

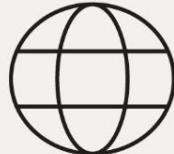
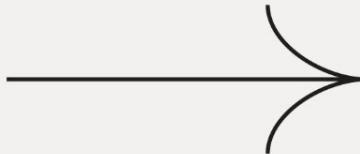
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Hands-On: AI Agent Development with ADK and MCP Server on Cloud Run

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Prerequisites

- A running MCP server on Cloud Run or its associated Service URL.
- A Google Cloud project with billing enabled.



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What you'll learn

- How to structure a Python project for ADK deployment.
- How to implement a tool-using agent with google-adk.
- How to connect an agent to a remote MCP server for its toolset.
- How to deploy a Python application as a serverless container to Cloud Run.
- How to configure secure, service-to-service authentication using IAM roles.
- How to delete Cloud resources to avoid incurring future costs.



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What you'll need

- A Google Cloud Account and Google Cloud Project
- A web browser such as [Chrome](#)



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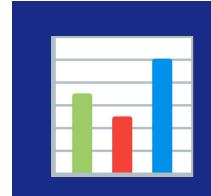
Agent



External systems and databases to ground the agent and allow it to take action. →

Model

Tools



Why build an agent?



Flexible

Can **reason** based on personalized inputs, handle unexpected **edge cases**, and respond in **natural language**. **Outcome-driven** rather than path-driven.



Easy to Prototype

Reduced dev time **integrating** with external APIs and databases, and in building deterministic, “if this then that” systems.



Proactive

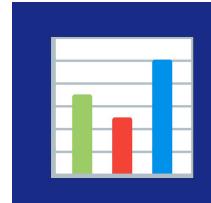
Can run an agent in response to a **user prompt**, on a **trigger** or **schedule** (autonomously).

Agent



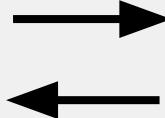
Model
Gemini

Tools



How do tools work?

1. User prompts agent



Agent



4. Model interprets tool B's output, and generates the agent's response to the user

2. Model selects tool B and formats tool request body {} ("function-calling")

Model

3. Agent framework calls tool B {}

Tools

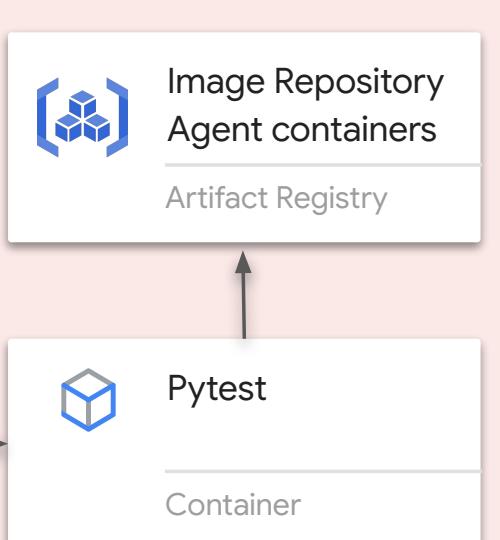
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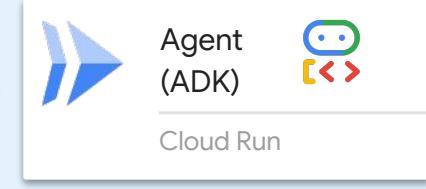
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Deploy your agent to Google Cloud

