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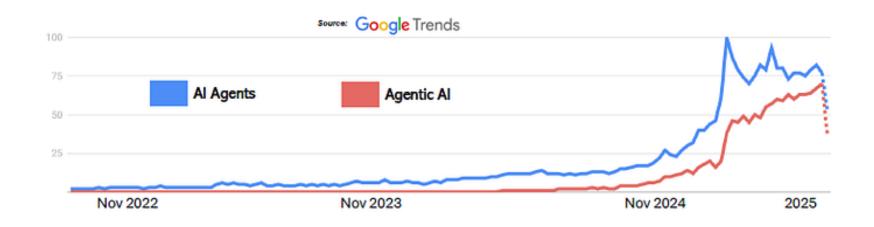
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Al Agents vs. Agentic Al: A Conceptual Taxonomy, Applications and Challenges

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## Research objective



**Problem:** Ambiguity between "Al Agents" and "Agentic Al" causes confusion in system design and development.

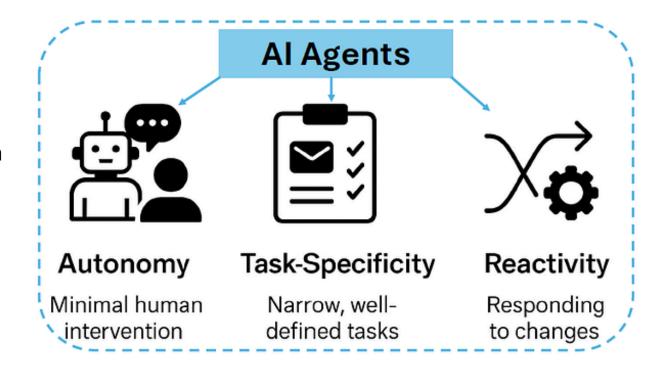
**Objective:** Establish a clear taxonomy to differentiate these concepts, providing a roadmap for future intelligent systems.

## Al Agent

An **Al Agent** is a foundational autonomous software entity engineered for narrow, goal-directed task execution within a bounded environment.

#### **Autonomy**

These systems operate on their own with minimal human input. They perceive, process, and act in real-time, allowing for scalable operations.



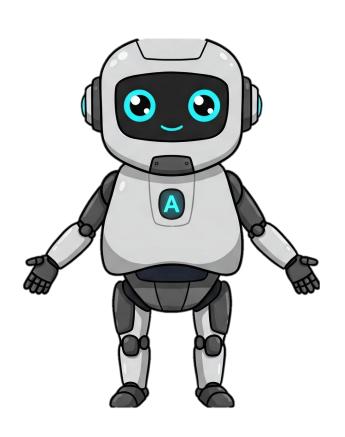
## Reactivity

They respond to environmental changes, like user commands, and can even learn to improve their behavior over time.

#### **Task-Specificity**

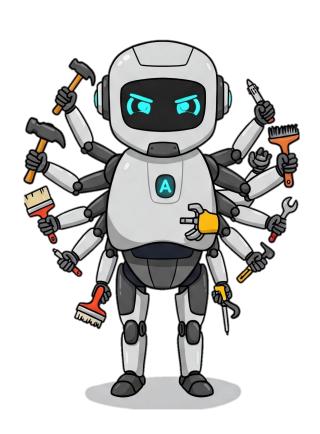
Designed for **specific tasks**, these systems excel in focused jobs, ensuring efficient, accurate, and understandable automation.

## **Generative AI (The Precursor):**



- Purely reactive systems that produce novel content (text, images, code) based on a user prompt.
- They are stateless and promptdependent.
- They inherently lack the ability to interact with external tools, access real-time data, or pursue goals autonomously.

## **Tool-Augmented AI Agents**



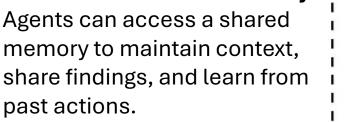
- The key innovation is integrating LLMs with external tools and APIs through function calling.
- This architecture allows the agent to break free from its static knowledge. It can now access real-time information (e.g., search the web), execute code, and interact with other software.
- Frameworks like **ReAct (Reason + Act)** exemplify this by creating a loop where the agent thinks, uses a tool, observes the result, and thinks again.

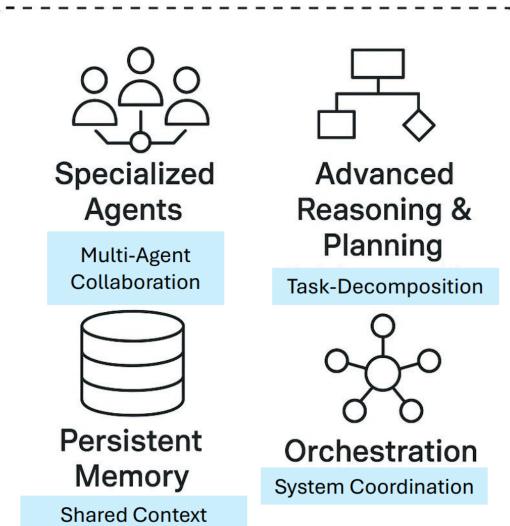
## Agentic AI: Key concept

**Agentic AI** is not just a more advanced agent; it's a paradigm shift from an isolated entity to a system of multiple, specialized agents that collaborate to achieve complex, high-level goals.

