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The agentic AI advantage

How intelligent agents are designed, governed, and run in production — and what they can do for your business.

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A practical walk from the agentic opportunity to a production-ready strategy. Each chapter serves two readers: the executive who needs the decision and the engineer who needs the design.

HOW TO READ THIS GUIDE

Executives — read the Introduction, the opening of each chapter, and Chapter 3's checklist. **Engineers** — the same pages carry *"Under the hood"* notes and the reference architecture in Appendix A. Every pattern described here is one AZ Engineering runs in daily production — not a slide-deck vision. Sensitive details are intentionally omitted.

INTRODUCTION

The agentic AI opportunity

For three decades, software answered when we asked. Agentic AI is the shift to software that **plans, acts, and finishes** — with your guardrails, your data, and your approval where it counts.

Generative AI changed how we *create*: text, images, analysis, drafts. Agentic AI changes what software can *do*. Instead of responding to a single prompt, an intelligent agent receives an objective, breaks it into steps, calls your systems and APIs, checks its own work, and reports a finished result — often across hours or days, not seconds.

This is not a laboratory idea. The building blocks — capable open-weights language models, low-cost inference, standard APIs, mature automation tooling — are ordinary infrastructure today. What separates organisations that benefit from those that experiment is not access to models. It is **engineering discipline**: orchestration, governance, and cost control around the model.

> **IN PLAIN TERMS**
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> Think of generative AI as a brilliant assistant who answers questions brilliantly. Agentic AI is that assistant *with a job description*: you hand over an outcome — "qualify every incoming lead overnight", "watch the servers and fix what you safely can" — and it works the task like a reliable employee, escalating anything risky to you.

How agentic AI works

An agent is useful only when it can *touch your world*. A model alone cannot read your inbox, query your database, or restart a service. A production agent system therefore has four cooperating parts:

1

A reasoning model

The language model that plans steps and decides. It can run on your hardware (open-weights models) or via an API — often both, routed by sensitivity.

2

Tools & APIs

Standard interfaces to your systems: CRM, documents, databases, messaging channels, infrastructure. The model calls them the same way your apps do.

3

Memory & context

Short-term task state plus long-term knowledge — including retrieval over your own documents (RAG) so answers are grounded in your facts, not guesses.

4

Orchestration

The workflow layer that sequences steps, retries failures, enforces guardrails, and hands results to humans at decision points.

One structural point matters: in the architecture above, **every layer is replaceable**. Change the model, the tools, or the orchestrator without rebuilding the rest. That is the open-platform principle this guide returns to in Chapter 2.

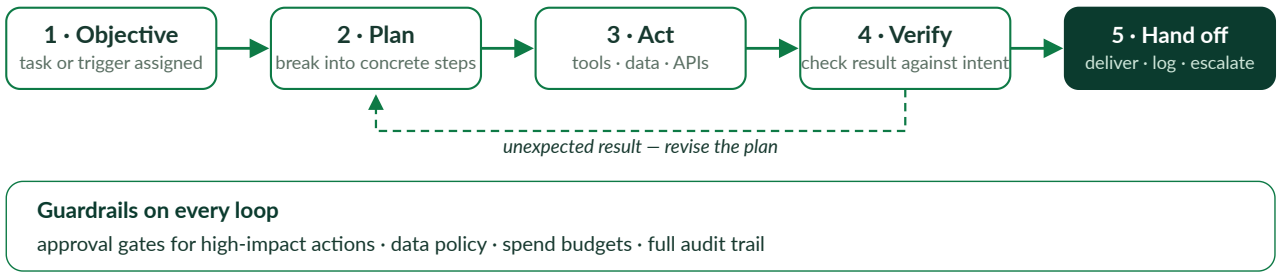

Figure 1 — The agentic loop: plan, act, verify, hand off — with guardrails around every cycle.

80%

By 2029, agentic AI is projected to autonomously resolve **80% of common customer-service issues** without human intervention — leading to a **30% reduction in operational costs.**[1]

The benefits, observed in production

Marketing lists promise benefits; operations deliver them. These four are the ones we see repeat across live deployments, and each is measurable in weeks, not years:

Operational efficiency

Autonomous workflows absorb the repetitive load — triage, qualification, monitoring — so people work on exceptions, not volume.

