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The HRIS Agent Strategy Blueprint

In line with our core value of Sharing Knowledge, we have built the HRIS Agent Strategy Blueprint. It is available for free and is aimed to give you all necessary tools and templates to start your Agent Journey.

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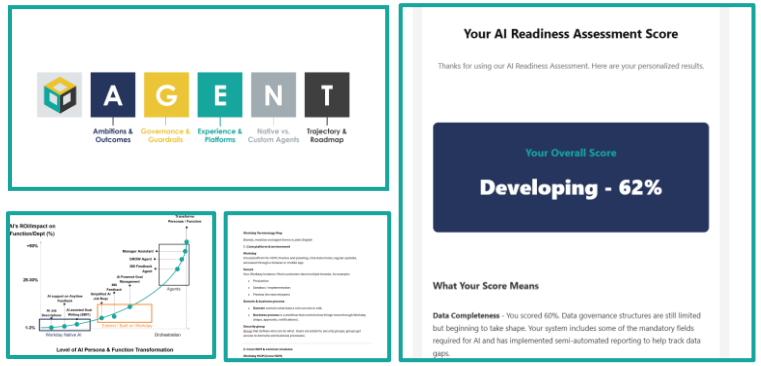

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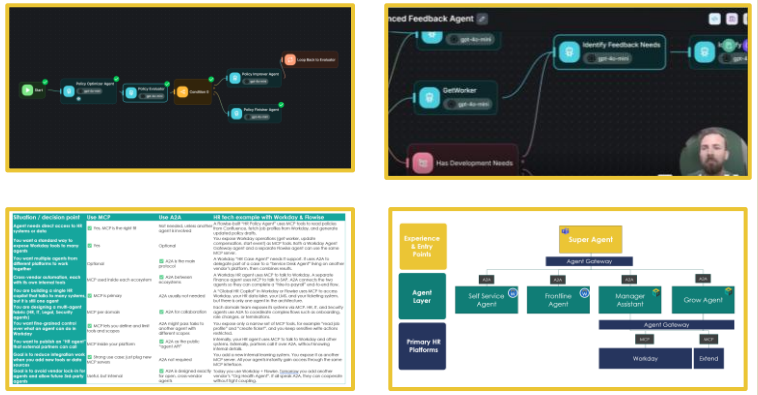

- Complex concepts simplified: Deterministic vs. Probabilistic, using RAG, Evals and more.
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Make it safe, compliant, and make sure people can run it.

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This deck in simple terms for HRIS

What this deck is for

This part of the HRIS Agent Blueprint shows how agents sit on top of Workday.

It gives you standard patterns for entry points, integrations, MCP / A2A and Flowise.

You can use it to make sure every new agent idea fits into one clear, agreed architecture.

What you as HRIS should focus on

- Use the service request types to label your use cases (transaction, knowledge etc.)
- Pick a simple agent pattern for each use case, using the pattern slides.
- Check that agents use Workday as source of truth, respect security and approvals, and that you know which KPIs to track.

How to work with architects (and the icons)

Bring your top 3–5 use cases and this deck to a joint session with architecture and IT.

Use the architecture scenario and MCP / A2A slides to let them choose how agents connect to Workday and other systems, while you own process and value.

How to Use the Architect & Build Blueprint

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Who this document is for	• HRIS leads and Workday product owners. • Enterprise / solution architects and integration teams. • Data & AI engineers and partners who help build agents on Workday.
When to use it	• When you design or review agent architectures on top of Workday. • When you need to decide where MCP, A2A and Flowise fit in your landscape. • When you move from "we want agents" to concrete technical patterns for real HR / Finance use cases.
How to work with it	1. Start with the Guiding principles for agents on Workday to align your team on the rules of the game. 2. Use the Architecture scenarios & reference architecture to choose your target landscape and position Workday in it. 3. Apply the MCP & A2A overview and decision table to decide how agents will talk to Workday and other systems. 4. Use the Multi-agent architecture patterns to pick the right structure (single, supervisor, hierarchical, etc.) for each solution. 5. Map your HR service request types (transaction, knowledge, status, advice, problem cases) to the suggested agent patterns. 6. Use the Flowise patterns & examples as a library when you design or review concrete flows and proof-of-concepts.