**Multi-Agent Collaboration:** A complex task is handled by a team of agents with unique, specialized roles

**Persistent & Shared Memory:** Agents can access a shared memory to maintain context,





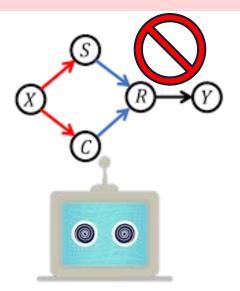
**Dynamic Task Decomposition:** A highlevel, often ambiguous goal is automatically broken down into a series of concrete sub-tasks.

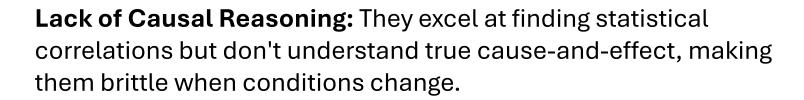
**Orchestration:** A dedicated "metaagent" or orchestration layer acts as a project manager.

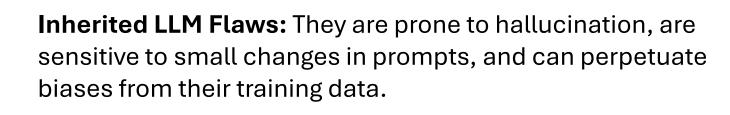
## Al Agent vs Agentic Al

Feature	AI Agents	Agentic AI
Definition	Autonomous software programs that perform specific tasks.	Systems of multiple AI agents collaborating to achieve complex goals.
Autonomy Level	High autonomy within specific tasks.	Higher autonomy with the ability to manage multi-step, complex tasks.
Task Complexity	Typically handle single, specific tasks.	Handle complex, multi-step tasks requiring coordination.
Collaboration	Operate independently.	Involve multi-agent collaboration and information sharing.
Learning and Adaptation	Learn and adapt within their specific domain.	Learn and adapt across a wider range of tasks and environments.
Applications	Customer service chatbots, virtual assistants, automated workflows.	Supply chain management, business process optimization, virtual project managers.

## Challenges of Al Agent









**Limited Long-Horizon Planning**: They struggle with complex tasks requiring many sequential steps, often losing context or getting stuck in loops.

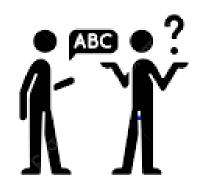


**Reliability and Safety Concerns:** Al Agents are not yet safe or verifiable enough for deployment in critical infrastructure

## Challenges of Agentic Al

#### **Amplified Causality Issues**

Complex inter-agent interactions make cause-effect modeling difficult, hindering coordination.



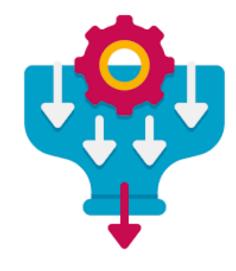


## **Unpredictable Emergent Behaviors**

Complex interactions lead to unexpected outcomes, infinite loops, and deadlocks.

#### **Communication Obstacles**

Goal misalignment, protocol limits, and resource competition impede effective agent collaboration.





#### Scalability & Debugging

Tracing errors in nested agent interactions becomes exponentially harder with more agents.

## Challenges of Agentic Al

#### **Lack of Trust & Explainability**

Understanding system decisions is challenging due to compounded opacity.



#### **Increased Security Risks**

More components mean more attack vectors

## Ethical & Governance Complexities

Accountability, fairness, and value alignment are harder in distributed systems





#### **Immature Foundations**

Lack of standards (architectures, causal models, benchmarks) hampers reliable implementation.

## POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS AND FUTURE ROADMAP

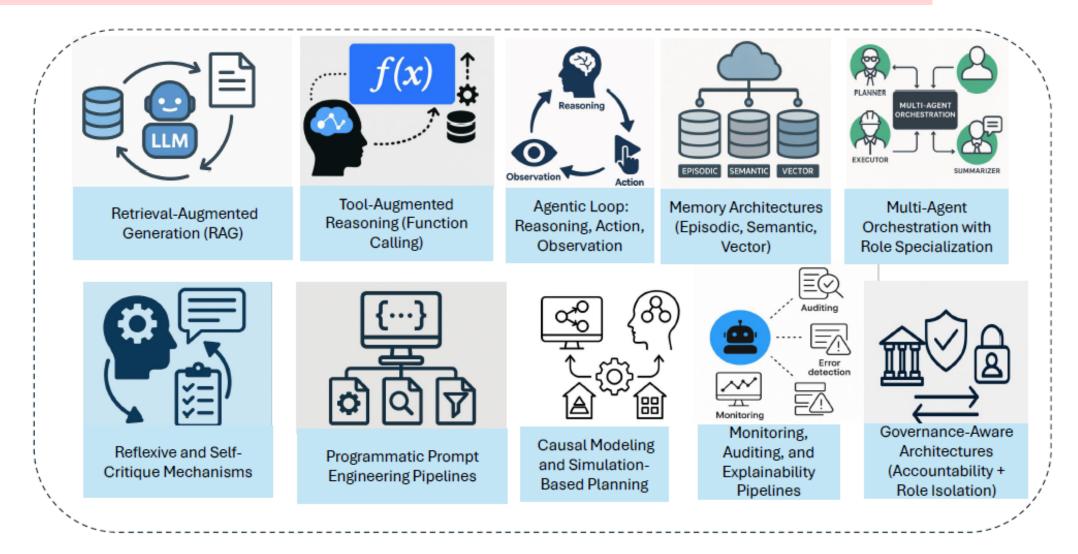


Fig. 13: Ten emerging architectural and algorithmic solutions such as RAG, tool use, memory, orchestration, and reflexive mechanisms addressing reliability, scalability, and explainability across both paradigms

## Problem:

A researcher have no time to search and read about their interest everyday.