Lower cost of work

Routine tasks that consumed staff hours run at fractions of a cent per transaction when inference is sized correctly (Chapter 2).

Faster decisions

Agents watch, summarise, and recommend around the clock, so decisions follow events — not the next working day.

Defensible differentiation

Teams that orchestrate and govern agents well compound an advantage competitors cannot buy off the shelf.

THE ADOPTION CHALLENGE — HONEST FRAMING

Industry analysts project AI-enabled workflows growing from roughly 3% of workflows in 2024 toward 25% by 2026.[2] The bottleneck is never the model. It is **orchestration** (many moving parts cooperating), **trust** (proving the agent is reliable and governed), and **scale** (cost and infrastructure that stay sane). Chapter 1 addresses each — and shows how an engineering practice answers them.

How an engineering practice reads this

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Three engineering facts shape every design decision in this guide:

1. Models are interchangeable commodities. The durable asset is the tool layer, the data contracts, and the evaluation loop around them.
2. Agents are software. Use version control, code review, staging, and rollback — an agent pipeline is a distributed system, not magic.
3. Cost scales with context, not intelligence. Token discipline and retrieval beat "bigger model" on both budget and latency.

CHAPTER 1

The real challenge

Enterprise knowledge of AI is maturing fast, and with maturity comes a harder question: not "can we build an agent?" but "can we run it safely, affordably, and at useful scale?" Three challenges decide the answer.

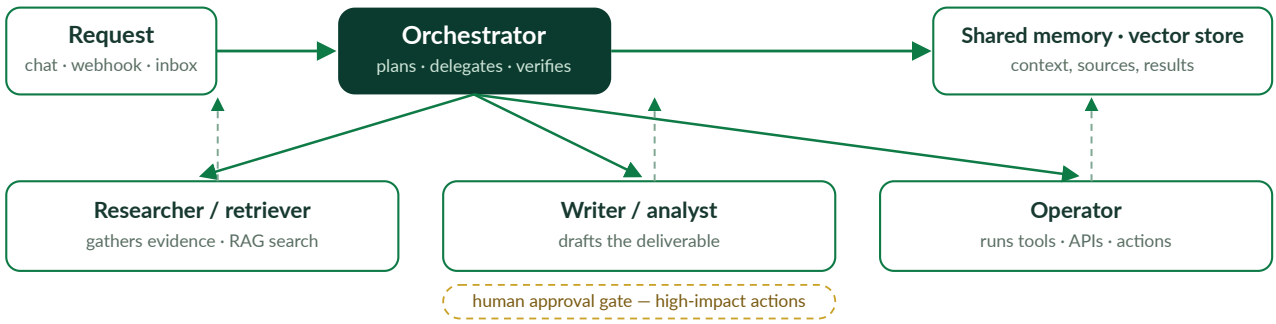

Figure 2 — Orchestration in practice: a coordinator delegates specialised workers, verifies their output, and shares memory across the team.

1 Orchestrating complex agent workflows

An agent is not a single-point solution. It sits on top of models, tools, APIs, data sources, and other agents — and something must coordinate all of it. In practice, orchestration failures show up as agents that start well and drift: forgotten context, dead-end loops, silent partial work.

HOW AZ ENGINEERING ANSWERS IT

We treat an agent workflow as a **production pipeline with roles**, the same way a factory line has stations. Work moves through specialised stages — intake, research, synthesis, verification, delivery — and each stage is a small, testable service. A coordinator hands work forward, a verifier checks output before it ships, and every run is replayable.

Two layers keep orchestration honest: **event-driven triggers** (a new lead, a full disk, a scheduled hour) start work without human babysitting, and **tool exposure via MCP servers** gives every agent one consistent, permissioned way to reach the same service APIs — no bespoke integrations per agent.

IN PLAIN TERMS

A single agent doing everything is like one employee doing sales, accounts, and IT. It fails. Our pipelines are teams: each member specialised, a supervisor coordinating, quality control before anything leaves the building.