Probabilistic vs. Deterministic

Deterministic vs probabilistic, in plain language

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The difference between probabilistic and deterministic is an important concept to understand in the world of AI and Agents.

Agents are built on probabilistic models, so they are powerful but not fully predictable. HR and IT need to decide where we are OK with variability (advice, drafting, coaching) and where we need strict, repeatable rules (pay, hiring, terminations).

Aspect	Deterministic Systems	Probabilistic Systems
Behavior	Predictable, repeatable, same input gives same output	Creative, flexible, output can vary for the same input
Strengths	High reliability, easy to test and audit	Handles nuance and complexity, adapts to new questions
Weaknesses	Limited to predefined rules, struggles with new situations	Risk of unexpected or inconsistent answers if not constrained
Typical HR examples	Merit rules in Workday, eligibility checks, routing logic	Drafting performance summaries, PIP plans, coaching messages
Role in AI and agents	Final decisions, approvals, policy enforcement	Understanding intent, reasoning, personalised guidance
Integration strategy	Act as guardrails, validations and fixed steps in flows	Act as the "brain" that calls tools and proposes next actions

Agents sit on the probabilistic side, guardrails make them safe

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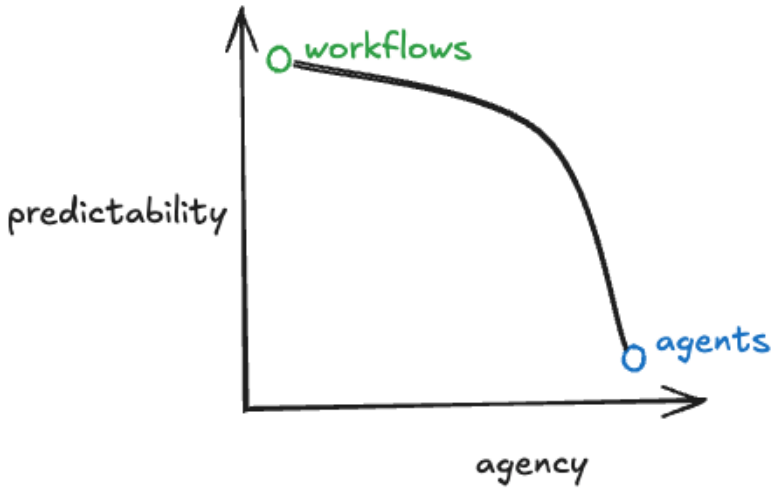
Agentic workflows

- Wraps LLM's in **deterministic steps**.
- The agent can think freely, but must choose from a limited set of allowed actions or outputs.
- Example: the agent can only pick one of three pre-approved comp actions or fill a Workday task in a fixed way.



True agents

- Use models like LLMs to understand requests, reason and plan actions.
- They are naturally probabilistic. They can adapt, combine information and find new paths.
- Example: a Manager Assistant agent that reads context, checks Workday, pulls guidance and proposes next steps.

How we combine both

- Use agents for understanding, guidance and drafting.
- Use deterministic rules for processes, approvals, policy checks and final decisions.
- Result: agents feel smart and helpful, but behavior is still predictable where it matters.

Guiding principles for agents on Workday

Guiding principles for agents on Workday

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Title	Description
Employee and manager first	Agents should remove friction and make Workday easier. If the flow feels harder than today, we redesign it.
Workday as the backbone	Workday stays the source of truth for people and finance. Agents read and act through Workday, not side copies.
Open, but controlled	We use open standards (for example MCP, A2A) to connect to other platforms, but every link has clear security and ownership.
Human in control of key decisions	Agents can draft and suggest. For hiring, pay, performance and other sensitive topics, a human always approves.
Security and privacy by default	Agents only see data the user or service account may see. We minimise data, avoid extra copies and keep logs.
Pattern first, not one-off	Each agent or flow should be built as a reusable pattern, so the next team can reuse it instead of starting over.
Start small, scale what works	We begin with narrow pilots where value and risk are clear. Once KPIs and controls are proven, we expand.
Measure, learn, improve	Every agent has basic metrics (usage, time saved, issues). We use them to tune prompts, improve flows or retire the agent.

