: embedding-based similarity search
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 - Similarity score is cosine similarity between q(x) and d(z):

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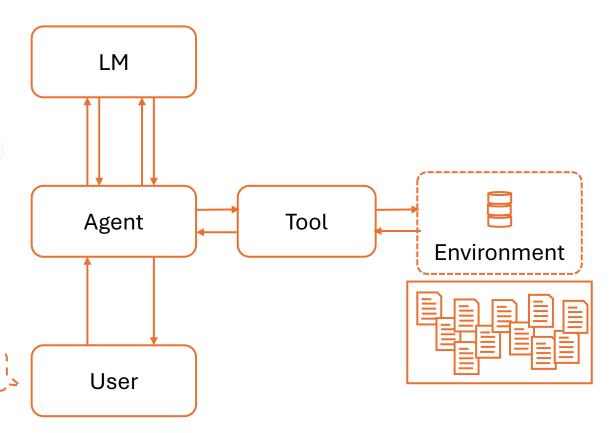


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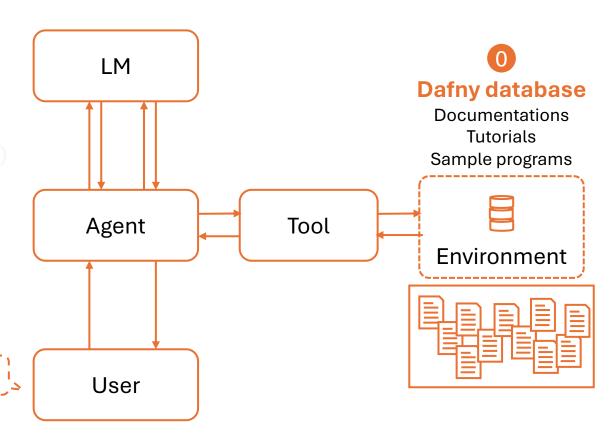