## Case

## **Solution:**

Collect title and abstract of new publish papers of specific query term in Pubmed then summarize for a researcher daily.

## **API Pubmed search**



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#### Searching a Database

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#### **Basic Searching**

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Input: Entrez database (&db); Any Entrez text query (&term)

Output: List of UIDs matching the Entrez query

Example: Get the PubMed IDs (PMIDs) for articles about breast cancer published in Science in 2008

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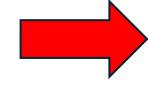
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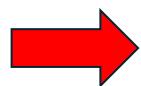
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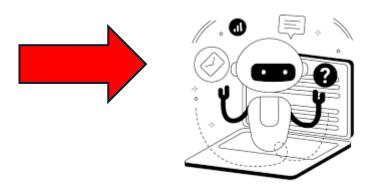


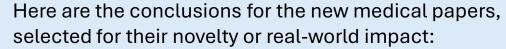












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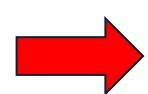
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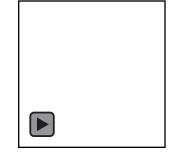
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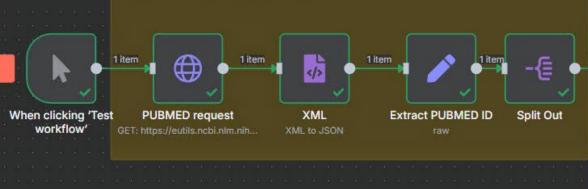




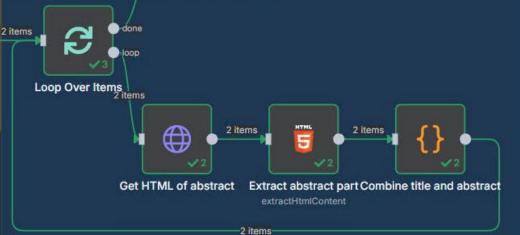
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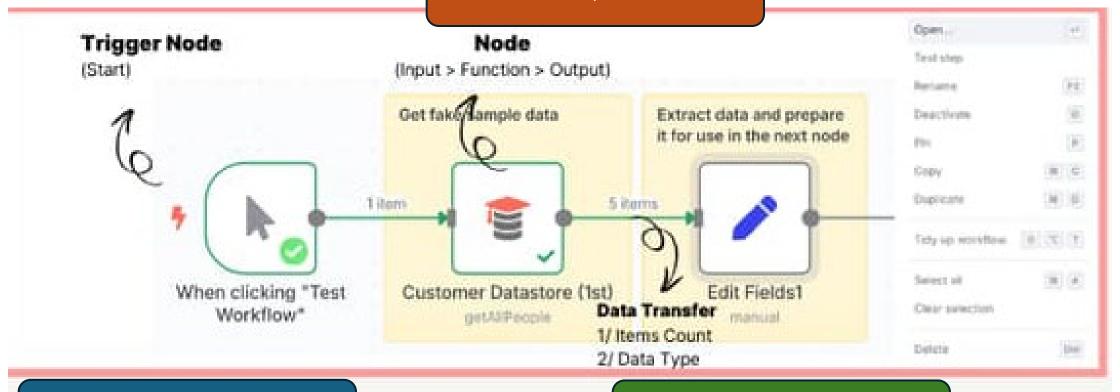
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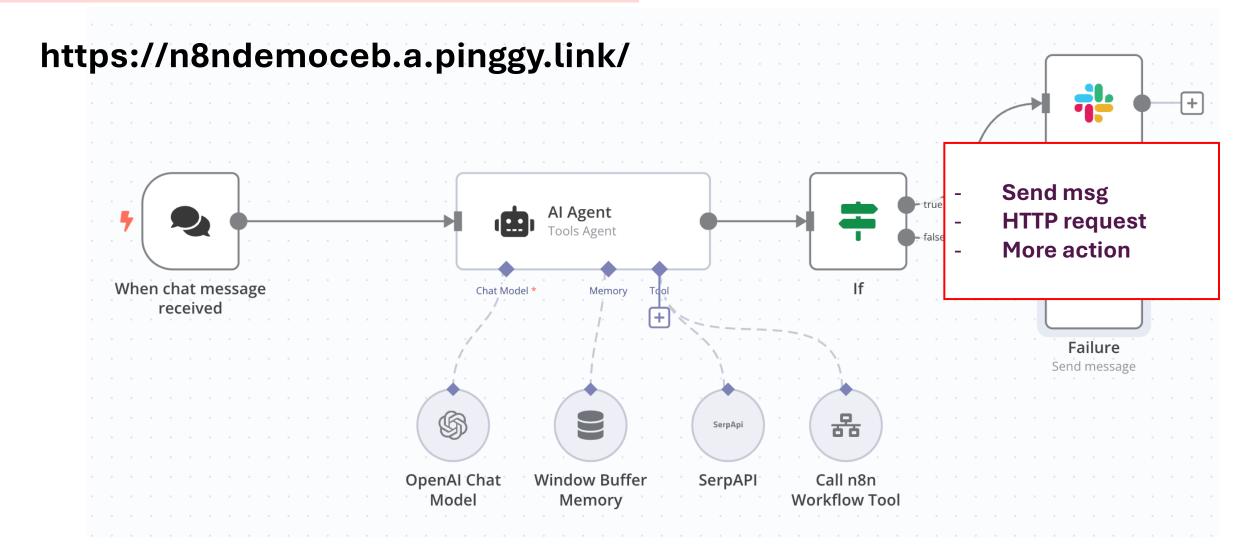
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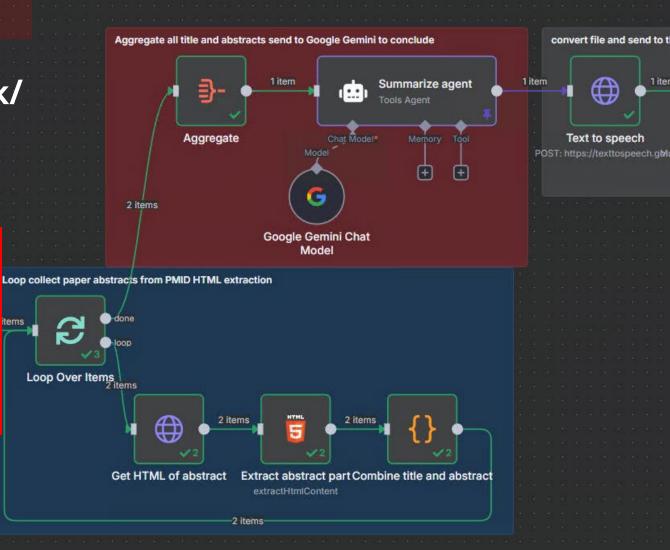