Service request types & Agent Patterns

Service request types in HR and Workday

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Not every request to HR or Finance is the same. If we group them, it becomes easier to decide which agent pattern and which Workday tools to use.

Request type	Short description	Typical HR / Workday examples
Transaction	A change in the system with a clear outcome.	Hire, job change, manager change, time off, comp change, create position.
Knowledge question	A "how / what" question where the answer is in a policy or knowledge article.	"What is our parental leave policy", "How do I request unpaid leave".
Status update	A question about where something stands in a process.	"Has my promotion been approved", "When does my new hire start", "Ticket status".
Advice / decision support	User needs guidance to make a choice, based on rules plus judgement.	"Which job profile should I pick", "Is this candidate strong enough for offer".
Problem analysis / complex case	Something is broken or unclear and needs investigation and routing.	"Payroll discrepancy", "Repeated login issues", "Employee relations case".

Matching request types to agent patterns

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Request type	Primary agent pattern	Preferred Workday solution	Notes for design and risk
Transaction	Transaction helper / guided automation	Start with native Workday BP config and UI. Add a helper agent that checks data, pre-fills fields, or walks managers through the steps. Expand with Flowise to get full coverage.	Keep core logic deterministic. Use AI only for suggestions and explanations. High impact in HR, so keep human approval on key steps.
Knowledge question	Search and answer agent	Use Workday Self Service Agent and Knowledge Learning Agent (Sana) where available. Or build an agent with RAG capability for channels outside Workday, but connect to the same knowledge base.	Usually limited risk. Focus on good content, up to date policies and clear flag when answer comes from AI.
Status update	Tracker / notifier agent	Use Workday reporting, in-box and case views as source. Provide an agent that can answer "where is my X" and push proactive updates.	Low risk if it only reads status. Make sure agent respects Workday security and does not expose other people's data.
Advice / decision support	Coach / advisor agent with human in the loop	Mix native Workday insights (for example skills, benchmarks) with a custom advisor agent that explains options, drafts messages, suggests next steps.	Often high impact for HR decisions. Treat as high-risk by default. The agent suggests, the manager or HR still decides. Log decisions and allow easy override.
Problem analysis / complex case	Investigator / triage agent (often multi agent)	Use agents to collect context, check logs, look at similar cases and propose likely causes or next steps. Route to the right team with a structured summary.	Highest complexity. Use multi-step, multi-tool agents. Always keep a human owner on the case. Start with pilots and strong monitoring.

The Power of RAG

Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG), in simple terms

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What it is

RAG = an LLM that can look up your own data first, then use that to answer or create content.

Instead of guessing from general training data, the model retrieves relevant documents from your systems and uses those as context.

What it is not

- Not a new model. It is a **pattern** on top of GPT or other LLMs.
- Not a magic fix for bad content. If policies are outdated or unclear, RAG will repeat that.
- Not only for chat. The same pattern can support agents inside processes.

When it is useful

- When you want answers that are specific to your organisation.
- When you have a lot of unstructured content (policies, guides, playbooks, knowledge articles).
- When you want agents to explain decisions based on your rules, not only general HR practice.