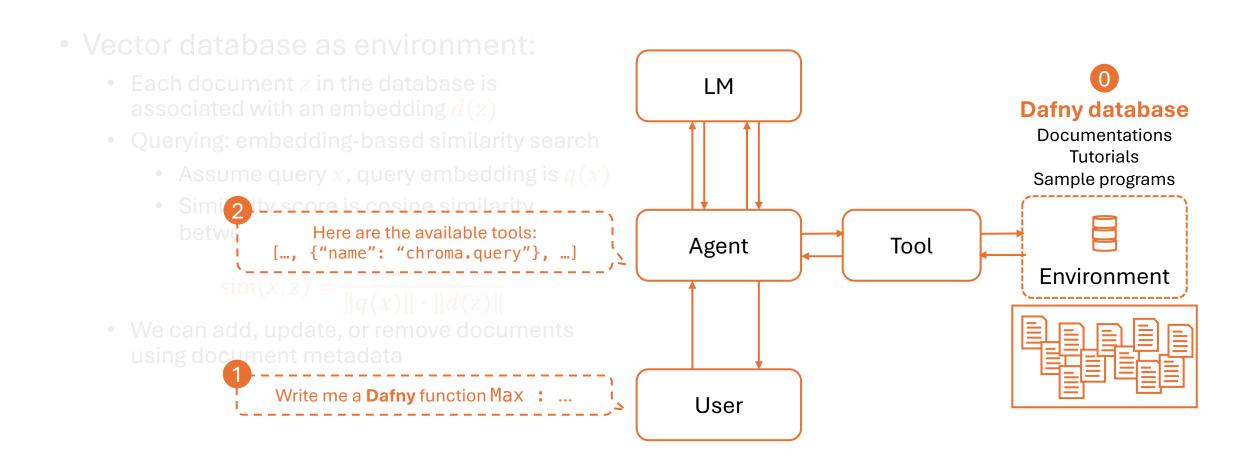
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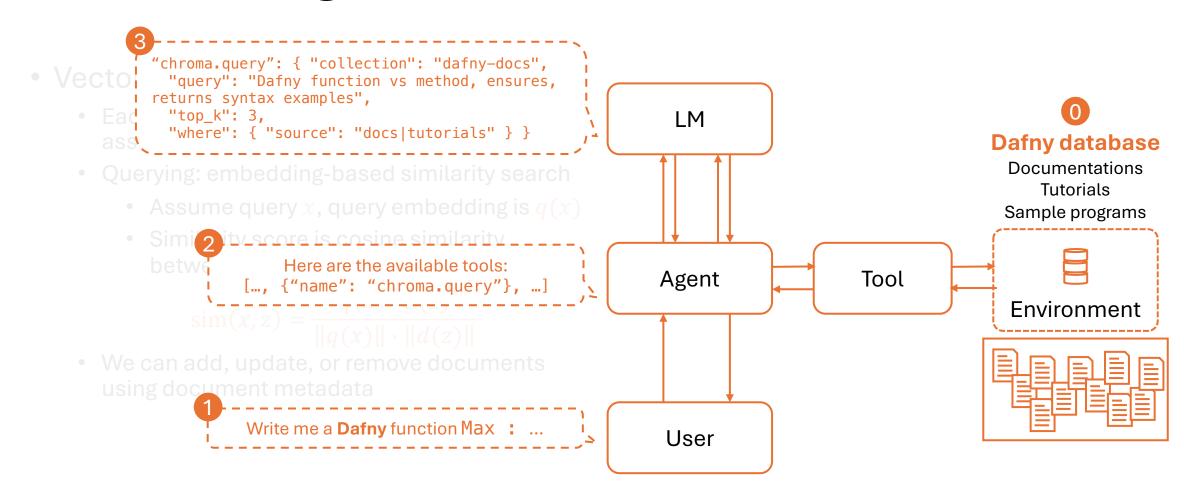
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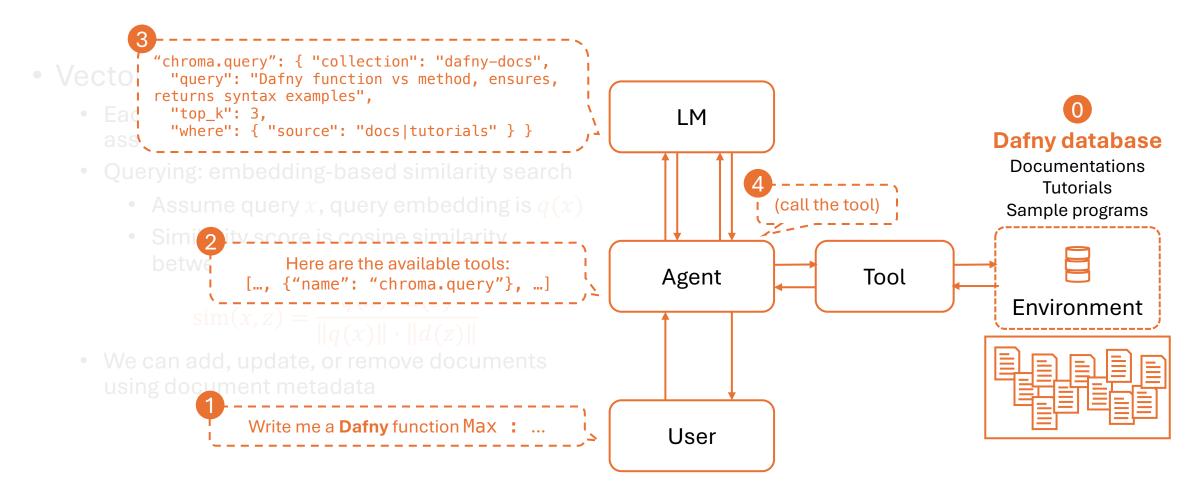