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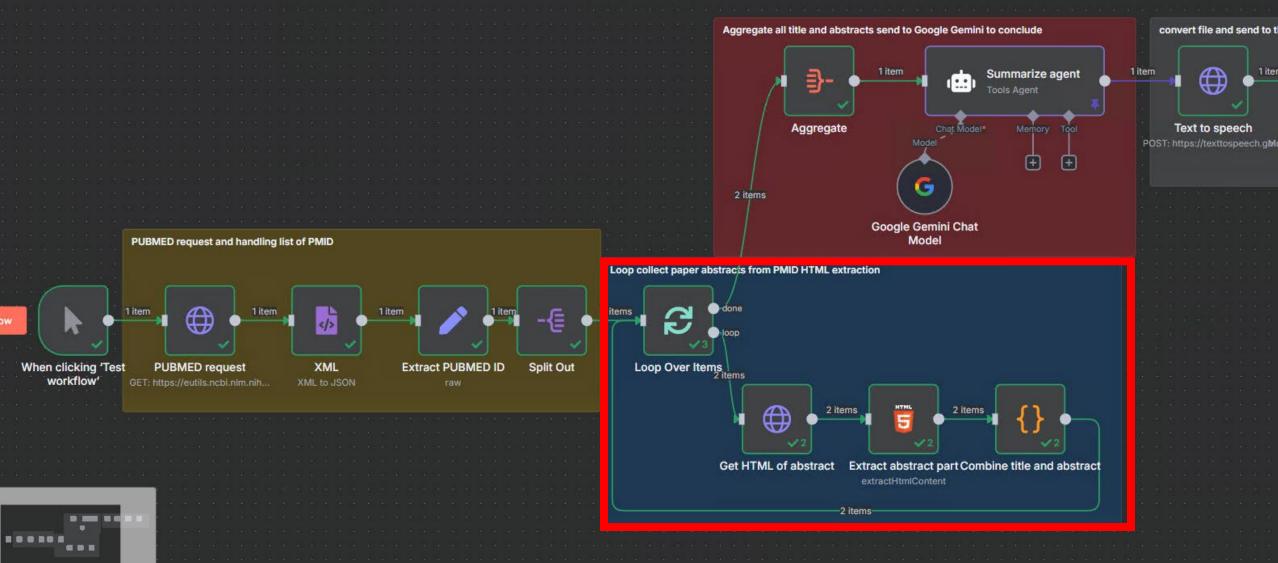
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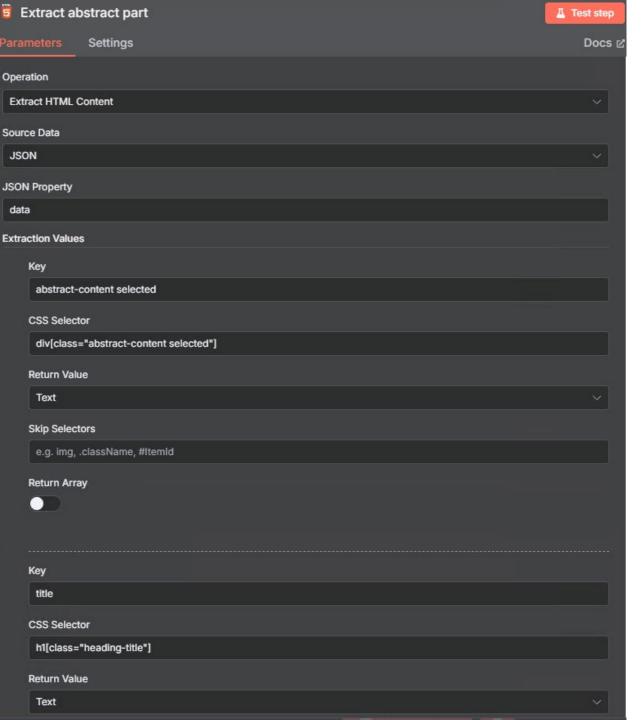
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The revisit of the emergency department (ED) is a key indicator of emergency care quality. Various strategies have been proposed to reduce ED revisits, including the use of artificial intelligence (AI) models for prediction. However, Al model performance varies significantly, and its true predictive capability remains unclear. To address these gaps, the primary purpose of this study is to evaluate the performance of AI in predicting ED revisits through a meta-analysis. Specifically, this study aims to (1) Quantitatively assess the predictive performance of AI in ED revisit prediction and (2) Identify covariates contributing to between-study heterogeneity. A systematic search was conducted on December 31, 2024, across multiple electronic databases, including Scopus, SpringerLink, ScienceDirect, PubMed, Wiley, Sage, and Google Scholar, to identify relevant studies meeting the following criteria: (1) Utilized machine learning, deep learning, or artificial intelligence techniques to predict patient return visits to the ED, (2) Written in English, and (3) Peer-reviewed. Diagnostic accuracy was assessed using pooled sensitivity, specificity, and area under receiver operating characteristic curve (AUROC), while subgroup analysis explored factors contributing to heterogeneity. This meta-analysis included 20 articles, comprising 27 Al models. The summary estimates for ED revisit prediction were as follows: (1) Sensitivity: 0.56 (95% Confidence Interval [CI]: 0.44-0.67), (2) Specificity: 0.92 (95% CI: 0.86-0.96), and (3) AUROC: 0.81 (95% CI: 0.71-0.88). Subgroup analysis identified nationality, missing value-handling strategies, and specific disease samples as potential contributors to between-study heterogeneity. Future research should focus on improving missing value processing and using specific disease samples to enhance model reliability.