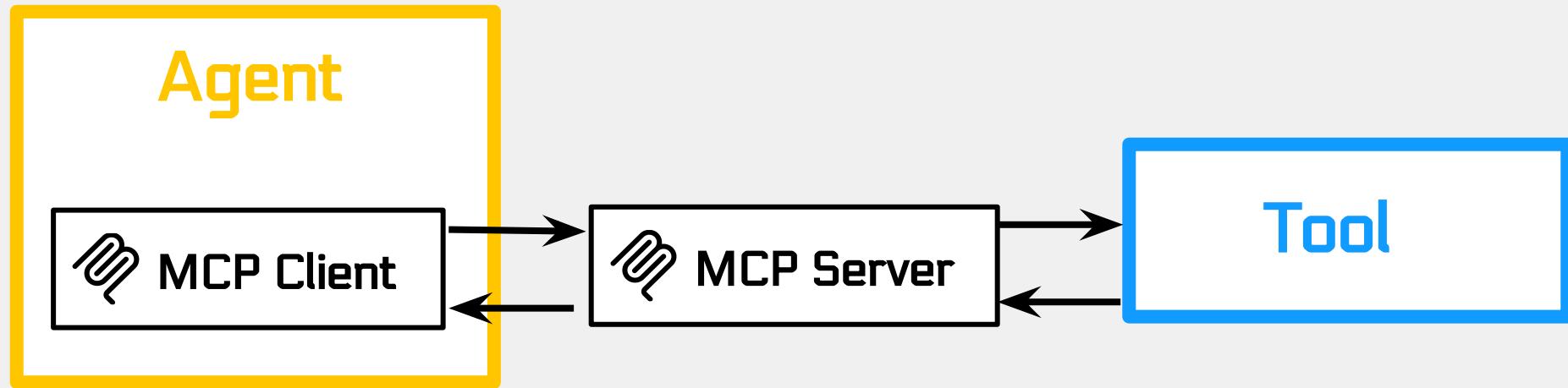
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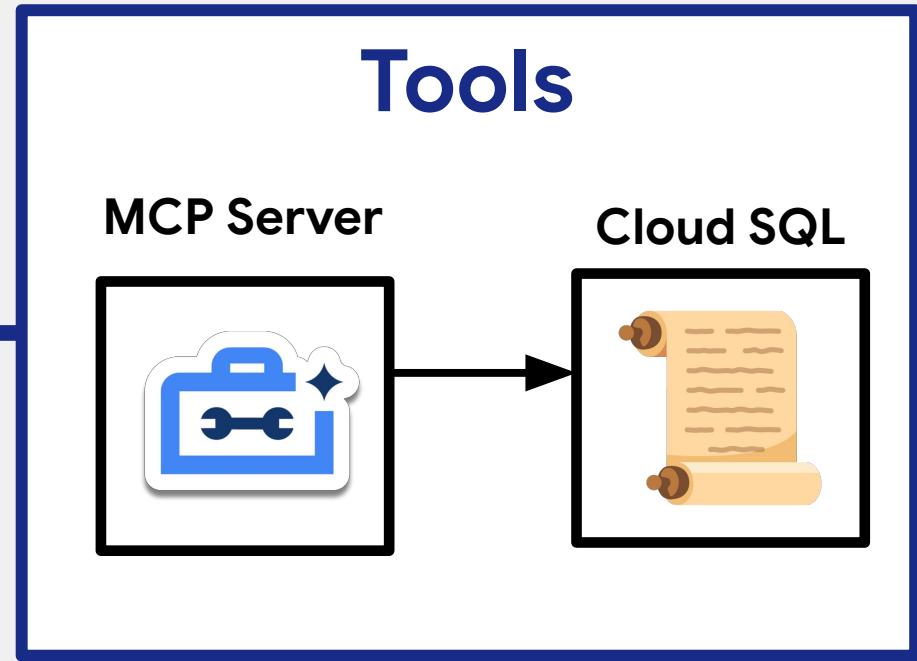
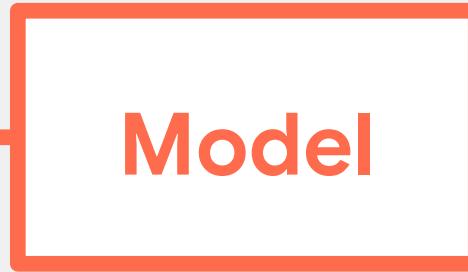
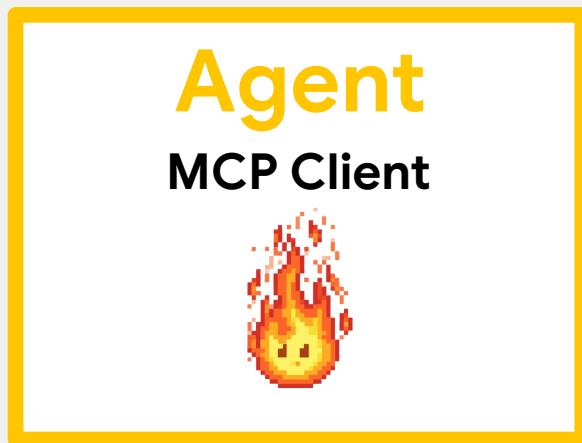


