



The Rise of AI Agents:

Agentic AI in Quality Engineering

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AI in Japan!

Japan's AI Demand Will Increase 320x by 2030, Industry Leader Says at NVIDIA AI Day Tokyo

At the event, which highlighted sovereign AI advancements in Japan, Kuniyoshi Suzuki of SoftBank Corp. discussed foundational technologies needed for AI expansion across the nation.

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“ Japan will see a 320x increase from 2020 in demand for AI computing power by 2030. ”

Kuniyoshi Suzuki

Senior Director, Cloud AI Service Division
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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Japan AI developers see path to success in localized training data

SoftBank developing large language model based on 9,000 hours of conversations

NRI: Barriers to overcome for AI adoption

Three Barriers That Must Be Overcome for AI to Spread Further

Barrier No. 1:

Accessibility

- Is it easy for anyone to use?
 - A certain level of AI literacy is required, and so mastering its use is difficult
 - However, in terms of using AI (in particular, generative AI), it can be utilized in a similar manner to search functions

Barrier No. 2:

Transformation of Values

- Will the use of AI significantly change traditional values?
 - Utilizing AI in situations normally handled by humans will necessitate big changes

Barrier No. 3:

Can the Surrounding Environment Keep Up?

- Can it exhibit network effects?
 - It must go beyond the community level to achieve functionality improvements

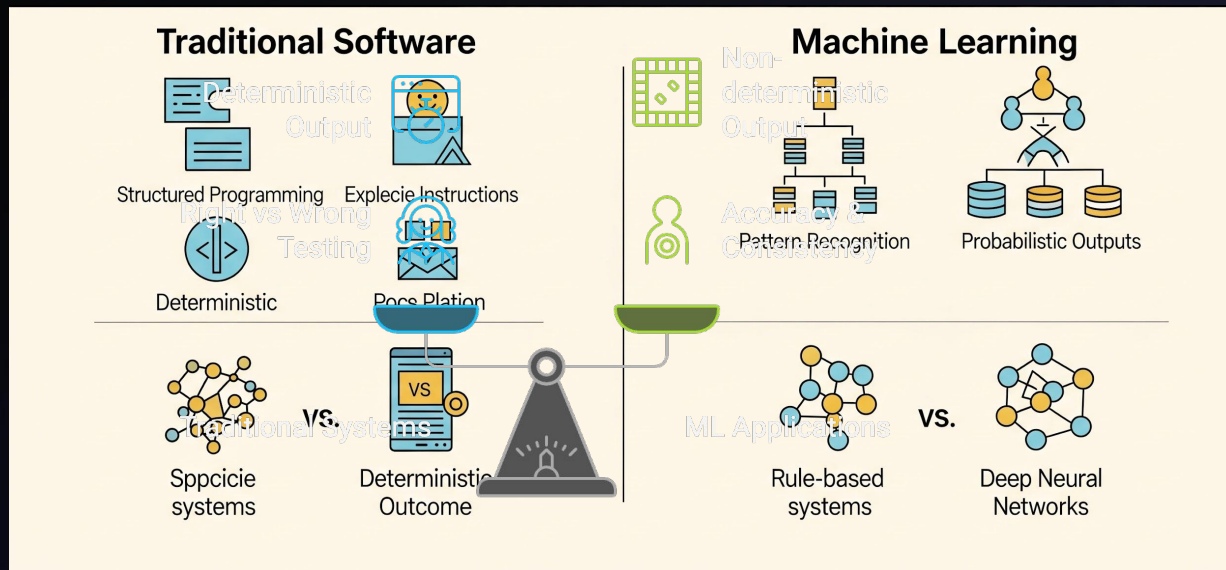
Where We Are:

Tens of millions of people in Japan already have experience using AI

In the era of AI, it's not about machines replacing humans—it's about humans leveraging AI to unlock new potentials. In test automation, AI isn't just a tool; it's a partner in driving innovation and excellence.



Software Paradigms: Traditional vs. Machine Learning



The Testing Reality Check



The Current State of Testing in AI

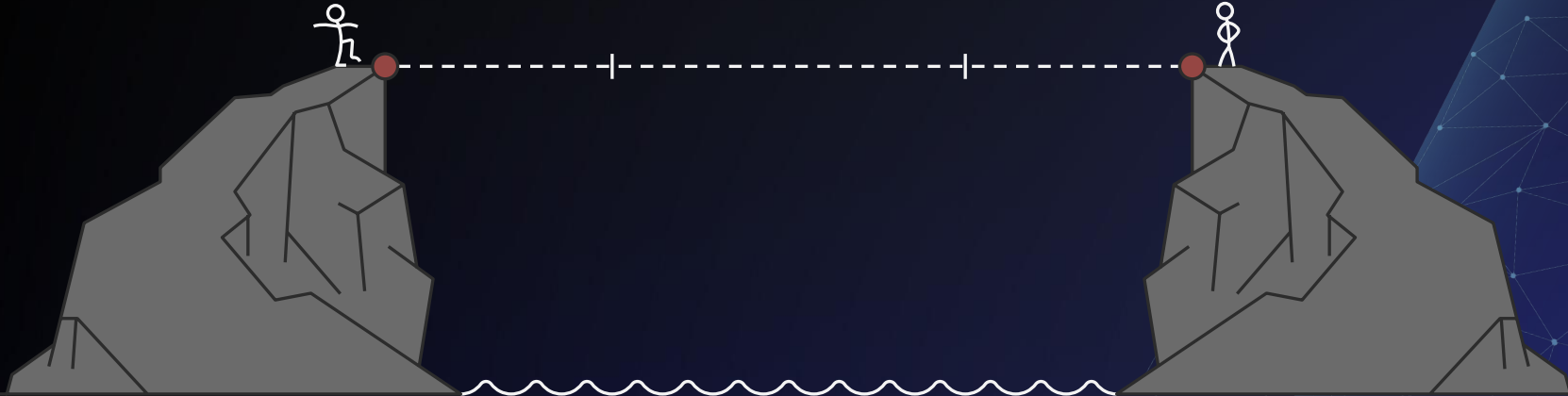
Traditional Automation

Limited autonomous task performance

AI- Assisted Testing

Independent task execution achieved

The Reality Gap





The Vision....