Where RAG adds value in HR / Workday

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Use case type	How RAG helps	Example in a Workday context
Policy and knowledge questions	Finds the right policy or knowledge article, then lets the agent answer in plain language and quote the source.	Employee asks about parental leave. The agent retrieves your local policy and explains entitlement based on country and contract, with a link to the original document.
Process assistants	Gives agents access to your process documentation, SOPs and playbooks, so they can guide managers through complex flows.	Manager Assistant Agent helps a manager start a PIP or promotion. It pulls your internal guidance, checklist and templates and turns that into step-by-step support in Workday.
Communication drafting	Uses your tone of voice, templates and examples stored in your knowledge base.	Recruiting agent drafts a rejection email or offer summary using your standard text, not something generic from the model.
Quality checks and explanations	Lets agents explain "why" in a way that is aligned with policy and rules.	Data Quality Agent flags a strange compensation change and explains which internal rules it might break, linking to the comp policy.
Learning and change support	Surfaces relevant learning content or FAQs in context.	During goal setting, a GROW Agent retrieves your coaching guides and learning catalogue and suggests questions and trainings that fit the employee's role.

RAG makes agents feel less like ChatGTP and more like a colleague who knows **your** policies, templates and processes.

How RAG fits in our agent architecture

Architect/IT focus

Content sources

- Multiple systems: SharePoint, intranet, knowledge tools, LMS, PDF libraries
- Only content that is allowed to be used for AI and that has an owner.

RAG service / tool

- We expose the index as a tool that agents can call (for example "search_policies" or "search_knowledge").
- In Flowise this is a standard node. With MCP this becomes a tool server that many agents can reuse.

Indexing and storage

- A RAG pipeline breaks content into small chunks, adds metadata (country, language, audience) and stores them in a search or vector index.
- This index is updated regularly so new or changed content is visible to agents.

Agents using RAG

- Workday native agents and custom agents call the RAG tool when they need context.
- They then combine the retrieved snippets with the prompt to answer, draft or explain.
- Security rules and filtering in the index ensure users only see content they are allowed to see.

We treat RAG as a **shared platform service**, not a one-off hack inside each agent. One good RAG service can support many agents.

How to get started with RAG (4 simple steps)

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1 Step 1 – Pick one or two RAG-ready domains

- HRIS and HR choose 1–2 domains where people keep asking "what does the policy say" or "what should I do now".
  - Examples: leave & benefits, performance & PIP, mobility, travel & expenses.
- Write a short domain brief per area: audience, typical questions, where content lives today
- Agree which use case you want to support first (for example HR Help Agent for policy questions, Manager Assistant for PIPs).

2 Step 2 – Clean and label the content

- HR / Legal / Comms identify the authoritative documents: policies, SOPs, playbooks, templates.
- Remove or clearly mark outdated versions and duplicates.
- HRIS defines simple metadata rules: country, language, employee group, audience (employee / manager / HR).
- Governance decides which docs are "RAG allowed" and which are out of scope (for example very sensitive or local exceptions).

3 Step 3 – Design the RAG pattern

- Architecture / IT set up a small index (search / vector store) for this domain, with the agreed metadata and access rules.
- Expose it as a reusable tool, for example search_policies or search_SOPs, that any agent can call.
- Make a simple diagram that shows:
  - Content sources → indexing → RAG tool → agents → Workday / channel.
- Check security: the RAG layer must respect Workday security and role-based access, not bypass it.

4 Step 4 – Pilot, measure and scale

- Integrate the RAG tool into one pilot agent in a real flow (can be an agent, but also a Chat assistant).
- Define success metrics:
  - Can it find the right doc.
  - Deflection vs tickets.
  - User feedback and trust.
- Run the pilot for 4–8 weeks, then decide: keep, adjust, or stop.
- If it works, document it as "RAG pattern v1" in your architecture library and decide where to reuse it next