Runtime



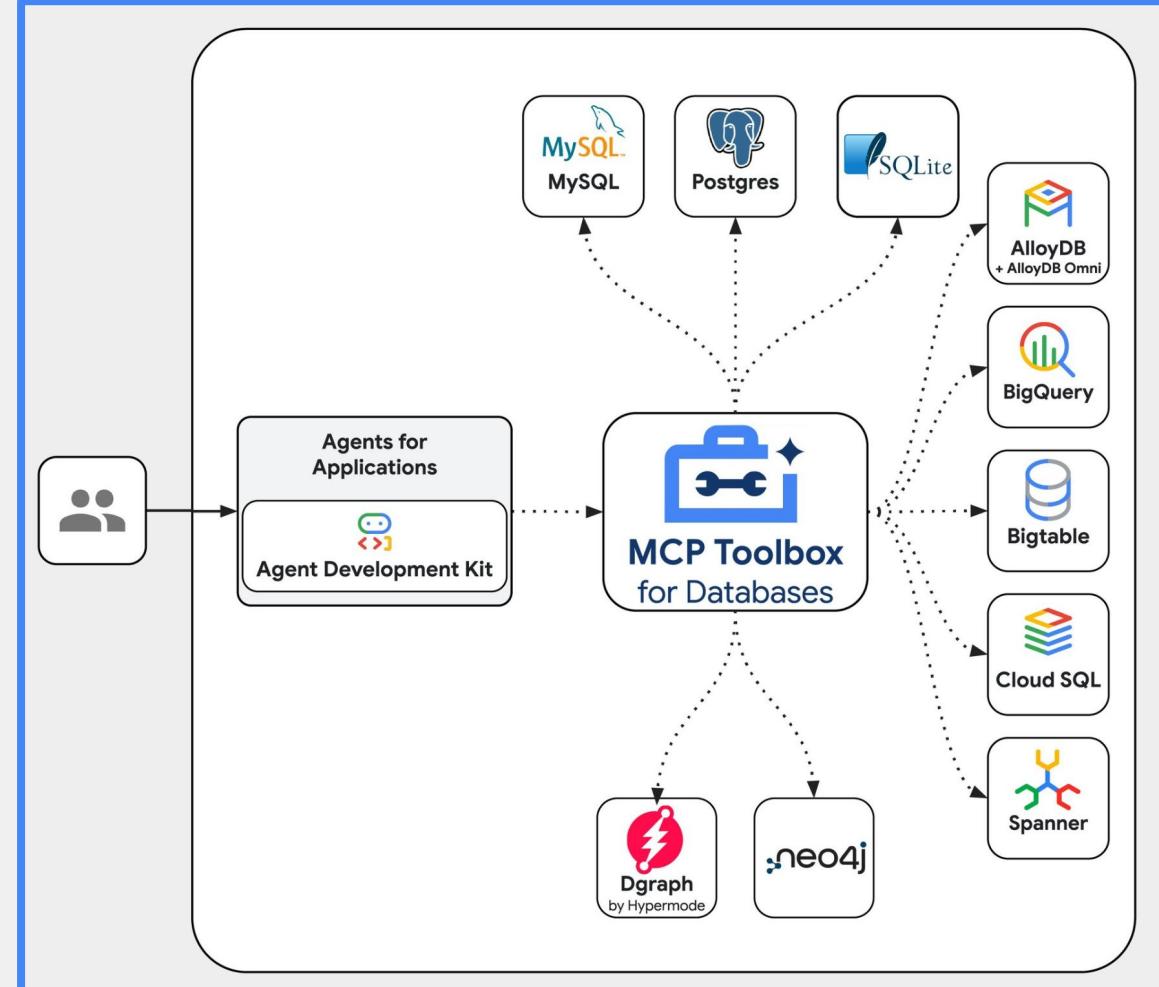
How does MCP work?