UNDER THE HOOD — FOR ENGINEERS

A representative AZ pipeline (research → summarise → evaluate → deliver) uses:

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- Stateless stage services behind HTTP APIs; runs are idempotent
  and resumable, so retries never double-post.
- A verifier/evaluator stage with structured checks before delivery.
- Compressed, lossy-safe context handoffs between stages (cheap
  token budgets per hop instead of one unbounded context window).
- Two trigger paths: cron/scheduler for time-based work and
  webhooks/event polls for reactive work; no polling glue code.
- Human-in-the-loop only at commit points, never mid-pipeline.
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The real challenge

The three challenges are independent — you can fail at scale even with perfect orchestration, and trust failures undo both.

2 Maintaining trust and reliable behaviour

A model that answers confidently but wrongly is a liability; an agent that acts on that confidence is worse. Trust has three parts: accuracy you can verify, actions you can control, and data you can protect. All three are engineering problems, not wishlist items.

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Verification before completion. Nothing an agent produces is "done" until a check has confirmed it — a verifier stage, a schema validation, or a human review, depending on the stakes. Irreversible or costly actions (payments, external posts, deletions) sit behind an **approval gate**: the agent prepares everything, a human presses the button.

Data protection by routing, not by policy document. A PII gate inspects every request: anything sensitive or private is handled exclusively by local models on our own hardware — it never leaves the building. Only clearly non-sensitive work reaches cloud APIs. This is architecture, so it holds even when people forget the policy.

Isolation as governance. Each client and each business function runs in its own gateway and workspace — natural boundaries for permissions, audit logs, and blast radius. Observability watchdogs watch the watchers: health checks, log anomaly alerts, and structured audit trails that trace any decision back to the model, data, and prompt that produced it.

> **IN PLAIN TERMS**
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> The rule we run by: **the agent proposes, the business disposes.** Anything cheap and reversible — drafts, triage, monitoring — the agent does alone. Anything expensive or irreversible waits for your approval. And your private data never travels to a third party, because the sensitive work happens on hardware you control.

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- Hybrid inference gate: PII/private payloads → local open-weights
  models (quantized 3B–8B on CPU/GPU); non-sensitive → cost-optimal
  cloud API. Routing rules live in code, tested in CI.
- Approval gates: agent stages a payload + human-readable summary;
  execution of the side-effecting call is gated on explicit approval.
- Per-tenant gateway isolation with per-client credentials, memory,
  and model routing — RBAC without a central IAM project.
- Watchdogs: healthchecks + log scanners that alert an ops channel,
  escalate on repeated failure, and never self-approve.
- Audit trail: every decision logged with model id, source data refs,
  and prompt lineage for explainability.
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The real challenge

3 Scaling agentic AI efficiently

"Scale" in agentic AI is usually misread as "bigger GPU budget". In practice the cost curve is dominated by three quieter numbers: how much context every task carries, how often you call an expensive model for a cheap job, and how much idle infrastructure you keep for peak load.

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Route by sensitivity and difficulty. A hybrid router sends each task to the cheapest adequate engine: private data to local models (zero marginal cost, zero egress), routine work to compact local or low-cost API models, and genuinely hard reasoning — rarely — to a frontier model. Most production queries never need the most expensive option.

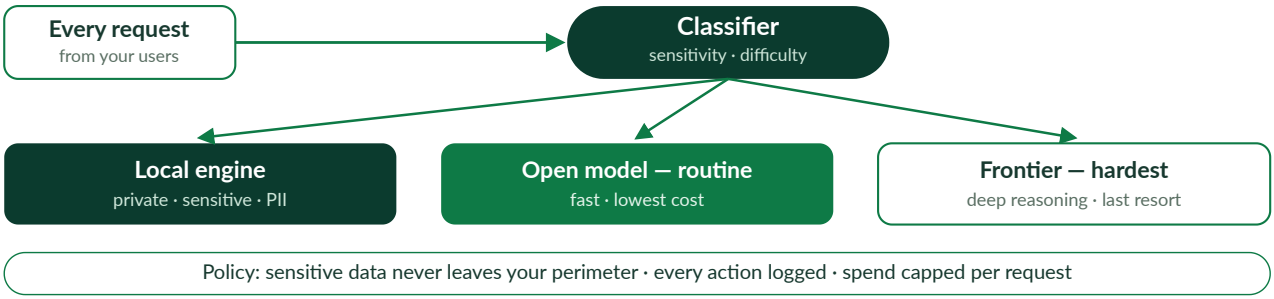

Figure 3 — Hybrid routing: classify each request by sensitivity and difficulty, then send it to the cheapest tier that can handle it safely.