Suggest Test Cases

AI proposes new test cases based on production patterns.

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Adapt to UI Changes

AI automatically adjusts to UI updates.

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Identify Risks

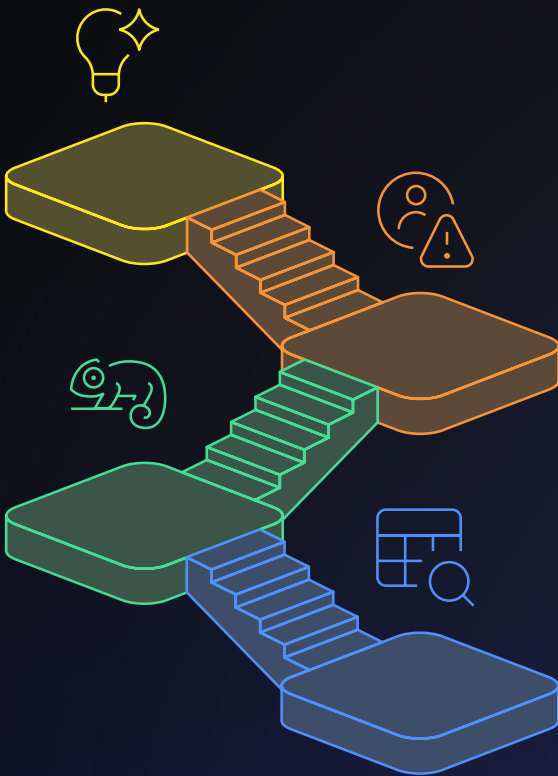
AI detects potential risks not initially considered.

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Discover New Flow

AI identifies new user flows during testing.

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Let's talk AI...

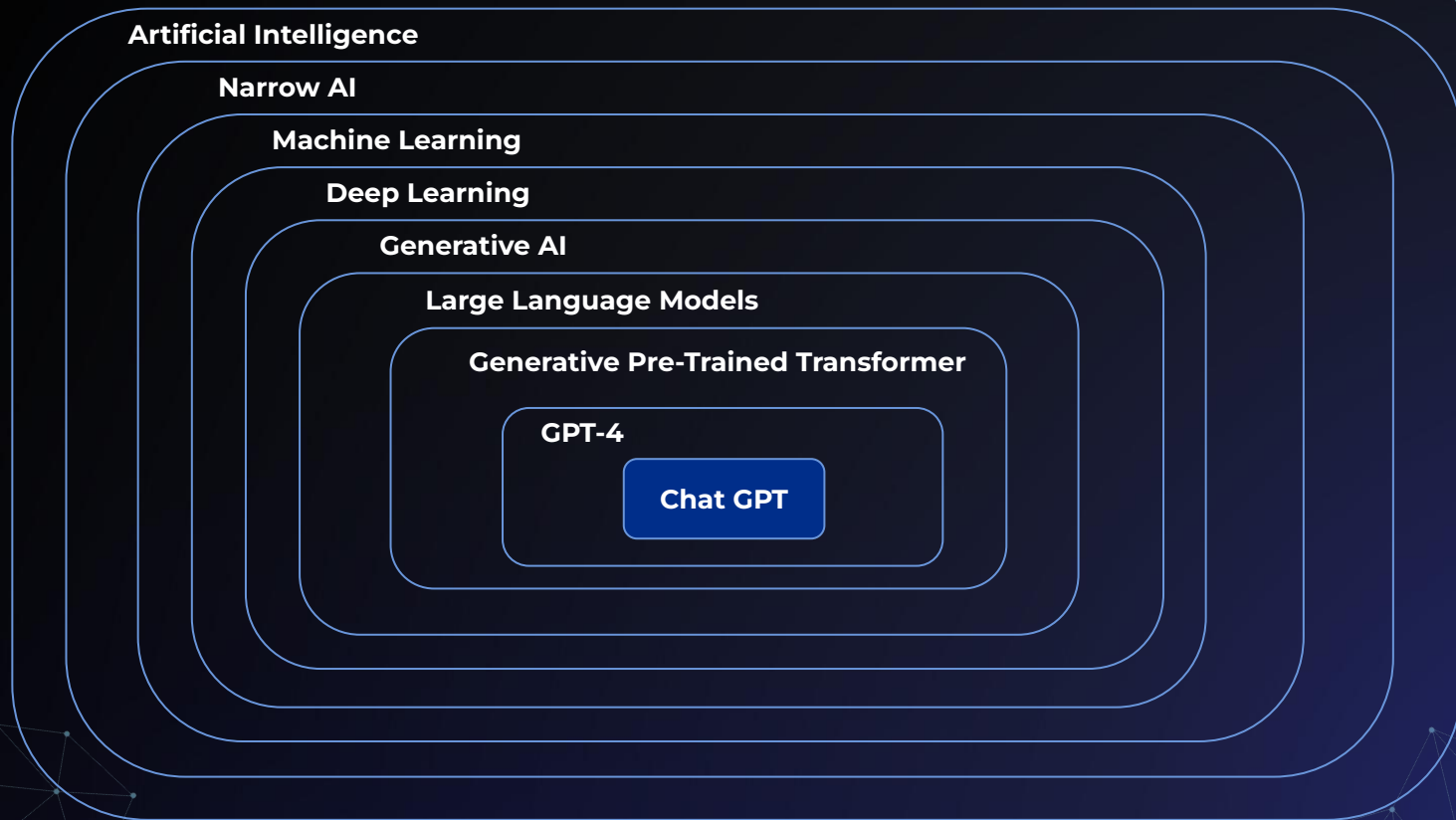
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Artificial Intelligence

A piece of technology that can perform tasks that mimic human intelligence, such as those requiring reasoning, problem-solving, decision-making, or language understanding.