The MCP Toolbox for Databases is a Google-built, open-source MCP server for databases.

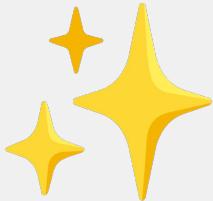
It handles specialized database connection pooling, DB auth, and observability with OpenTelemetry.



What does it take to operate agents?



Choose foundational infrastructure (eg. models)



Protect agents against malicious attacks



Observe agents in production



Choose and manage frameworks



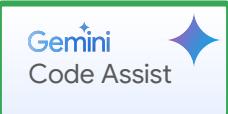
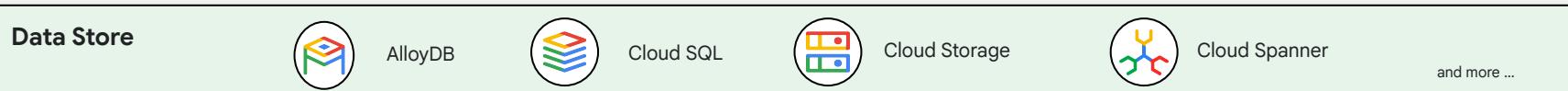
Manage auth + access into external- and internal-facing agents



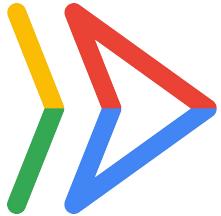
Build CI/CD pipelines for agents, models, and tools



An integrated & secure path to production for container workloads



Google Cloud Serverless Offering: Cloud Run



Any Language

Any Framework

Any Library



Ideal runtime environment for AI app development

- Serverless GPUs
- Scalable API endpoint for Agentic AI apps (e.g. AI agents, MCP servers)



Enterprise-grade platform supporting diverse workloads

- Scalable, secure, cost optimized, highly available
- A wide selection of workloads supported



Developer-centric platform designed for maximum ease-of-use and developer velocity

- Focus on code not infrastructure
- Fast deployment, easy integration with other Cloud services, language and framework agnostic
- Open and portable

Benefits of Cloud Run



Higher Velocity & Productivity.

Cloud Run allows developers to spend more time writing code and less time managing infrastructure.



Higher Reliability.

Cloud Run is redundant by default. Google is your SRE.



Lower Cost.

Cloud Run autoscales to meet your needs and scales to zero. Pay only for what you use.

95% faster deployment than legacy platforms

98% fewer interruptions to service

15% - 50% cheaper than provisioned platforms
75% cheaper than on-prem



Our initial concern about choosing serverless was cost.

It turns out that using **Cloud Run is significantly more cost-effective than running the number of VMs** we would need for a system that could survive reasonable traffic spikes with a similar level of confidence.





Cloud Run

Fully managed platform to run your code on top of Google's scalable infrastructure

Experience

- **Simple**
Demand as little as possible.
- **Automated**
Cloud Run takes care of a lot for you.
- **Top satisfaction and usability scores**
Highest CSAT and task success.
- **Developer productivity**
Idiomatic to developers, deployment velocity.

Runtime

- **Capable**
Run any code, any container
- **On-demand**
No pre-provisioning
- **Hyper-elastic**
Scales automatically **fast** ([0 to 10,000 containers in 10s](#)). Scales to **zero**
- **No infrastructure management**
No VM or cluster to manage

Pricing

Pay only when code is running, with a 100ms granularity.