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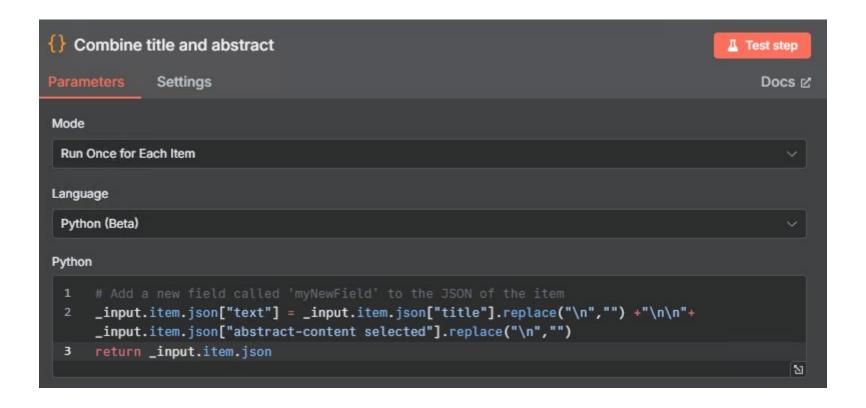
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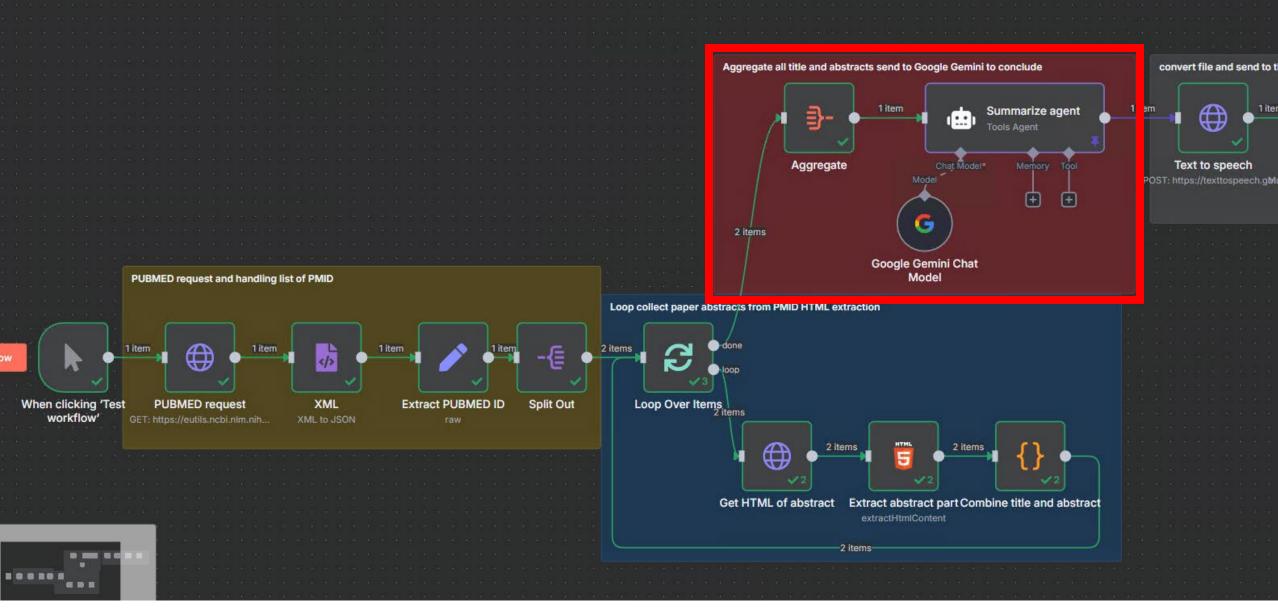
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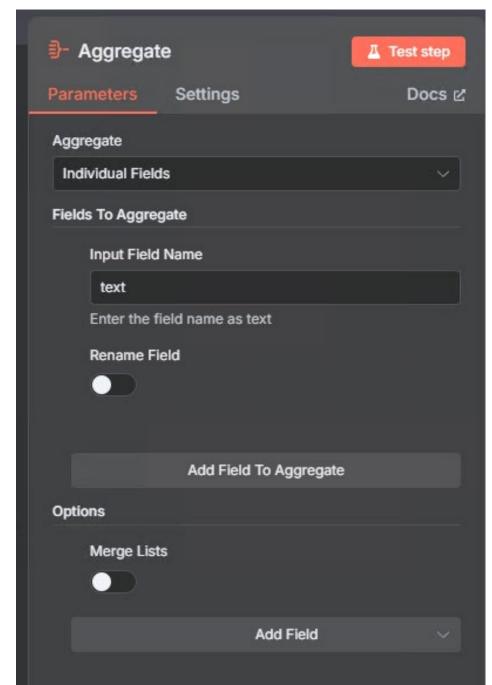
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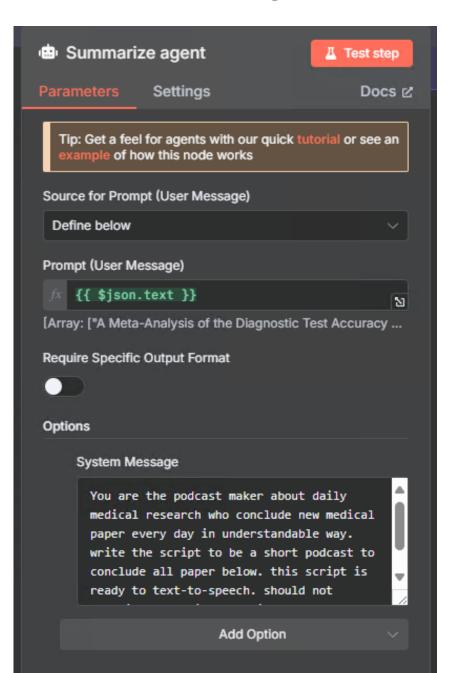