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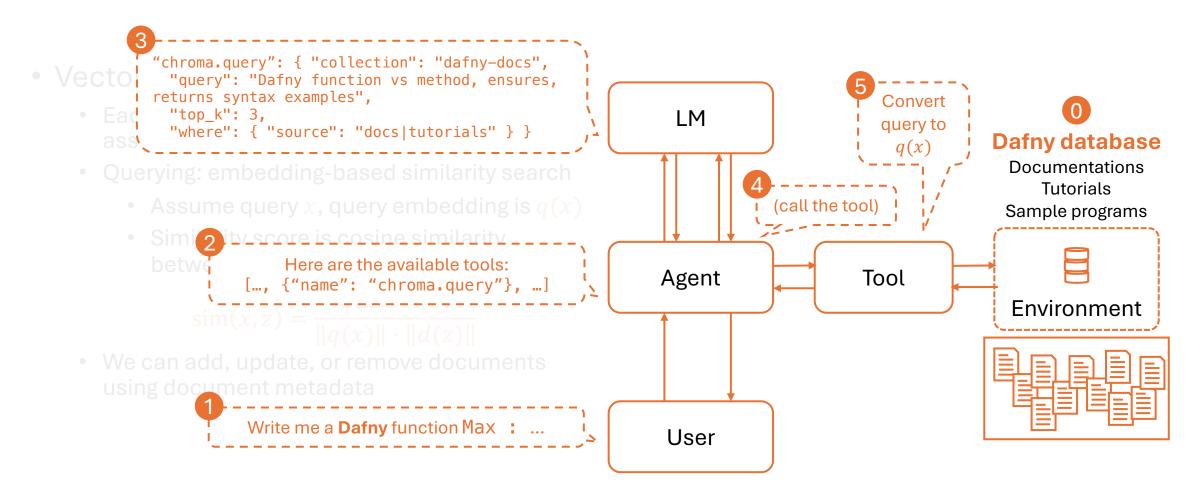
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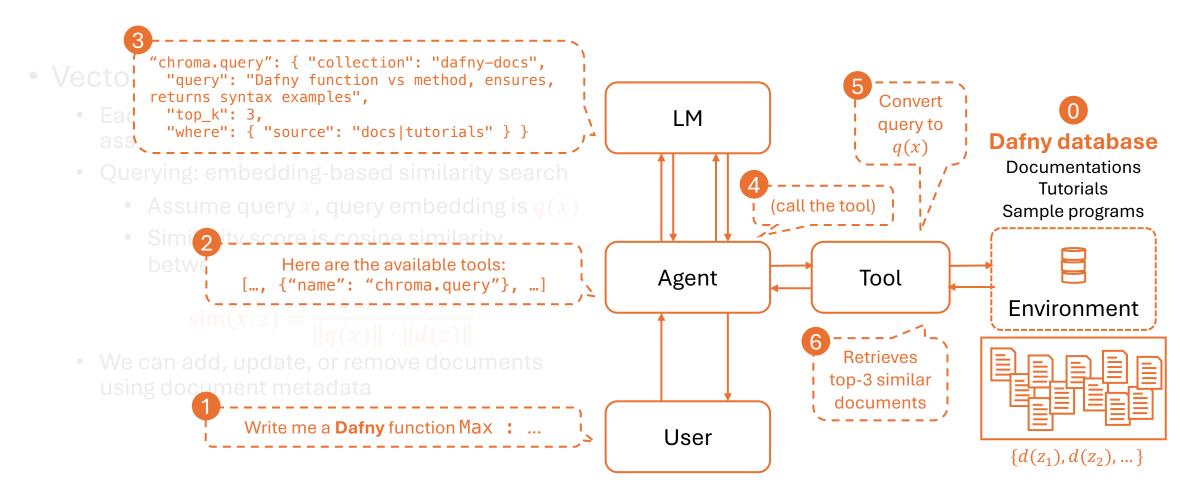