- CPU
- Memory
- Requests (not always)

Perpetual monthly free tier

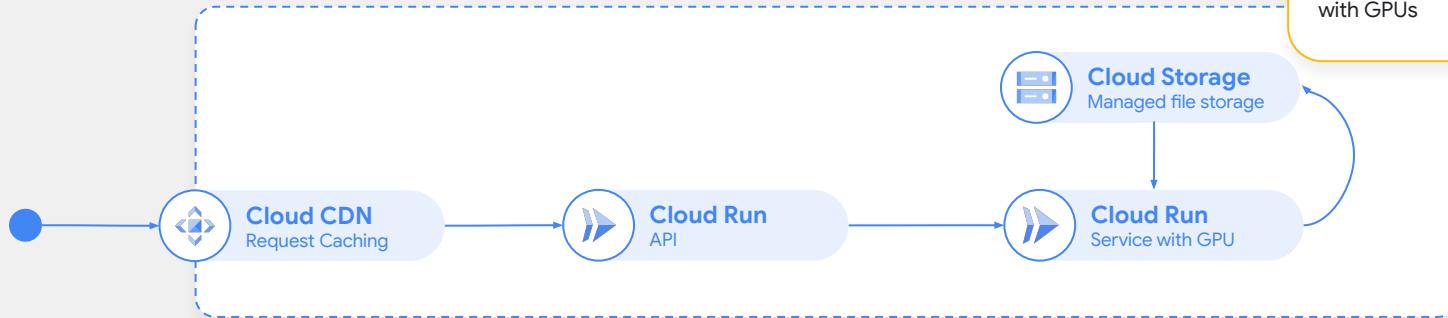
Flexible Committed Use Discounts

No flat fee!

"if you don't use it, you don't pay for it"

Design Patterns

On-demand AI inference with GPUs



Cloud Run Advantage

On-demand inference with <5s fast startup, autoscaling and scale to zero with GPUs

Use **Cloud Run** as a scalable API endpoint to serve requests.

Run LangChain or custom code validating requests and orchestrate calls to models

A **GPU attached Cloud Run service** runs LLM e.g. Gemma2 and fetches the LLM weights from **Cloud Storage** over a VPC with **Direct VPC egress**

Cloud Run GPU service performs inference such as text-to-text, text-to-image, send back the response via frontend.

AI agents plan, reason, and execute tasks for users

Four key components



Model(s)

Used to reason over goals, determine the plan and generate a response.



Tools

Fetch data, perform actions or transactions by calling other APIs or services.