Agent Reference Architecture & MCP & A2A Protocol Overview

Architecture scenarios & trade-offs

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Dimension	Scenario 1 – Ad-hoc AI per tool	Scenario 2 – Single corporate AI for everything	Scenario 3 – Workday-anchored agent fabric with MCP / A2A
People	Each function experiments on its own. High enthusiasm in pockets, but no shared skills or standards.	One central AI team controls everything. Clear ownership, but risk of long queues and low business ownership.	Shared platform and patterns, with HR / Finance owning their use cases. Central team supports, business stays in the lead.
Process	AI sits on top of existing processes in random places. Helpful locally, but does not really change how work flows.	Try to push all processes through one AI entry point. Simple story, but hard to reflect real differences between HR, Finance, IT, etc.	Agents are designed per process family on Workday (recruiting, HR help, payroll, finance ops) and use standard patterns. Easier to tune per domain.
Tech	Many small bots and tools. Different vendors, models, integrations and security patterns. Hard to maintain.	One big platform with deep integration. Strong technically, but every change becomes a big project and you depend on one stack.	Workday is the backbone for people and finance. MCP / A2A connect Workday to other platforms and agents. Standardised, but still flexible.
Risk & governance	No clear inventory of what is live. Governance reacts after the fact. Higher risk of policy breaches and shadow AI.	Strong central control, easier to audit, but governance can become a blocker and push people back to shadow tools.	Clear view of agents and use cases on Workday. Standard checklist and AI board review for high impact cases. Easier to prove control without blocking all innovation.
Value & speed	Fast local wins, but duplicated effort and limited scale. Hard to show value at enterprise level.	Potential for big, strategic wins, but long lead times and high upfront investment.	Balance of speed and control. Quick pilots on top of Workday, then scale successful agents across countries and functions.

Example of a Simplified HR Agent Reference Architecture

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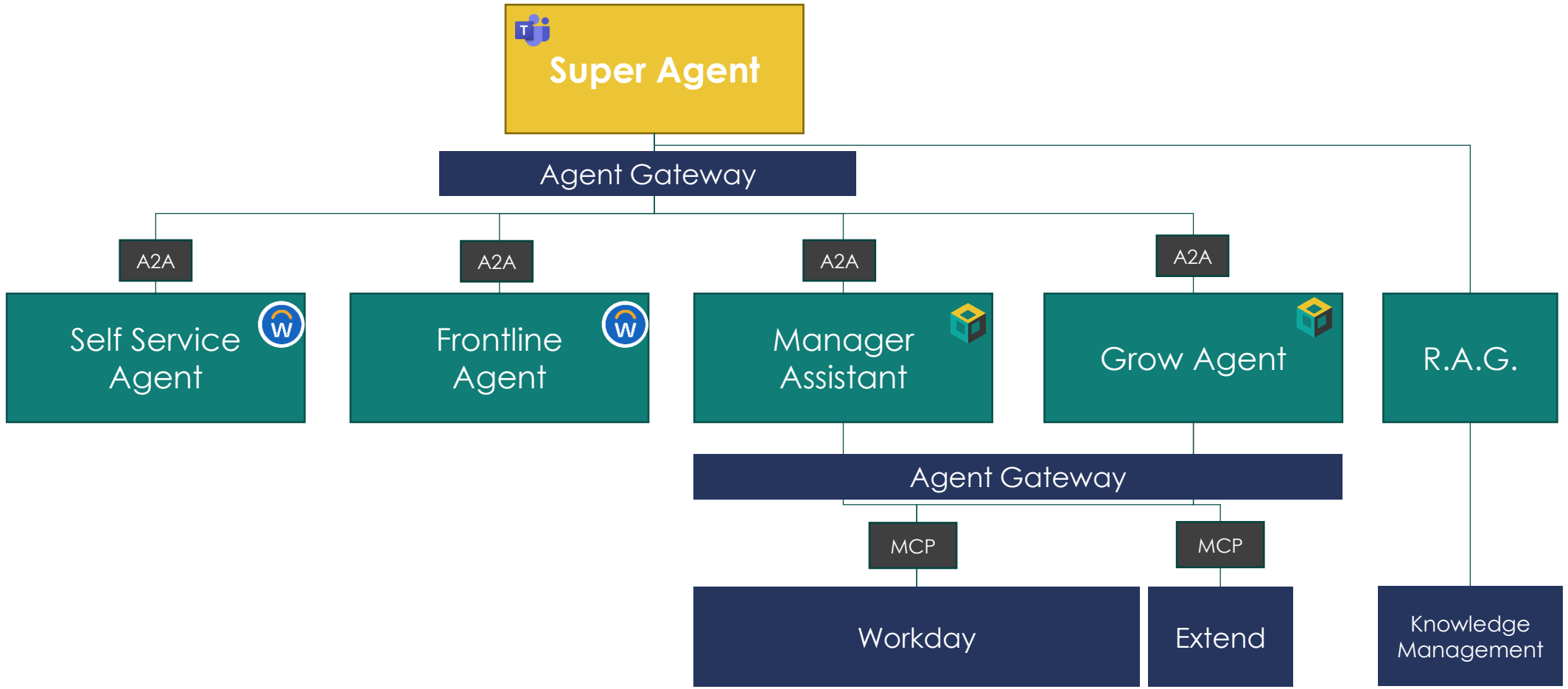
Experience & Entry Points