Taxonomy of Artificial Intelligence



LLM's



Artificial Intelligence

Narrow AI

Machine Learning

Deep Learning

Generative AI

Large Language Models

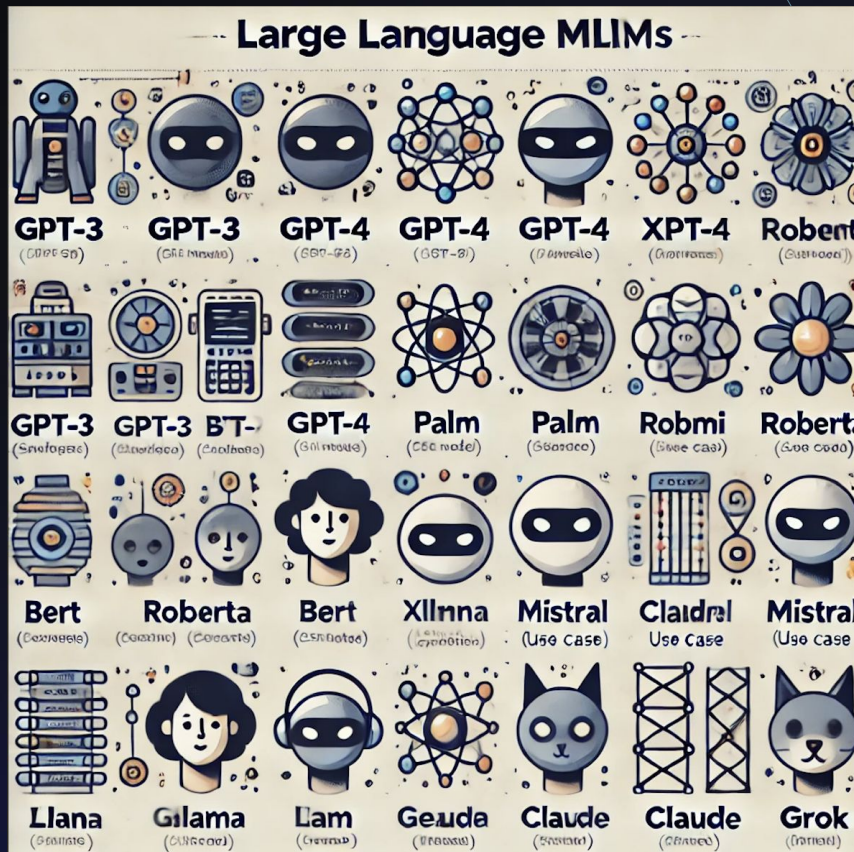
Generative Pre-Trained Transformer

GPT-4

Chat GPT

Large Language Models

- ★ GPT-3 - OpenAI
- ★ GPT-4 - OpenAI
- ★ BERT - Google
- ★ T5 - Google
- ★ PaLM - Google
- ★ RoBERTa - Facebook AI
- ★ XLNet - Google/CMU
- ★ LLaMA - Meta AI (Facebook)
- ★ Gemini - Google
- ★ Mistral - Mistral AI
- ★ Claude - Anthropic
- ★ Grok - xAI (Elon Musk)



AI Agents

"AI Agents are the shift from asking 'Can you do this task?' to saying 'You handle this domain.'"

"They're specialized AI systems that can act independently within their area of expertise - but each works alone."



Agentic AI

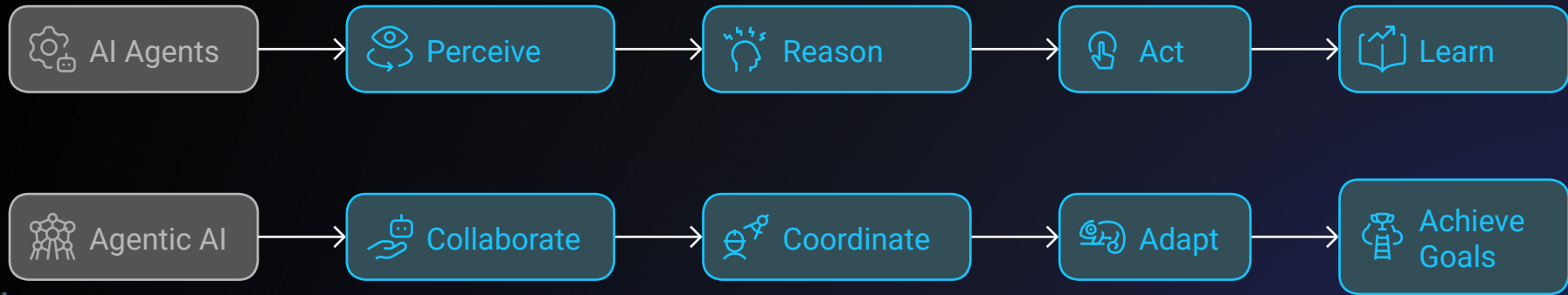
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"Agentic AI is the shift from asking 'What should I do?' to declaring 'Here's what I want to achieve.'"

"It's AI that doesn't just respond - it takes initiative, learns from experience, and persistently works toward your goals."