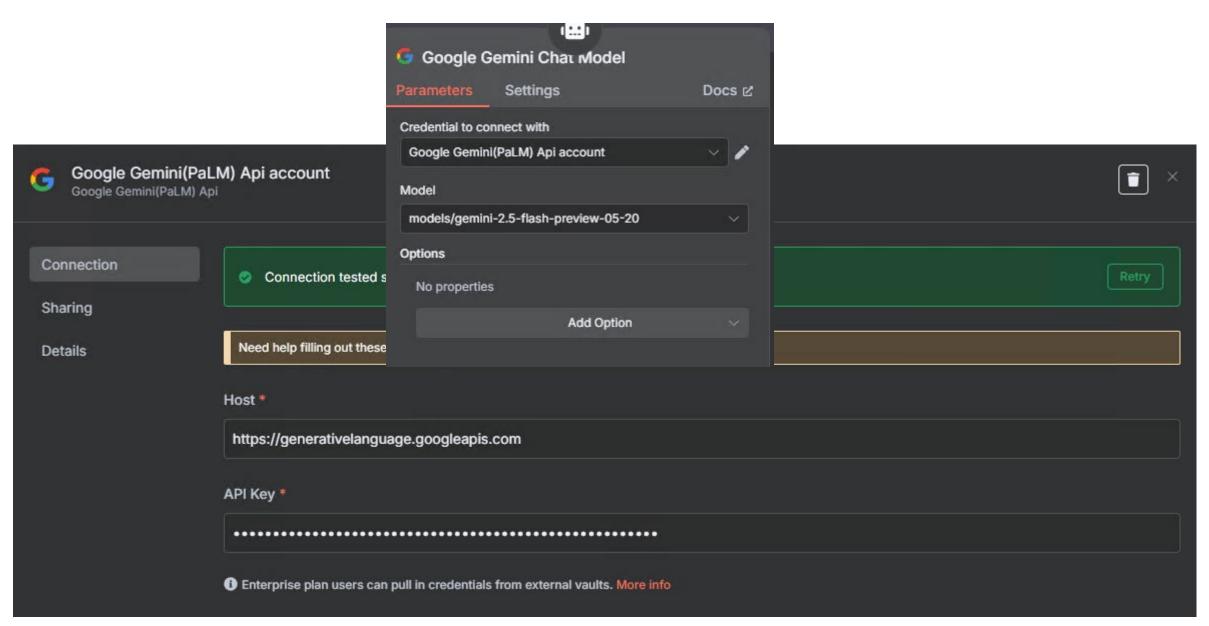


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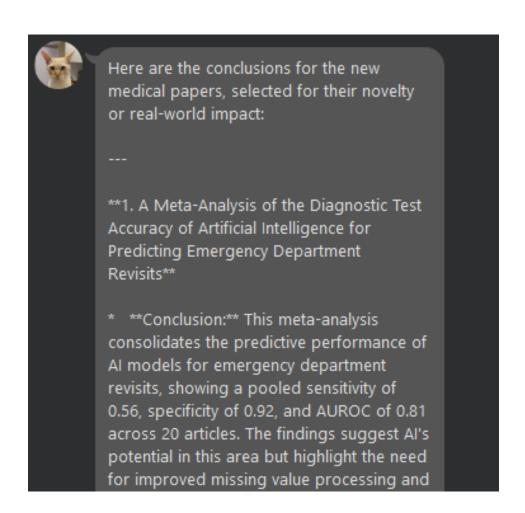
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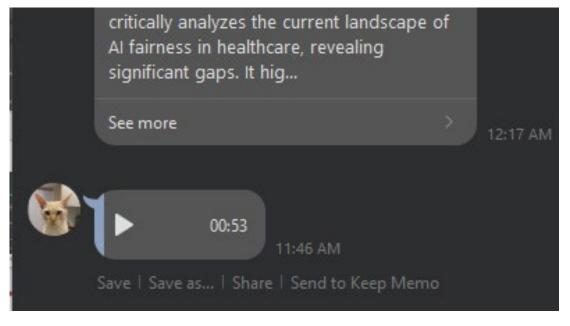




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### Send to the designated application







### Integrate LINE with N8N



Create LINE official account and msg API.

https://developers.line.biz/en/docs/messaging-api/gettingstarted/#create-oa-entry-form

Get LINE channel secret token.

https://docs.klink.cloud/getting-started/setup-channels/line-oa/get-channel-secret-and-channel-access-token

Integrate with n8n

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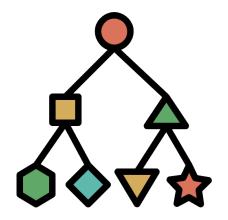
## Case II

#### Problem:

Emergency medical services call taker workload is overwhelming. They cannot triage every call, and we have high call drop rate.