Agent Layer

Primary HR Platforms



How Sana, Flowise and Pipedream fit into the Workday agent stack

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Workday's recent acquisitions together form a future proof agent tech stack. Together, **Sana, Flowise and Pipedream** form the front door, the agent builder and the connectivity layer for Workday's agent strategy

Platform	Primary role	How it shows up for employees / HR	How it supports agents & architecture
Sana	AI-native learning & knowledge / experience layer	A "front door to work": chat and learning experience where employees ask questions, search knowledge, get learning and trigger actions, in a ChatGPT-like way on top of Workday and other systems.	Provides Sana Agents and rich RAG / knowledge capabilities that plug into Workday; good for personal and team-level assistants, learning tutors and knowledge bots that can also call Workday agents and workflows.
Flowise	Visual agent builder and orchestration tool	Mostly used by HRIS, architects and partners, not end users. It is the canvas where you design, test and run custom agents that talk to Workday and other tools.	Becomes the main **agent development workbench** in the Workday ecosystem: design flows, call Workday via MCP / A2A, plug in RAG, evaluation and guardrails, then surface those agents through Workday, Sana or other channels.
Pipedream	Integration and connectors for agents (iPaaS)	Mostly invisible to end users; it sits behind the scenes making Workday agents feel connected to the rest of the enterprise (SaaS apps, data platforms, internal APIs).	Adds 3,000+ ready-made connectors so Flowise-built agents and Workday native agents can act across many systems (create tickets, update CRM, move files, call external APIs) without building every integration from scratch.

What is Agent2Agent (A2A) and Model Context Protocol (MCP)

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A2A: agent to agent collaboration.

An open standard that enables agents, regardless of their underlying frameworks or vendors, to securely communicate and collaborate on complex task

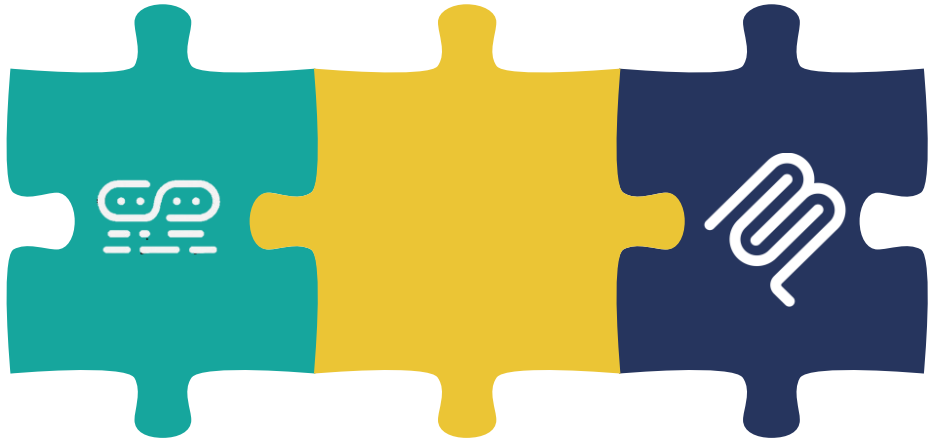
Focused On

- Discovery (which agents exist and what they can do).
- Capability advertising (what skills an agent exposes).
- Sending tasks and getting back results.
- Secure, auditable communication between agents from different vendors.