AI Agents Vs Agentic AI



Agentic AI is like the **concept of an autonomous vehicle**

An AI agent is like a **Tesla on Full Self Driving mode**

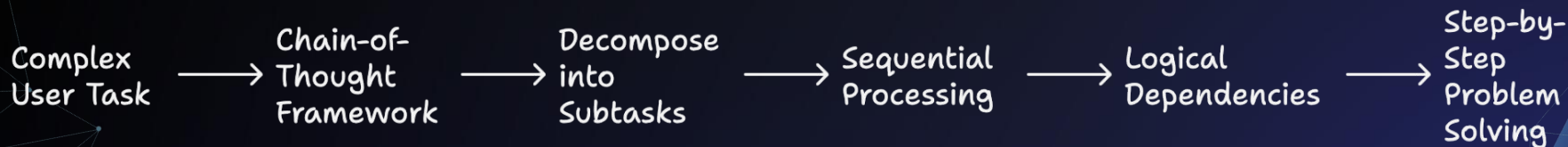
How Agentic AI works... Task Decomposition



Chain-of-Thought (CoT) serves as the primary decomposition framework

Complex user tasks are systematically broken down into manageable subtasks

Sequential processing enables step-by-step problem solving



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Chain of Thought

Standard Prompting

Model Input

Q: Roger has 5 tennis balls. He buys 2 more cans of tennis balls. Each can has 3 tennis balls. How many tennis balls does he have now?

A: The answer is 11.

Q: The cafeteria had 23 apples. If they used 20 to make lunch and bought 6 more, how many apples do they have?

Model Output

A: The answer is 27. ❌

Chain-of-Thought Prompting

Model Input

Q: Roger has 5 tennis balls. He buys 2 more cans of tennis balls. Each can has 3 tennis balls. How many tennis balls does he have now?

A: Roger started with 5 balls. 2 cans of 3 tennis balls each is 6 tennis balls. $5 + 6 = 11$. The answer is 11.

Q: The cafeteria had 23 apples. If they used 20 to make lunch and bought 6 more, how many apples do they have?

Model Output

A: The cafeteria had 23 apples originally. They used 20 to make lunch. So they had $23 - 20 = 3$. They bought 6 more apples, so they have $3 + 6 = 9$. The answer is 9. ✅

How Agentic AI works... Adaptive Learning



Plan : Strategic task analysis and resource allocation

Execute : Active implementation of planned actions

Reflect : Performance evaluation and outcome assessment

Refine : Strategy optimization based on reflective insights



“Smart agents are great, but what if they have no idea
what they’re talking about?”

That’s where retrieval-augmented generation — or
RAG — changes the game.”



Knowledge Enhanced LLMs



Incorporating knowledge into LLMs can empower their memorization and reasoning abilities

Retrieval Augmented Generation

RAG Vs Agentic RAG



RAG

Static Info retrieval with No decision making

Single Step queries and response

Single LLM for all the task

No human intervention: Input In & Output

Agentic RAG

Autonomously decide what to retrieve and how to act on it

Multi-step reasoning and actions with multi-agents

Right LLM for right task

Human in the loop as necessary



Agentic AI workflow

Agentic AI Spectrum



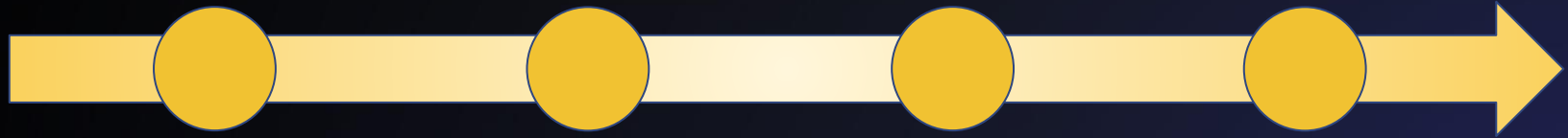
Fully Controlled  Full Autonomy

Gen AI: Prompt Chaining

Agentic Workflow

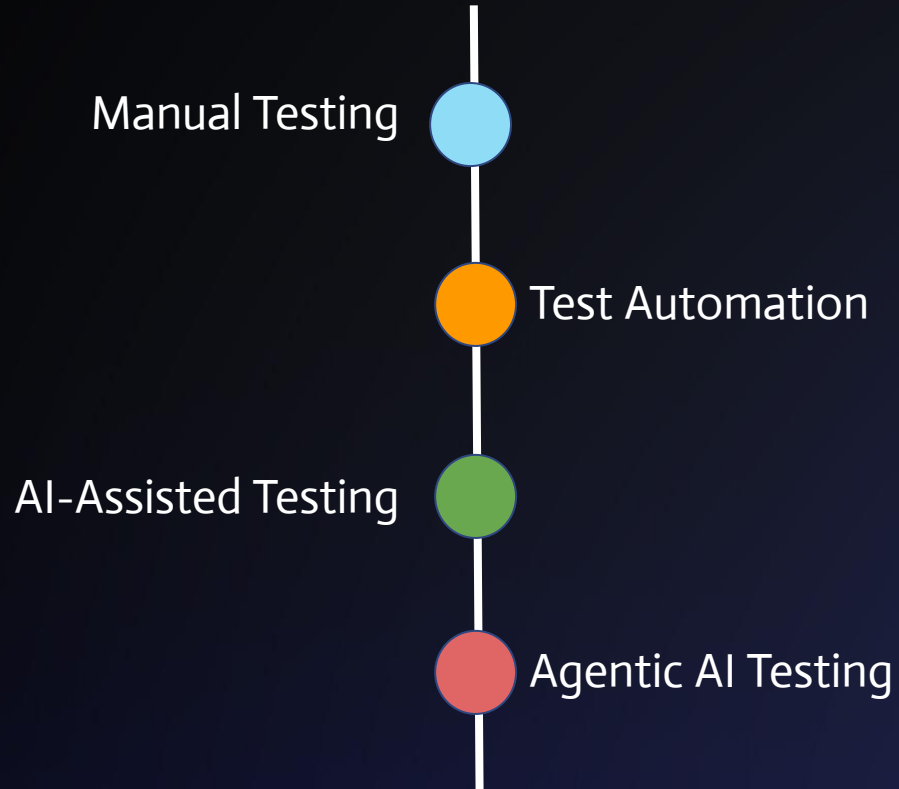
Semi-Autonomous Agents

Fully-Autonomous Agents





Where are we now...