Token discipline. Context compression and retrieval mean the model sees the relevant 2,000 tokens, not the entire 200,000-token archive. This is the single largest cost lever we control, and it also speeds every answer.

Infrastructure that matches the load. Stateless stage services scale horizontally on standard cloud VMs — no specialised AI hardware required for most workloads. Quantized open-weights models run inference on commodity hardware. Monitoring and cost reports run on a cadence, so budget drift is caught in days, not quarters.

IN PLAIN TERMS

You do not buy a truck to deliver a letter. We size the vehicle to the parcel: postcard jobs cost postage, only freight jobs get the truck. The result is agent systems that run around the clock on ordinary servers, with a cost curve your finance team can predict.

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- Hybrid router tiers: local quantized (private), cheap API (routine),
  frontier API (hard reasoning, gated by policy + budget caps).
- Quantized GGUF models (3B/7B class) keep sensitive inference on
  single-VM capacity; no GPU fleet required for common workloads.
- Context compression between pipeline stages and vector retrieval
  (RAG) bound per-task tokens; measured, not assumed.
- Stateless containers + reverse proxy = horizontal scale and rolling
  deploys on any cloud or on-prem host.
- Scheduled cost/usage reports and alert thresholds; infra watchdogs
  (disk, uptime, health) with auto-remediation for safe cases only.
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WHY THIS MATTERS TO YOUR BUSINESS

These three challenges are why so many agent pilots stall between demo and deployment. An organisation that answers orchestration, trust, and scale with *engineering process* — not heroic effort — is the one whose agents survive contact with real customers and real budgets.

CHAPTER 2

An open platform approach that works

Getting value from agentic workflows depends on trustworthy infrastructure, operational visibility, secure deployment, and freedom across environments. The most reliable way to get all four is the same way the internet itself was built: **open, modular, standard interfaces** — not a single vendor's stack.

AZ Engineering builds on an open platform: open-weights models, standard APIs, and interchangeable components. Nothing in the stack can hold your data or your roadmap hostage. If a better model, cheaper inference, or stricter compliance requirement appears, one layer swaps — the system keeps running.

> **IN PLAIN TERMS**
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> Open platform means no lock-in, in any direction: no proprietary model you cannot replace, no closed format that owns your data, no consultant whose departure strands the project. Every layer of the stack has a standard interface — like electrical sockets — so any compliant device plugs in.

Simplified assembly of agent workflows

Successful agent systems depend on planning, memory, tool orchestration, and feedback loops working together. Our practice reduces that assembly cost with three commitments:

A unified API experience

Every capability — models, retrieval, memory, tools, services — speaks the same consistent language (standard HTTP APIs, OpenAI-compatible where relevant, MCP for agent-tool access). Swapping a model provider is a configuration change, not a rewrite.

Dedicated AI experiences

Purpose-built assistant services — lead qualification, data analysis, research pipelines, alerting — give operators one focused surface per job instead of a general chatbot bolted onto everything. Each has its own guardrails and metrics.

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Ecosystem compatibility

Native support for open-weights models (Ollama and compatible runtimes), retrieval engines (vector databases such as ChromaDB), and mainstream automation tooling — so the right tool is chosen per job, with no integration tax.

The design rule behind all three: **interoperability is a feature, not an accident.** When a component exposes a standard interface, the whole system gains options — and options are what keep costs and risks low over time.

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Governed deployment, by design

As agent autonomy increases, governance, observability, and explainability stop being compliance chores and become the features that make autonomy *possible*. A governed agent is one you can let work alone.