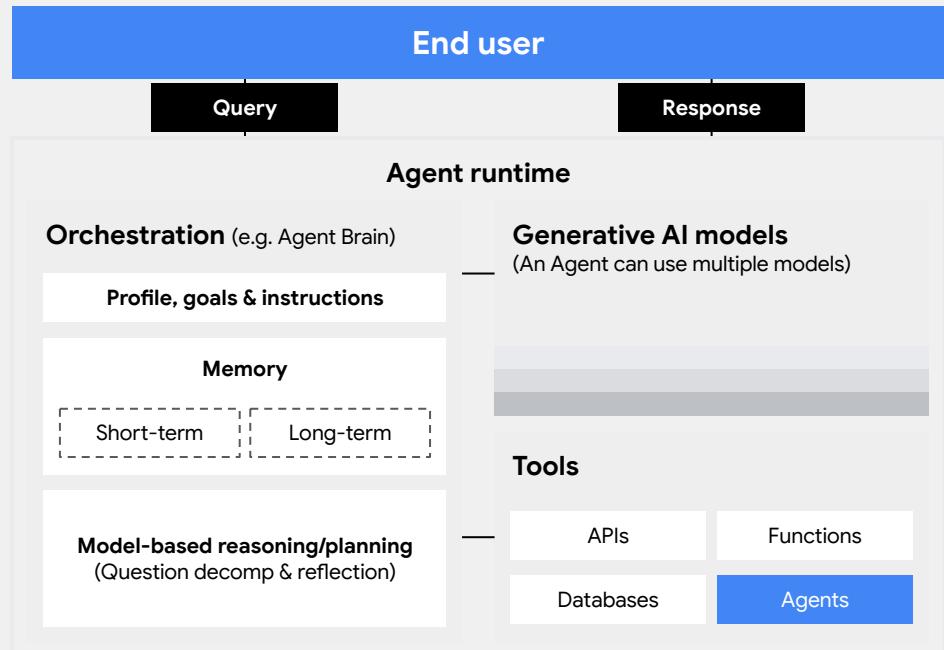
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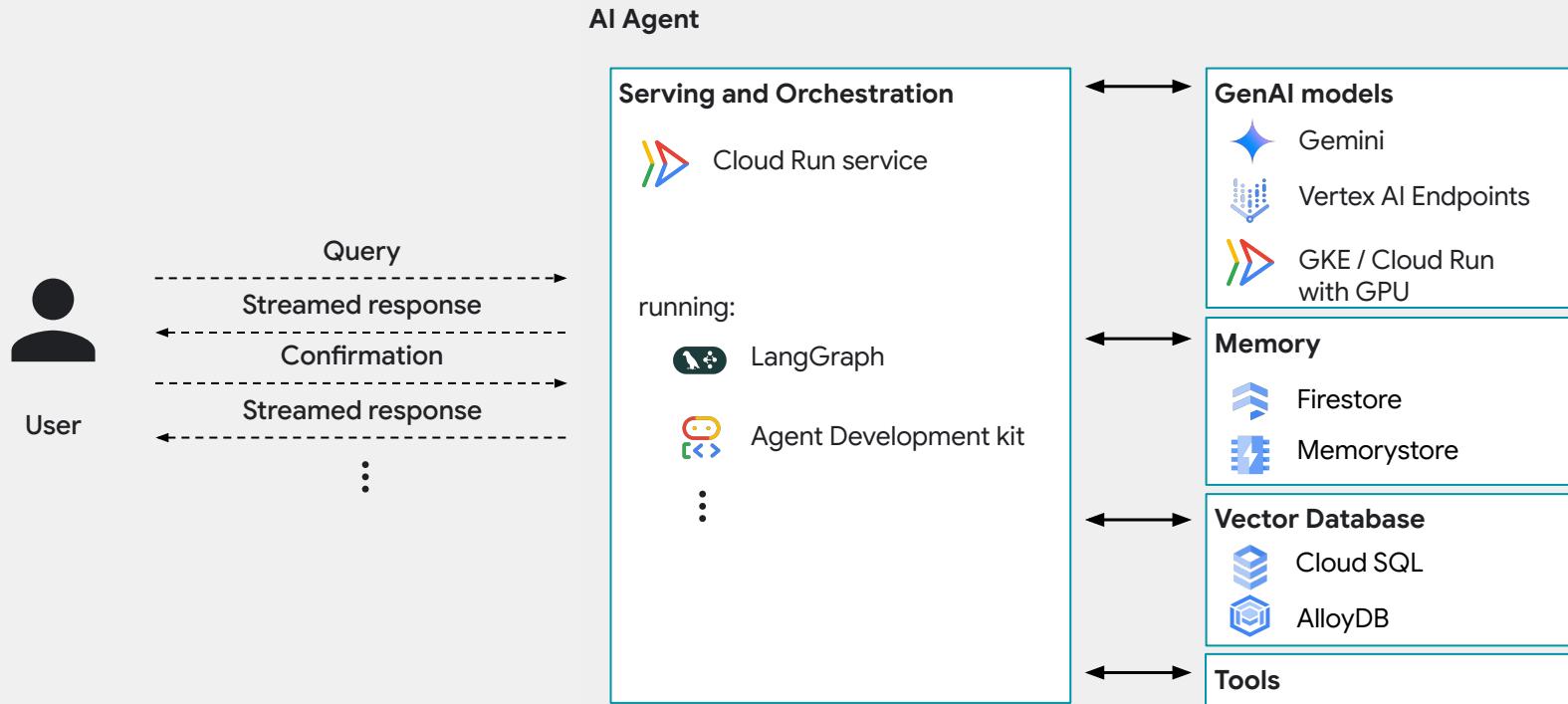
Runtime

Execute the system when invoked.