Agentic AI in Quality



Writing Tests



Maintaining Scripts



Reactive Debugging



Isolated Testing



Traditional Testing



Defining Goals



Guiding Agents

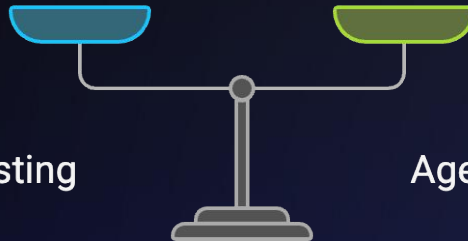


Proactive Risk Management

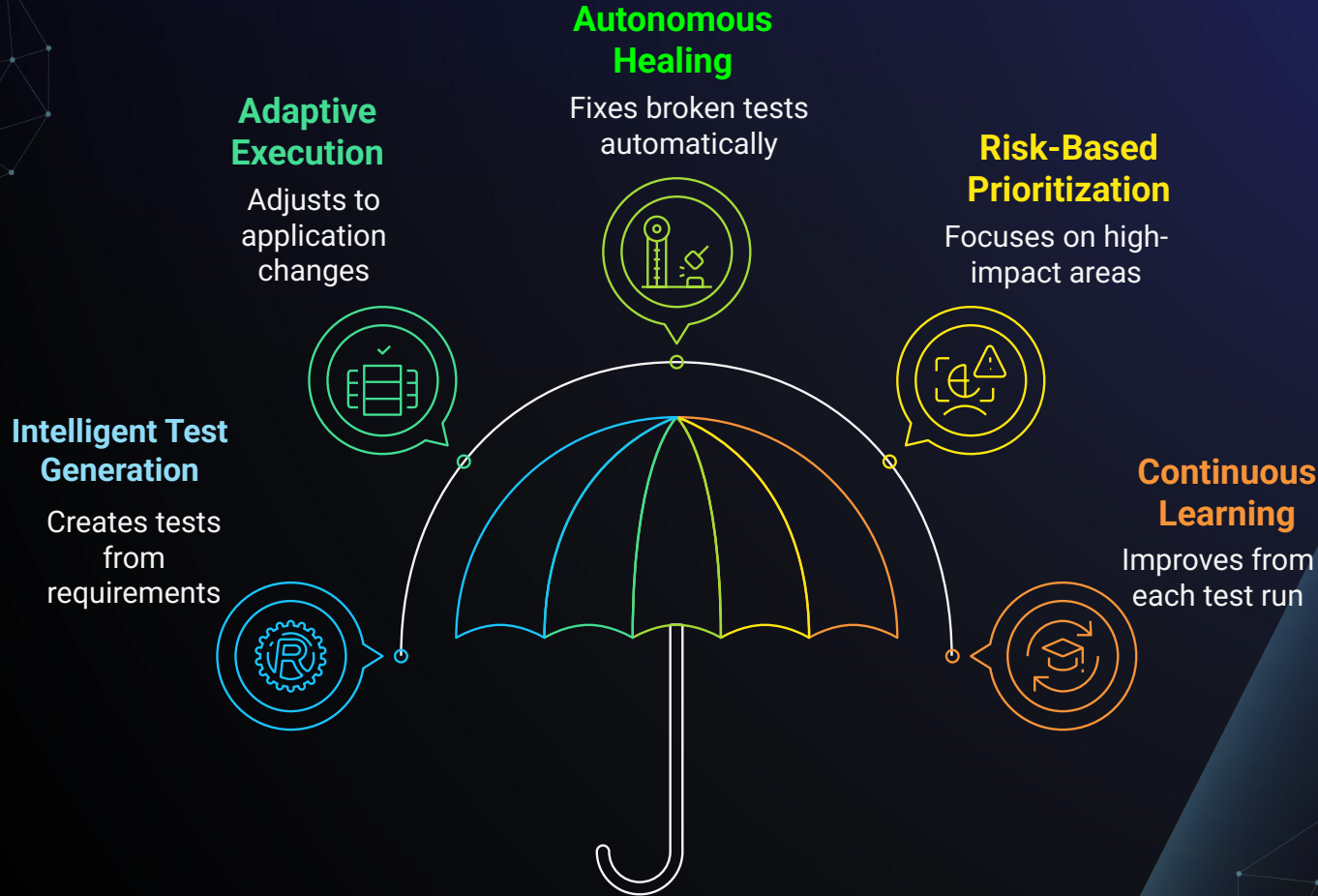


Collaborative Intelligence

Agentic AI Testing



Agentic AI Capabilities...





What Powers Agentic AI?



Agents Together...

Orchestrator Agent



Manages overall testing strategy and workflow

Learning Agent



Continuously improves from testing results

Specialist Agents

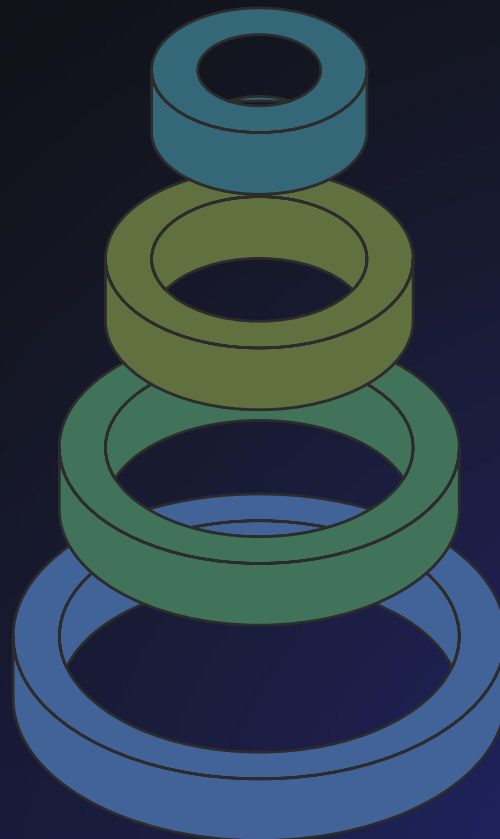


Focus on specific testing domains

Communication Layer



Enables agent collaboration and data exchange





“Let’s Build One Together”