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Context-aware execution

Agents access the semantically relevant slice of your data — via retrieval and memory — rather than raw firehoses. Model Context Protocol (MCP) standardises how agents reach tools and data, improving control and explainability over every decision.

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Integrated observability & policy

Health checks, structured logs, and watchdog alerts keep every agent visible. Role-based boundaries and approval gates keep behaviour inside intent. Any decision can be traced to its source model and data.

Interoperable with your policies

Per-client isolation, data-residency routing, and standard audit trails let agent activity sit inside your existing security posture — including regulated environments — instead of beside it.

GUARDRAIL LAYER (RUNS ACROSS EVERY WORKLOAD)

- PII gate — sensitive data stays local
- Approval gates on irreversible actions
- Verification before completion
- Per-client isolation & credentials
- Health checks + watchdog alerts
- Audit trail with model & data lineage

Autonomy with a hand on the switch

We stage autonomy deliberately. A new workflow starts fully supervised: the agent drafts, humans execute. As evidence accumulates — accuracy on real cases, error rates, edge cases handled — the workflow earns more autonomy, one action class at a time. This is governance that scales with trust, and it is why our clients approve expansions instead of fearing them.

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- MCP servers expose memory, docs, and service APIs to any agent
  framework; tool calls are logged and rate-limited per tenant.
- Autonomy levels per action class: propose → approve → auto (with
  rollback). Promotion requires measured accuracy over N real cases.
- Structured outputs + schema validation at every agent boundary
  (JSON contracts), so "the model said" is never the last word.
- Watchdogs with escalation paths to an ops channel; auto-remediation
  only for reversible, low-risk cases (restarts, disk cleanups).
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Scalable and cost-efficient by construction

Scaling agentic AI needs intelligent infrastructure, not just big models. The infrastructure must absorb fluctuating workloads, optimise the cost–performance trade-off, and keep its security posture — at any size.

Flexibility across environments

Everything ships as containers: one VM, a small cluster, or your own hardware. Workloads move between environments — including fully on-premises for clients with residency requirements — without re-architecture.

Optimised inference economics

The hybrid router, quantized local models, retrieval-bound context, and compression cut both API spend and latency. Cost is balanced across local and cloud resources per task — never one-size-fits-all.

Security-focused operations

Continuous updates, automated backups with tested recovery, uptime watchdogs, and least-privilege access are standard practice — the continuity assurances enterprises expect from mission-critical software.

The economics in one line

Because most workloads are routine and most data is private, a typical AZ deployment runs **primarily on local, quantized models on ordinary hardware**, using paid APIs only for the small share of work that genuinely needs frontier reasoning. The result is a cost curve that scales with value delivered — not with tokens burned.

3B–8B

Compact quantized open-weights models handle the majority of daily production work on commodity hardware — with **zero per-query cost** and **zero data egress** for sensitive tasks.