Run AI agents on Cloud Run

("Do It Yourself" on Google Cloud)



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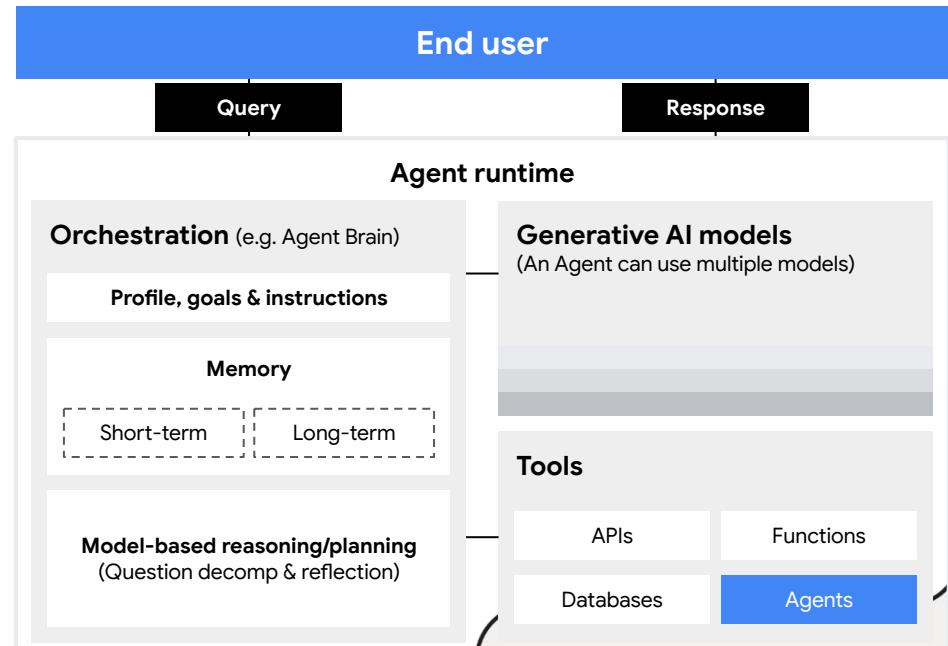
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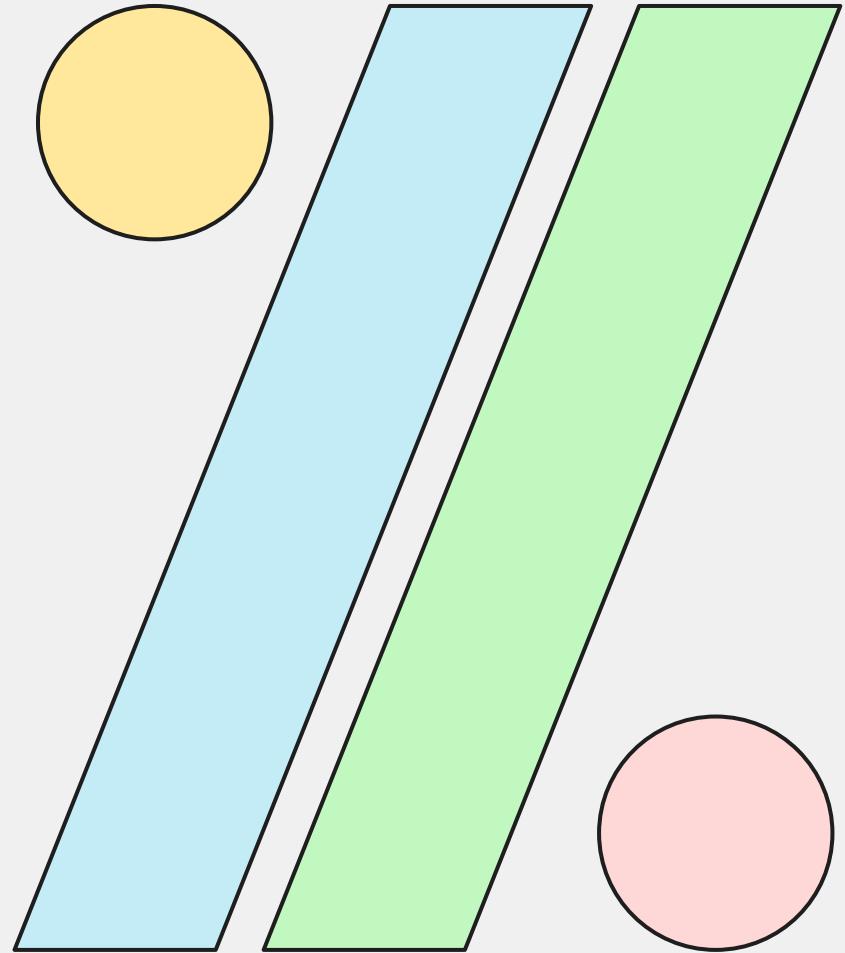