Scenario

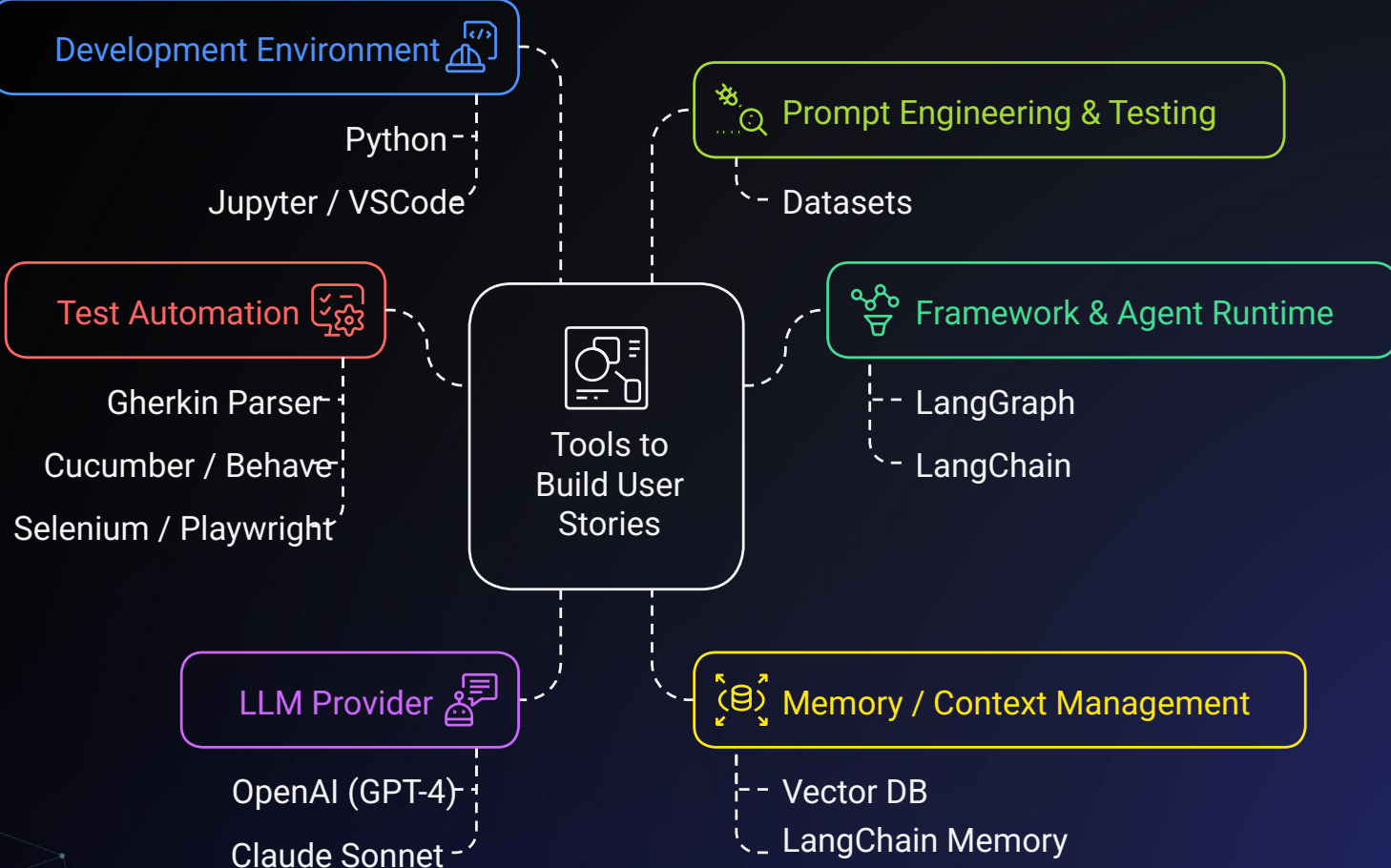
User Story to BDD Gherkin format



UserStory to BDD



Agentic AI Toolkit

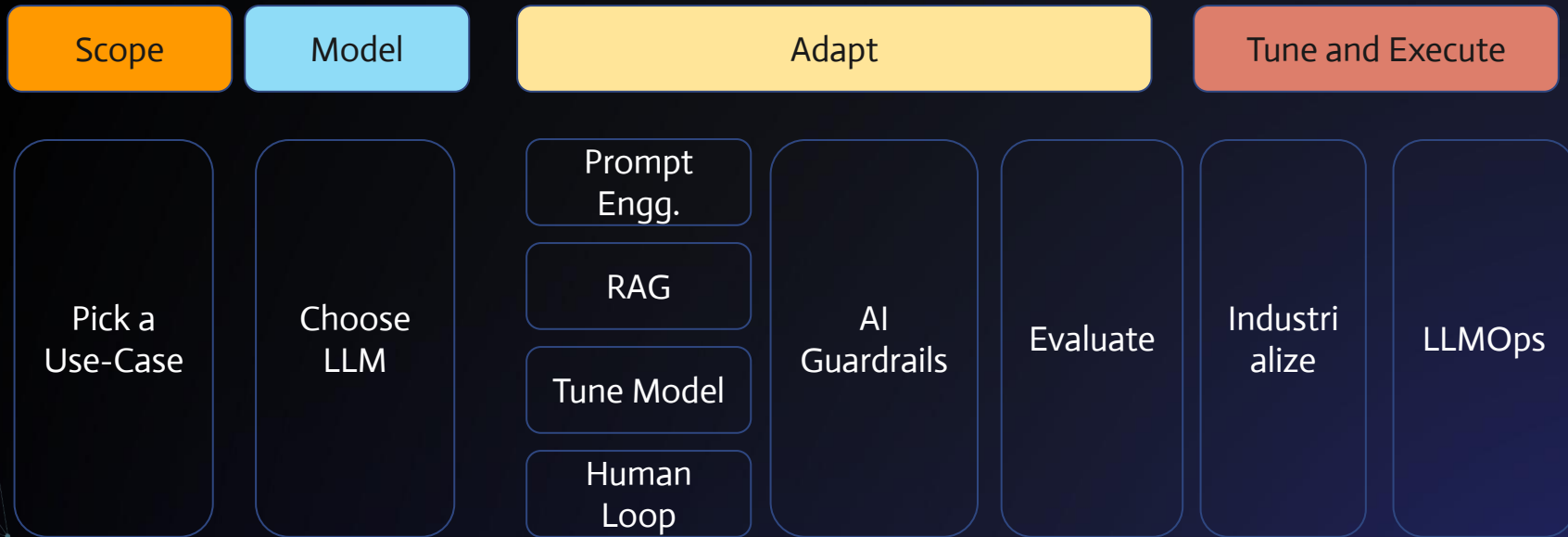




“It’s Show Time!!”

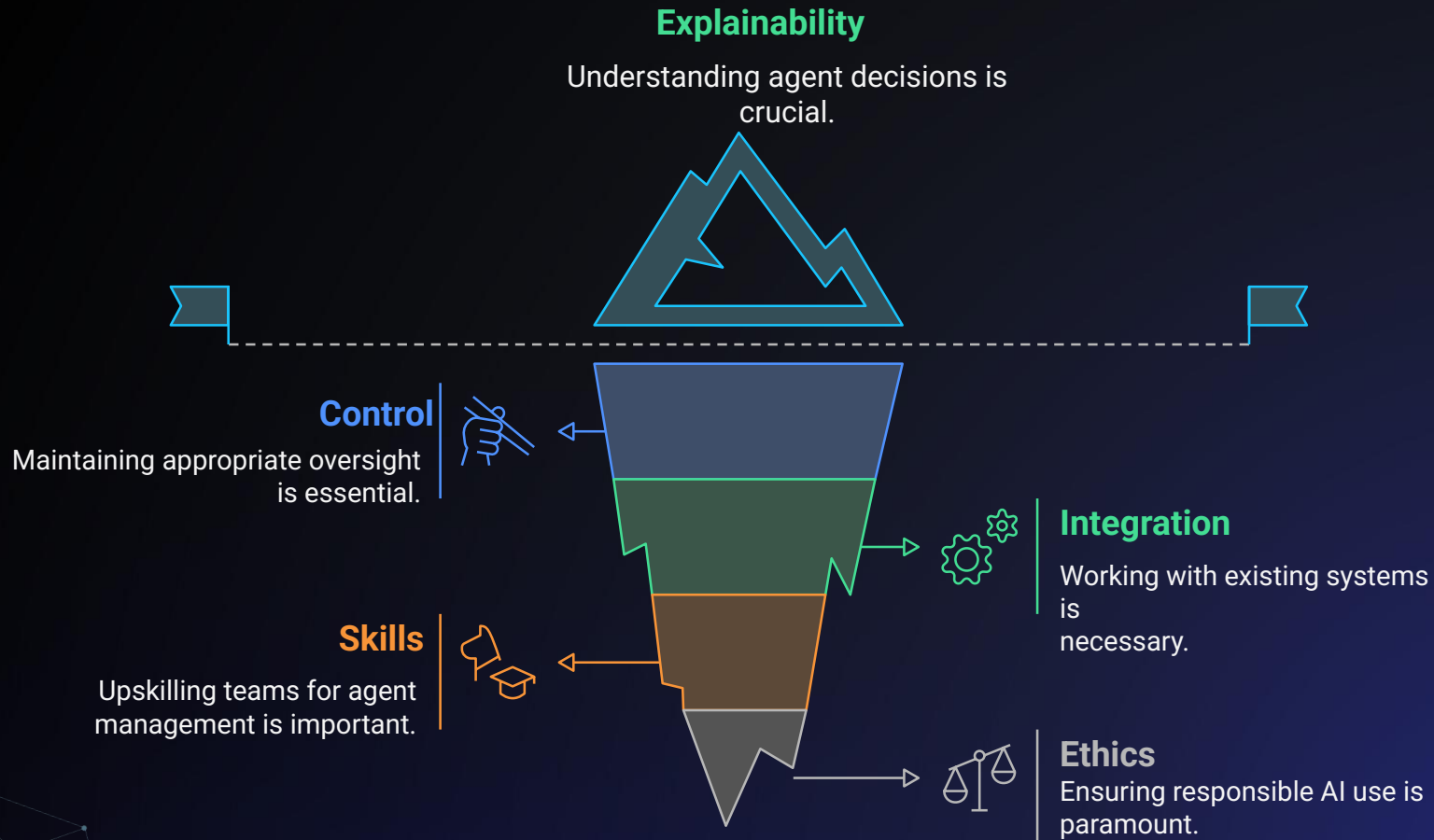


Reference Architecture





Challenges...



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We're not just accelerating automation;
we're architecting intelligence into the heart
of quality.” — **Manoj Kumar**

See you all next time!