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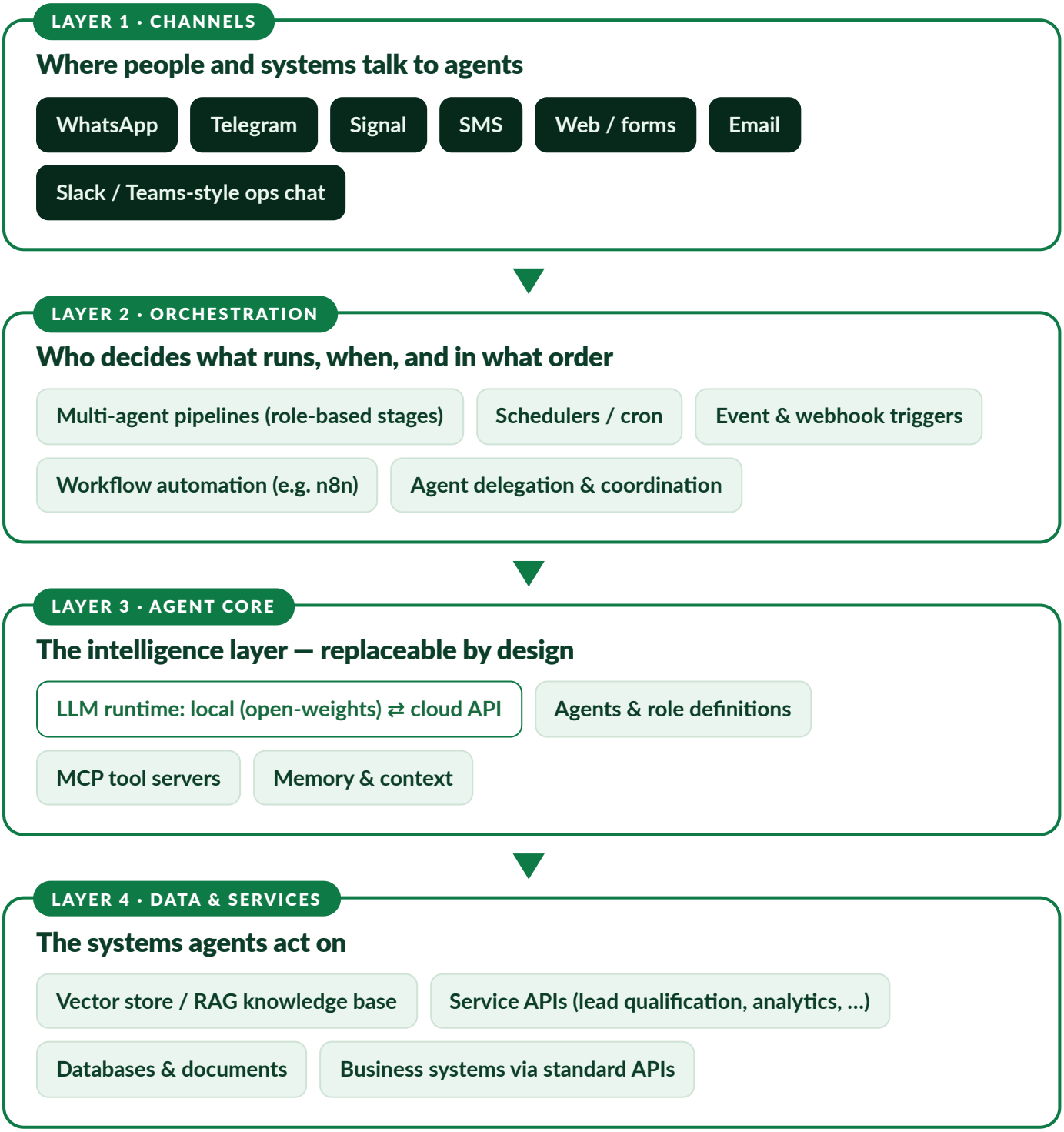
- Routing policy (priority order): local private-capable model → cheap cloud API → frontier API. Budget caps and alerts per tenant.
- GGUF quantized models (Q4/Q5) cut memory ~4× vs full precision with negligible quality loss on routine tasks.
- Autoscaling-ready stateless services; no GPU dependency for the common path — burst capacity is an option, not a requirement.
- Context compression + RAG keep per-task token counts bounded; cost telemetry per client per workflow, reported on a cadence.

APPENDIX A

Reference architecture

The production shape of an AZ Engineering agent system. Read it top-down for the flow of work, and right-to-left for the guardrails that govern every layer.



CROSS-CUTTING GUARDRAILS

PII gate: private → local only | Approval gates | Verification stage | Observability & watchdogs | Per-tenant isolation | Audit & lineage

COMPONENT	ROLE IN THE SYSTEM	WHY THIS CHOICE
Open-weights runtimes (Ollama / compatible)	Serves local quantized models for private and routine work	Zero egress, zero per-query cost, full data control
Hybrid router	Sends each request to the cheapest adequate engine	Cost and latency follow the task, not a fixed tier
FastAPI service catalog	Stateless, schema-validated business services	Versioned, testable, horizontally scalable
MCP servers	Standard tool/data access for any agent	No per-agent bespoke integrations; logged, permissioned
Vector store (ChromaDB class)	Long-term knowledge + grounded retrieval	RAG answers with sources; multilingual-capable embeddings
Orchestration (pipelines + n8n class + cron)	Sequencing, retries, scheduling, event handling	Code-first and visual automation for mixed teams
Gateways per client/function	Isolated message + credential + memory boundaries	Tenant isolation = built-in RBAC and blast-radius control
Watchdogs & healthchecks	Continuous monitoring with escalation	Catch drift before customers do
Containers + reverse proxy	Uniform packaging and delivery	Same system runs on any VM/cloud/on-prem

Every layer above is deployed today. Component names are shown as categories — specific products are selected per deployment and, by design, remain swappable.