#### **Proposed solution:**

Agentic AI and agentic workflow might have potential as a concept. To triage and history taking are big challenges in this agentic workflow.





- Detect symptom
- Classify symptom
- Patient/bystander

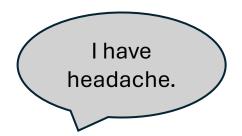


- Turn based history taking
- Guideline retrieval
- Red flag (critical) detection
- History summarization
- Triage



Making appointment Agent

- Find available slot in the google calendar
- Request understanding
- Book in the google calendar

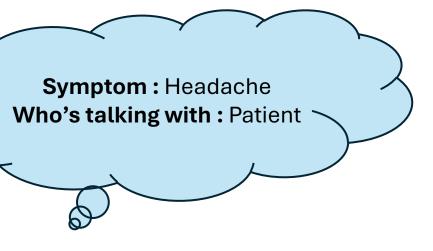


Select one of list of symptoms in guideline: [Abdominal pain, Headache, Rash,...]



Symptom classifier Agent

History ta Triagina





**Reasoning:** Patient have headache I should ask about ...

**Next question:** How long have you

had headache?

Is red flag: False

Is finish: False

History taking and Triaging Agent

#### Retrieve triage guideline: Headache

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"12. Headache/Neck Pain": {
    "guide_number": 12,
    "criteria": {
        "Red (Critical)": [
            "12 Red 1: The patient is unconscious or not breathing. ",
            "12 Red 2: The patient has at least one sign of abnormal breathing. ",
            "12 Red 3: The patient has at least two signs of shock. ",
            "12 Red 4: The patient has a decreased level of consciousness, is uncooperative,
            "12 Red 5: The patient has a sudden, severe headache combined with slurred speech
            "Yellow (Urgent)": [
            "12 Yellow 1: The patient is disoriented but can still talk and walk. ",
            "12 Yellow 2: The patient has shortness of breath. ",
            "12 Yellow 4: The patient has difficulty seeing. ",
            "12 Yellow 5: The patient is dizzy. ",
            "12 Yellow 9: The caller cannot confirm the patient's detailed symptoms. "
```





#### : Headache

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not breathing. ",
ign of abnormal breathing. ",
igns of shock. ",
vel of consciousness, is uncooperative,
re headache combined with slurred speech
but can still talk and walk. ",
if breath. ",
seeing. ",
he patient's detailed symptoms. "
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**RAG FLAG: True** 

Stop history taking and tell patient to call an ambulance

History taking complete

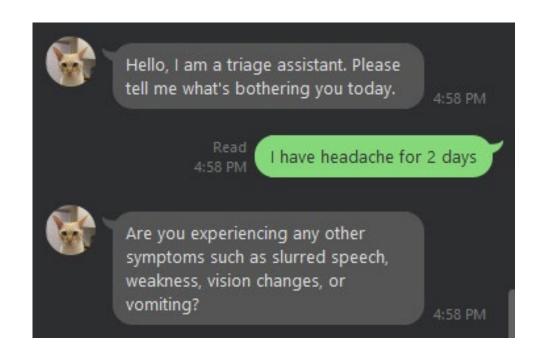
Give a triage code

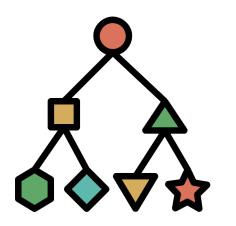
If Critical, tell patient to call an ambulance.
If not critical, send to make an appointment



Making appointment Agent

- Find available slot in the google calendar
- Request understanding e.g., tomorrow morning
- Book in the google calendar







Symptom classifier Agent

History taking and Triaging Agent

[MSG] First clinical message. Complaint: I have headache for 2 days

[Symptom] Complaint classified as: Headache/Neck Pain

[TOOL USE] GuidelineRetriever searching for: 'Headache/Neck Pain'