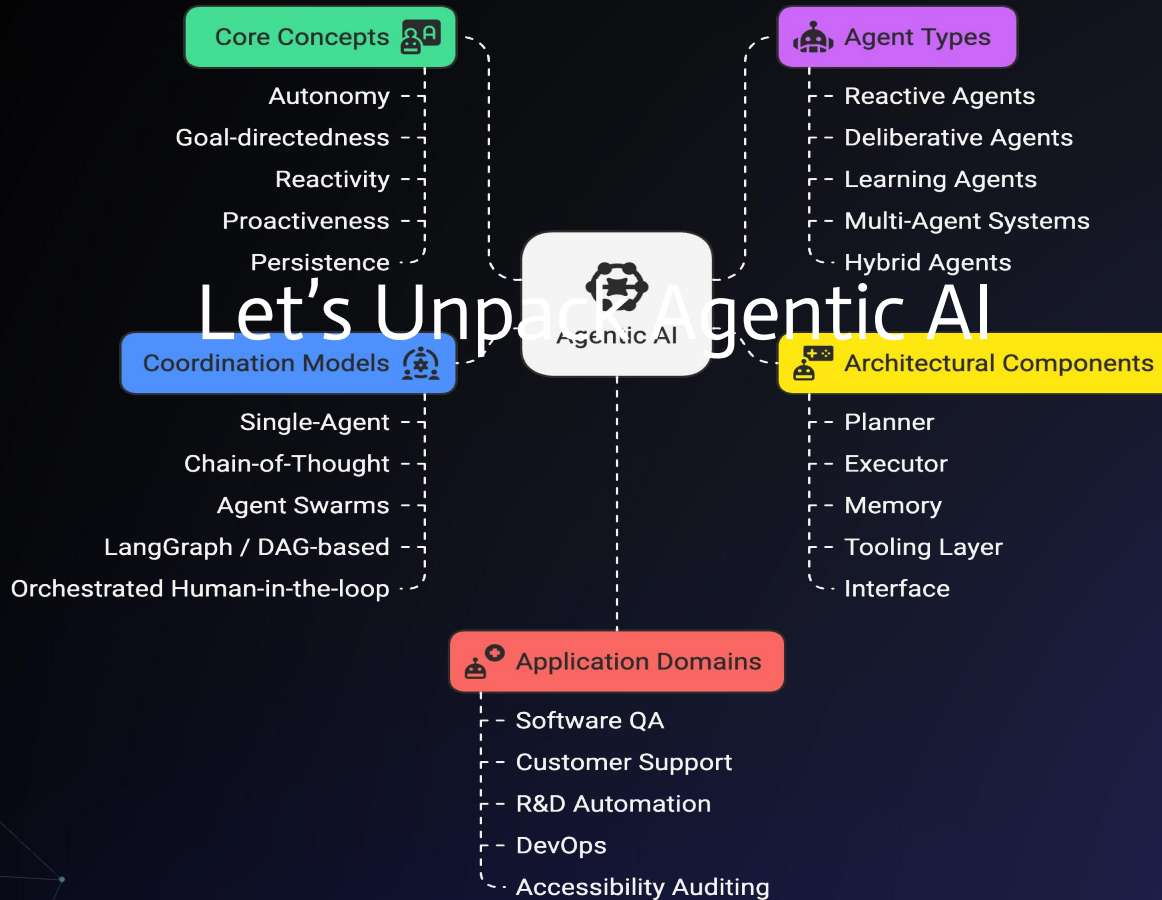


Manoj Kumar Kumar

Agentic AI | Digital Transformation and
Engineering leadership| Project Leadership...



What makes an AI 'Agentic'?



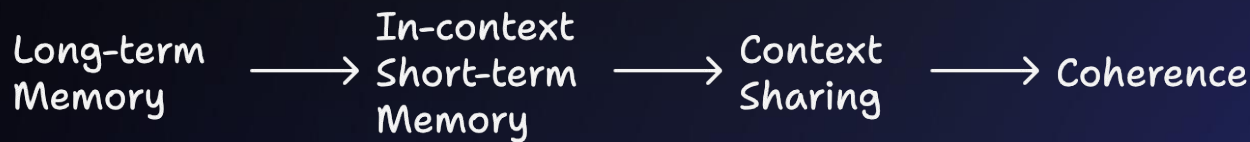
How Agentic AI works... Memory Mgmt...



Long Term: Vector databases store persistent agent knowledge and experiences

In-context Short-term Memory: Active working memory for current task execution

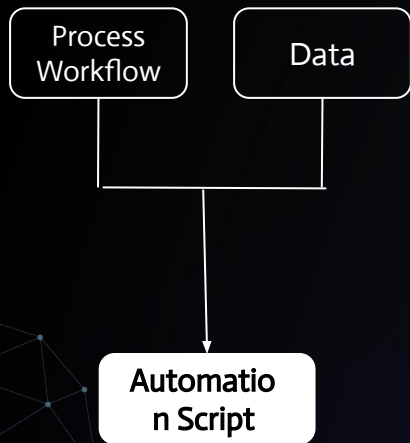
Context Sharing: Seamless information flow between tasks and execution periods



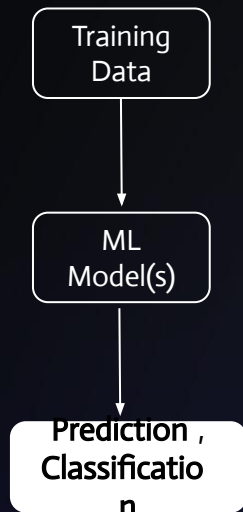
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Evolution of Agentic AI

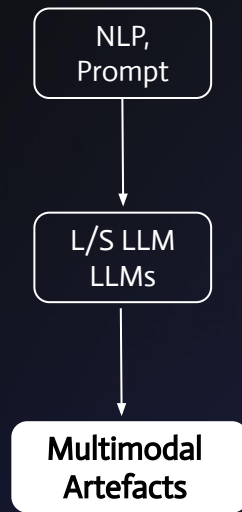
Process Automation



Supervised AI/ML



Gen AI



Agentic AI