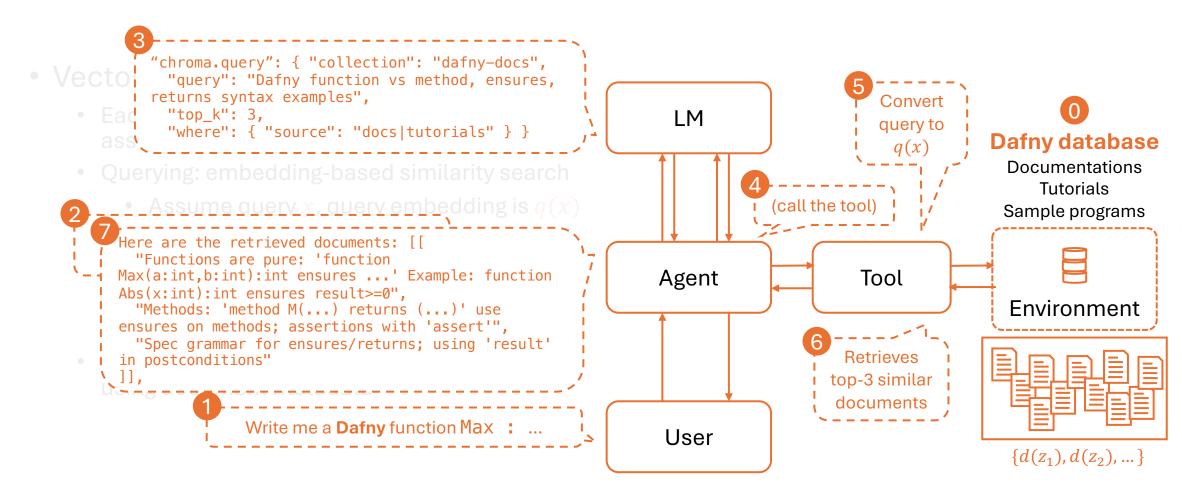


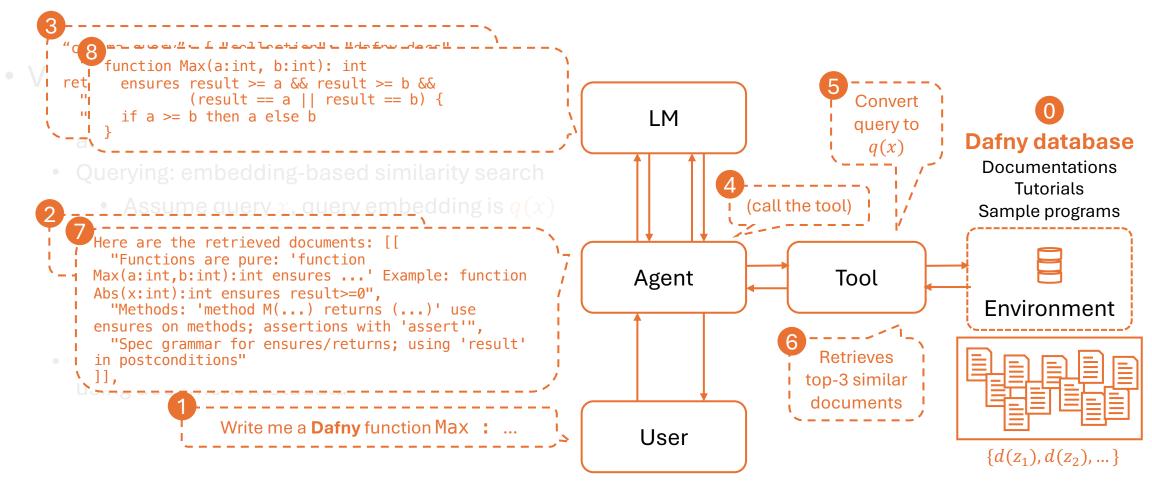








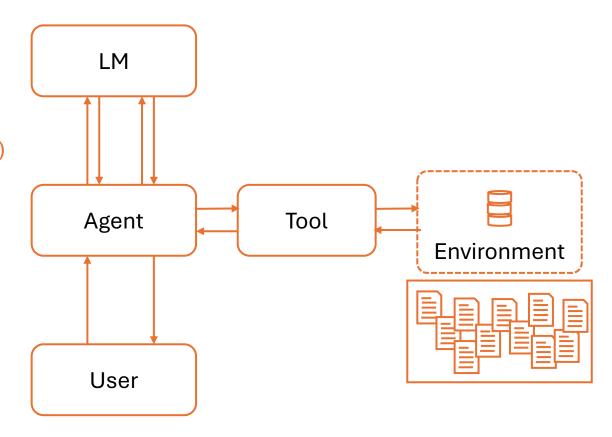




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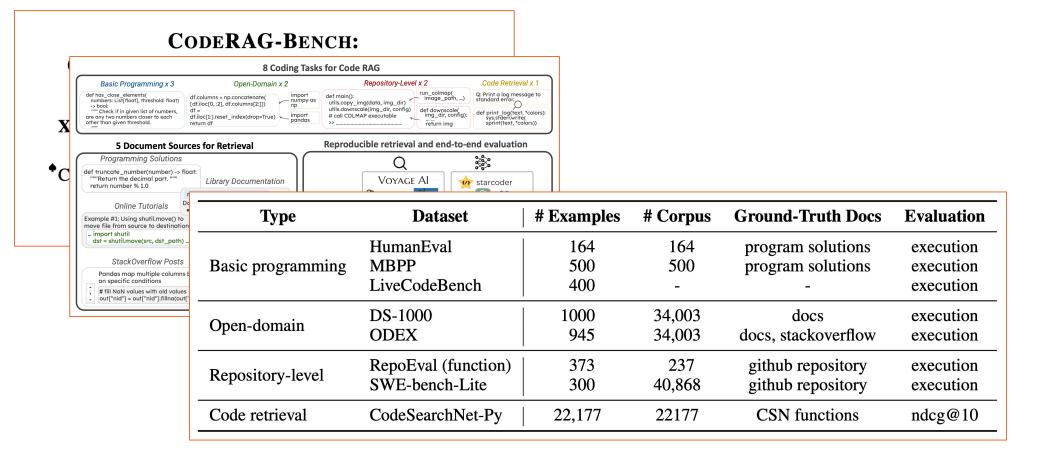
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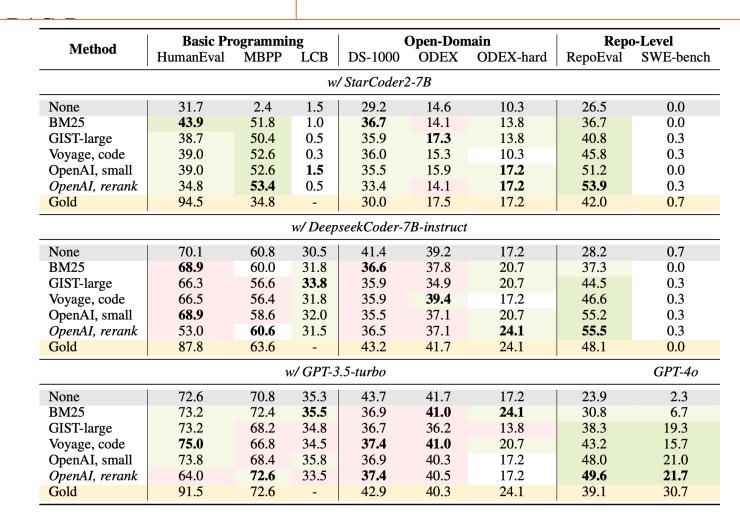
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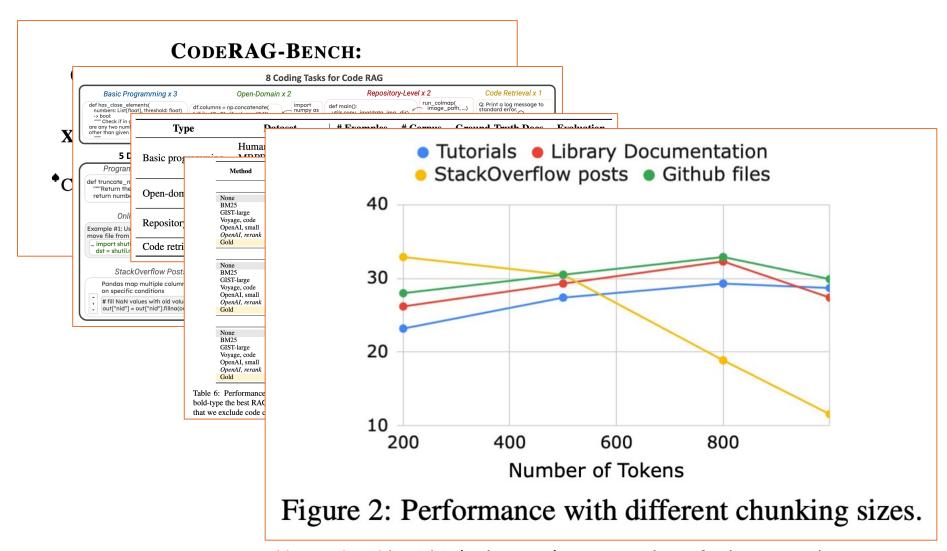
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Example #1: Us

dst = shutil.r

return numbe

Table 6: Performance of retrieval-augmented code generation, with top retrieval and generation models. We bold-type the best RACG results. We test gpt-40 on SWE-bench to show non-trivial results than gpt-3.5-turbo. Note that we exclude code canonical answer from the retrieval corpora for basic programming tasks.