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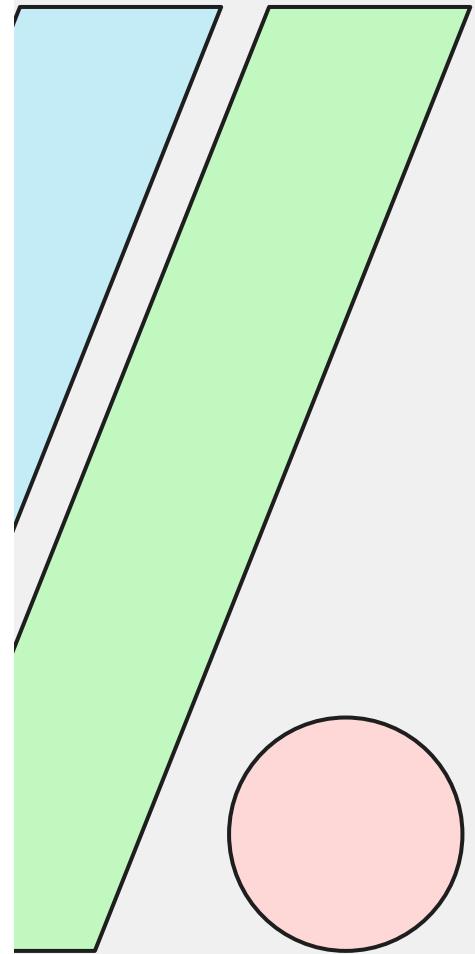
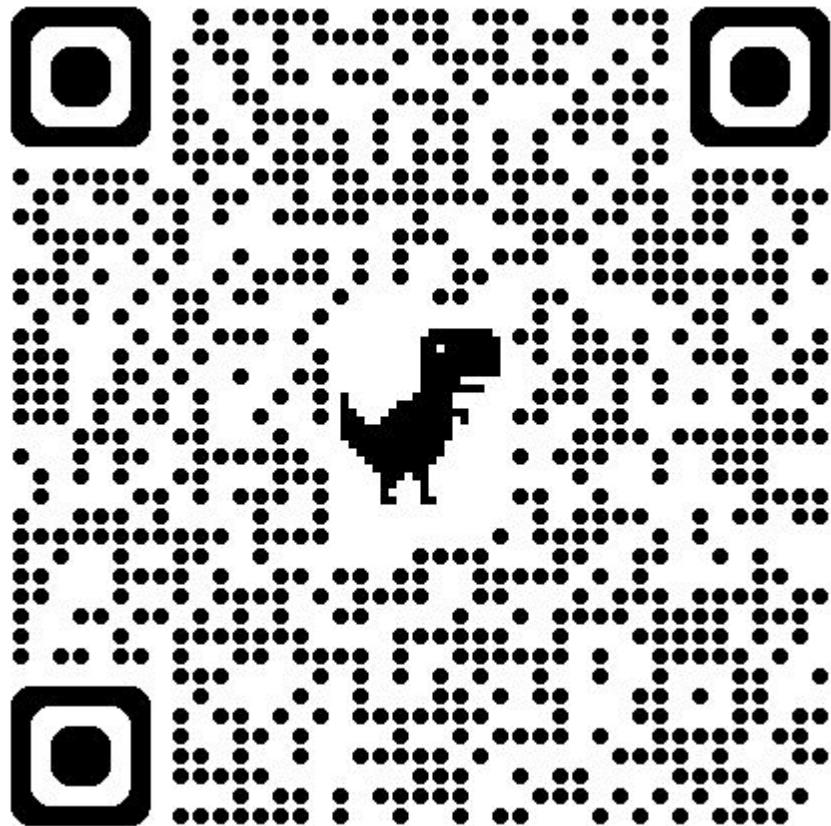
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Let's do Hands On Lab!





Thank you