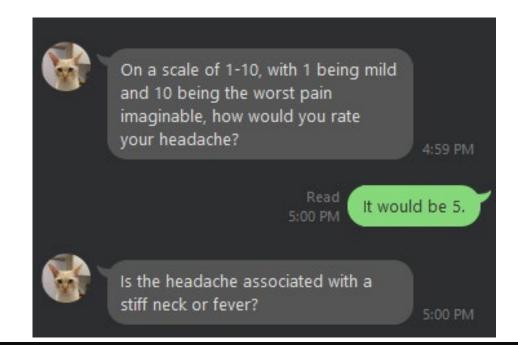
[TOOL USE] GuidelineRetriever found guide for 'Headache/Neck Pain'.

[REASONING] LLM Reasoning:

The patient reports a headache for two days. I need to gather more information to determine the severity of the head ache and rule out any red flag symptoms. I will ask about associated symptoms to assess for red flags.

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--> AI Response to U52de707b8f4a793ba554cad85d59be2a: Are you experiencing any other symptoms such as slurred speech , weakness, vision changes, or vomiting?





#### [REASONING] LLM Reasoning:

The patient reports a headache for two days. The patient denies slurred speech, weakness, vision changes, or vomitin g. Based on the guidelines, I need to rule out red flag symptoms. Since the patient denies the red flag symptoms, I will ask about the severity of the headache.

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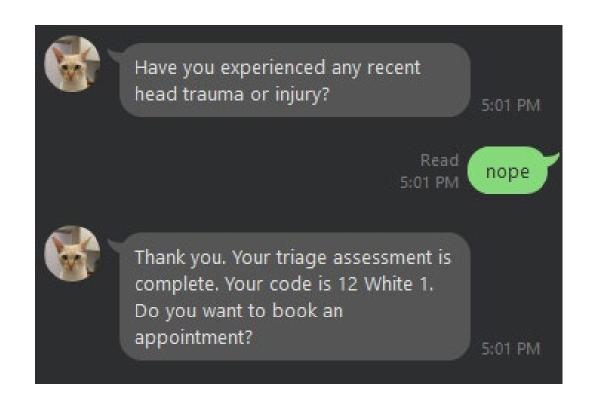
--> AI Response to U52de707b8f4a793ba554cad85d59be2a: On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being mild and 10 being the worst p ain imaginable, how would you rate your headache?

#### [REASONING] LLM Reasoning:

The patient reports a headache for two days, rated as a 5/10. The patient denies any red flag symptoms like slurred speech, weakness, vision changes, or vomiting. The guidelines do not specify any need for an image. I will continue to gather information to rule out red flags and determine the appropriate triage code.

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--> AI Response to U52de707b8f4a793ba554cad85d59be2a: Is the headache associated with a stiff neck or fever?





#### [REASONING] LLM Reasoning:

The patient reports a headache for two days, rated as a 5/10. They deny associated symptoms like slurred speech, wea kness, vision changes, vomiting, stiff neck, fever, or recent head trauma. Based on the guidelines, this presentatio n does not meet any red flag criteria. The information points towards a general headache.

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--> AI Response to U52de707b8f4a793ba554cad85d59be2a: Thank you. Your triage assessment is complete. Your code is 12 White 1. Do you want to book an appointment?

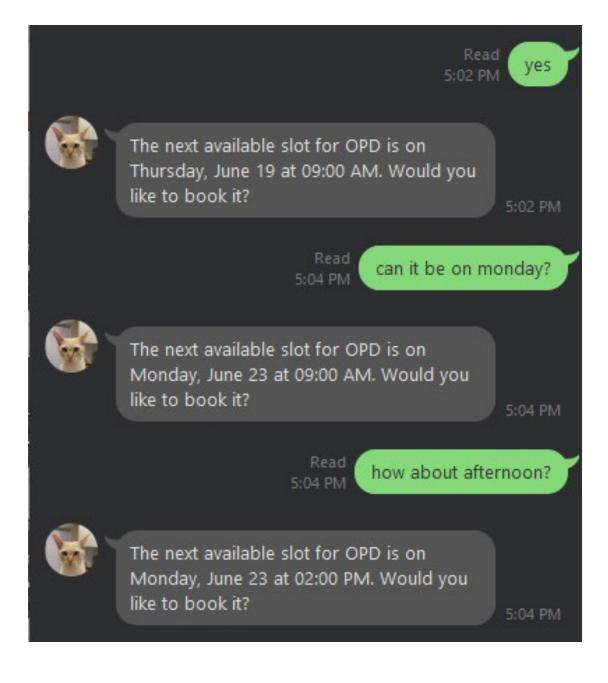
#### Found free slot!

--> AI Response to U52de707b8f4a793ba554cad85d59 be2a: The next available slot for OPD is on Thur sday, June 19 at 09:00 AM. Would you like to book it?



Making appointment

Agent



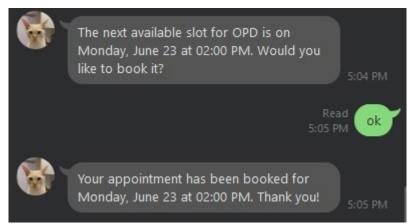
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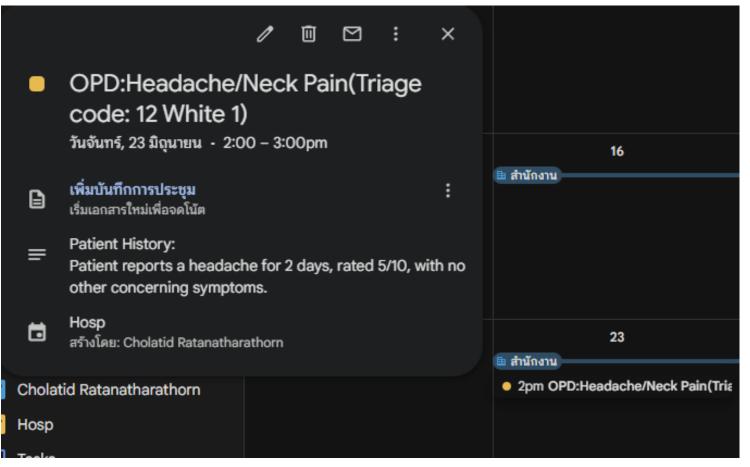
[PROGRAM AUTOMATION] Creating Google Calendar event...

--> AI Response to U52de707b8f4a793ba554cad85d59

be2a: Your appointment has been booked for Monda

y, June 23 at 02:00 PM. Thank you!







Making appointment Agent

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