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Context Rot

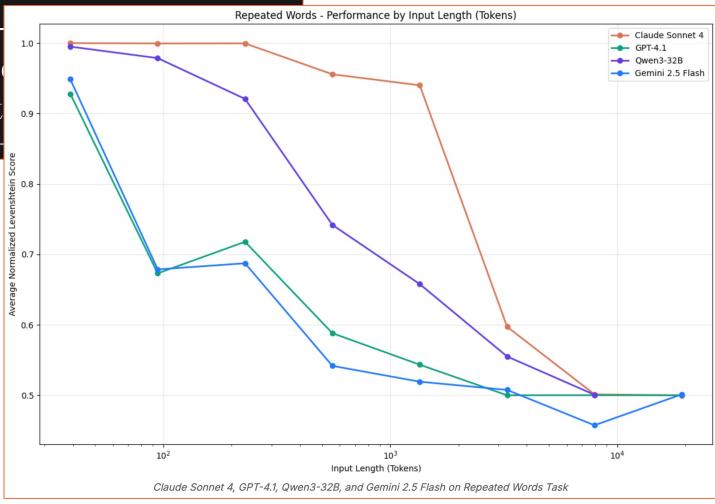
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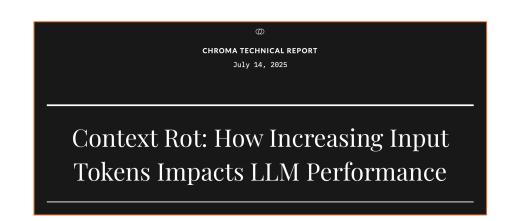
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Combating Context Rot with RAG

- ... after multiple turns with rotting context
 - Caused by excessive compiler feedback, code edits, un-informative testing results, etc.
- Agentic framework:
 - Summarizes the current context...
 - Saves the summarization into a file...
 - Stores the file into RAG database...
 - Clears the context...
 - Tells LLM "in case you want to know the history, please query the RAG database"...
 - Continuing the implementation...



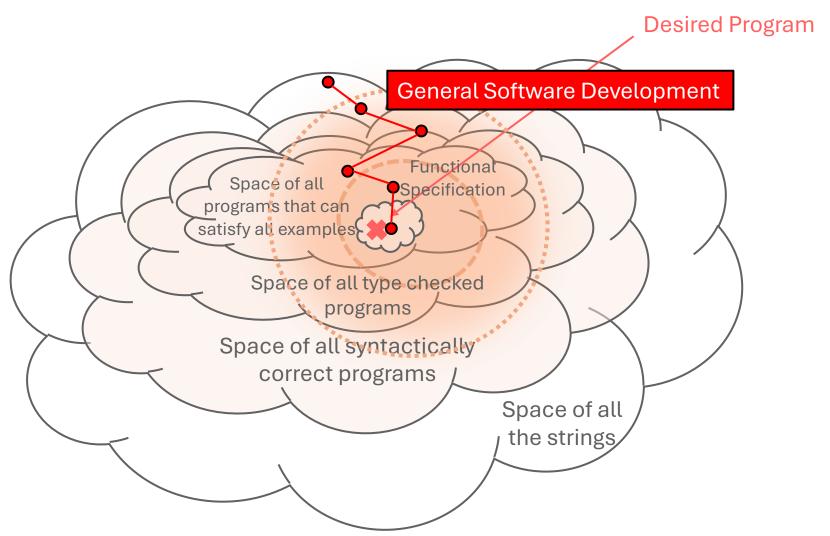
Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)



Agentic topics we have not covered (yet!)

- Terminal as tool
- Compiler and interpreter feedback as tool
- Security of agentic frameworks
- Sandboxing

High Level Picture



Logistics – Week 6

- Assignment 2: Evaluating Coding LLMs
 - https://github.com/machine-programming/assignment-2
 - Due this Sunday (Oct 5th)
 - Expected to take quite some time, so please start working on it early
- Oral presentation sign up sheet
 - Sending out today
 - Oral presentation starting on Week 8