CHAPTER 3

Charting your agentic AI strategy

With the right foundation, agentic AI accelerates delivery and cuts costs. Transformation does not start with a platform-wide deployment — it starts with one high-value, well-contained workflow that earns its keep, then expands.

Where to start

These four patterns are the highest-return entry points we know — each is contained enough to pilot in weeks and general enough to fit most organisations. Three of the four are already running in production for AZ Engineering clients (described generically here):

1

Customer-service triage & lead qualification

A 24/7 assistant that qualifies and routes every inquiry from your channels, answers routine questions with your own knowledge base, and hands warm, well-documented leads to your team — overnight work done by dawn.

Production-proven pattern.

2

Automated monitoring & remediation

Watchdogs over your infrastructure and business processes: check health, detect drift, alert the right channel, and auto-apply only the reversible fixes. Incident response shifts from reactive firefighting to supervised automation.

Production-proven pattern.

3

Recurring reporting & digests

Agents that gather, verify, cite, and deliver the weekly business digest — sales, operations, web, competitor moves — on schedule, in consistent format, replacing hours of manual assembly every cycle.

4

Internal knowledge assistant

Retrieval over your documents and systems so staff ask questions in natural language and get sourced answers — including in Arabic and other languages — instead of hunting through folders.

Foundation installed; compounding returns.

THE PILOT TEST

A good first pilot has three properties: it is **frequent and painful** (people feel it daily), **bounded** (wrong answers cost little), and **measurable** (time or money saved is obvious). If a candidate workflow lacks any of the three, pick a different one.

CHAPTER 3 · CONTINUED

Assess your readiness

To understand where your organisation stands, work through these questions with operations and IT together. They are ordered from business to technical, and each one maps to a concrete design decision.

Where do repetitive or rules-based decisions slow down your teams? 1

This finds the first workflow. Look for queues, night shifts, and copy-paste — the jobs nobody enjoys and everyone recognises.

What systems, APIs, or data sources would agents need to access? 2

Every agent is only as capable as the tools it can reach. List the systems, and note which already have APIs and which need a bridge.

Can your infrastructure support governed, low-latency inference — or who will run it for you? 3

Model workloads need compute, monitoring, and security. If building this in-house is not your core business, a managed practice is the pragmatic answer.

What guardrails and approval policies must govern autonomous actions? 4

Decide in advance which actions are free, which need approval, and which are forbidden. Autonomy without boundaries is how pilots become incidents.

How will success be measured? 5

Define the before/after now: time saved, cost per transaction, accuracy, error rates. What gets measured gets defended in the budget cycle.

Which data may leave your premises — and which never will? 6

A data-routing decision (local vs cloud inference) should be made before architecture, not after. When in doubt, keep it local — the capability exists at no cost premium today.

These six questions are a starting point, not an exhaustive audit. Their purpose is alignment: when business, operations, and engineering answer them together, the pilot that follows survives contact with reality.

Strategic considerations & readiness checklist

Four principles shape a durable agentic strategy — and one checklist keeps the first deployment honest.

Strategic considerations

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Interoperability first

Choose open, modular platforms that do not lock you to one model, one cloud, or one toolset. Flexibility is what lets you ride price and capability changes instead of being trapped by them.

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Governance by design

Policies, monitoring, and explainability are built in from day one — not bolted on after an incident. Compliance is cheaper as architecture than as retrofit.

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Embed AI into operations strategy

Treat agents as part of your broader automation and digital roadmap — not as an isolated experiment parked beside the business. Isolation is how pilots die quietly.

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Skill development

New technology needs new skills. Equip engineering, operations, and business teams to work with agents — the organisations that learn fastest pull ahead permanently.

Agentic AI readiness checklist

Use this internally to assess where you stand before committing budget or engineering time.

- [ ] **Business function identified.**
  At least one function that would clearly benefit from autonomous agents, with a named owner.

- [ ] **Systems and APIs mapped.**
  We understand which systems, APIs, and data sources an agent must interact with — and which lack interfaces today.

- [ ] **Inference and governance capacity confirmed.**
  Infrastructure (or a partner) can run model workloads with the required security and monitoring.

- [ ] **Guardrails defined.**
  Policies and approval gates exist for autonomous actions, and the data-routing decision (what leaves premises) is made.

- [ ] **Stakeholder buy-in secured.**
  Operations and business leadership support a bounded pilot with defined scope.

- [ ] **Success metrics and scale plan set.**
  Baseline measurements are captured before go-live, and the path from pilot to production use is written down.

CLOSING

The future of automation is autonomous

The organisations that benefit from agentic AI will not be the ones with the biggest models. They will be the ones that treat agents as **engineered systems**: orchestrated, governed, and priced like the critical infrastructure they are becoming.

That future is closer than the hype suggests — and more ordinary than the hype suggests, too. The models are already commodity. The tools are already standard. What separates production from pilot is the discipline around them: clear roles in the pipeline, verification before completion, guardrails that scale with trust, and cost curves that stay predictable.

Every pattern in this guide is running today. AZ Engineering operates multi-tenant assistant systems across business messaging channels, research and reporting pipelines that deliver on schedule, knowledge assistants grounded in client documents, and watchdogs that keep the whole estate healthy — all on an open stack with no proprietary lock-in.

Start with one workflow

Tell us which process consumes your team's hours — we will show you, on paper and in a bounded pilot, what an agent changes. You keep ownership of your data, your models, and your roadmap.

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Replies come from a human engineer — usually the one who would build your system.

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AI systems & automation — designed, built, and operated with engineering discipline. Open source first. Privacy by architecture.

APPENDIX B

Glossary & sources

Plain-language definitions for the terms used in this guide — written for the reader meeting them for the first time.

Agent (AI agent)	Software that pursues a goal over multiple steps: planning, calling tools, checking results — with limited autonomy under guardrails.
Agentic AI	Systems built around agents that act on objectives rather than only answering prompts.
Large language model (LLM)	A model trained on vast text that generates and reasons over language. The "brain" of an agent.
Open-weights model	A model whose weights are public, so you can run it on your own hardware — no vendor API required. Contrast: closed, API-only models.
Inference	The act of running a model to produce an answer. Inference happens locally (your hardware) or via a cloud API.
Quantization	Compressing a model's numbers so it uses less memory and runs faster on modest hardware, with small quality trade-off.
Orchestration	The workflow layer that sequences agent steps, tools, retries, and hand-offs between stages.
RAG (retrieval-augmented generation)	Giving the model relevant documents at answer time so replies are grounded in your data instead of general knowledge.
Embedding / vector search	Turning text into coordinates so similar meaning can be found fast — the engine behind "search by concept".
Vector database	A store optimised for similarity search over embeddings; the memory shelf of a knowledge assistant.
MCP (Model Context Protocol)	An open standard that lets any agent reach tools and data through one consistent interface — the "USB-C" of agent integration.
Token / context window	Tokens are the text units a model reads; the context window is how much fits at once. Cost and speed follow token count.

PII (personally identifiable information)	Data that identifies a person — names, contacts, records. In this guide's architecture, PII never leaves local inference.
Guardrails / approval gate	Rules and human checkpoints that bound what an agent may do on its own versus what waits for approval.
Watchdog	An automated monitor that checks health continuously and alerts (or safely fixes) when something drifts.
Autoscaling	Adding or removing compute automatically as workload rises and falls — pay for what you use.

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3. Descriptions of AZ Engineering systems reflect its own production stack as of 2026. Component categories are named generically; specific open-source products are selected per deployment and remain replaceable by design. No client identities, credentials, or internal configurations are included in this guide.

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