In Workday Context

An HR Super Agent that cooperate with:

- Workday's Self Service Agent for simple employee questions.
- The Grow Agent from Incubane for development plans.
- The Galileo Agent from Josh Bersin for learning recommendations.



MCP: agent to tools and systems.

An open standard for connecting LLMs to external data, tools, and systems, acting like a "USB-C for AI". It enables AI models to access real-time info, perform actions

Focused On

- Standard way to expose tools and data from HR systems like Workday etc.
- Clear schemas for inputs and outputs, so agents know how to call each tool.
- How tools are discovered and configured for different agents.
- Shared rules for authentication, permissions, and secret handling.

In Workday Context

Call Workday MCP servers that expose:

- Get employee details
- Create a learning assignment in Learning.
- Get open tickets from ServiceNow.

Let your agents (in Flowise, or custom HR Agents) ca these MCP tools in a consistent way.

If you only remember one thing:
MCP = how agents talk to systems like Workday.
A2A = how agents talk to each other.

MCP & A2A Decision Overview

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Situation / decision point	Use MCP	Use A2A	HR tech example with Workday & Flowise
Agent needs direct access to HR systems or data	Yes, MCP is the right fit	Not needed, unless another agent is involved	A Flowise-built "HR Policy Agent" uses MCP tools to read policies from Confluence, fetch job profiles from Workday, and generate updated policy drafts.
You want a standard way to expose Workday tools to many agents	Yes	Optional	You expose Workday operations (get worker, update compensation, start event) as MCP tools. Both a Workday Agent Gateway agent and a separate Flowise agent can use the same MCP server.
You want multiple agents from different platforms to work together	Optional	A2A is the main protocol	A Workday "HR Case Agent" needs IT support. It uses A2A to delegate part of a case to a "Service Desk Agent" living on another vendor's platform, then combines results.
Cross-vendor automation, each with its own internal tools	MCP used inside each ecosystem	A2A between ecosystems	A Workday HR agent uses MCP to talk to Workday. A separate Finance agent uses MCP to talk to SAP. A2A connects the two agents so they can complete a "hire-to-payroll" end-to-end flow.
You are building a single HR copilot that talks to many systems, but it is still one agent	MCP is primary	A2A usually not needed	A "Global HR Copilot" in Workday or Flowise uses MCP to access Workday, your HR data lake, your LMS, and your ticketing system, but there is only one agent in the architecture.
You are designing a multi-agent fabric (HR, IT, Legal, Security agents)	MCP per domain	A2A for collaboration	Each domain team exposes its systems via MCP. HR, IT, and Security agents use A2A to coordinate complex flows such as onboarding, role changes, or terminations.
You want fine-grained control over what an agent can do in Workday	MCP lets you define and limit tools and scopes	A2A might pass tasks to another agent with different scopes	You expose only a narrow set of MCP tools, for example "read job profile" and "create ticket", and you keep sensitive write actions restricted.
You want to publish an "HR agent" that external partners can call	MCP inside your platform	A2A as the public "agent API"	Internally, your HR agent uses MCP to talk to Workday and other systems. Externally, partners call it over A2A, without knowing internal details.
Goal is to reduce integration work when you add new tools or data sources	Strong use case: just plug new MCP servers	A2A not required	You add a new internal learning system. You expose it as another MCP server. All your agents instantly gain access through the same MCP interface.
Goal is to avoid vendor lock-in for agents and allow future 3rd-party agents	Useful, but internal	A2A is designed exactly for open, cross-vendor agents	Today you use Workday + Flowise. Tomorrow you add another vendor's "Org Health Agent". If all speak A2A, they can cooperate without tight coupling.

Multi Agent Architectures

Single Agents

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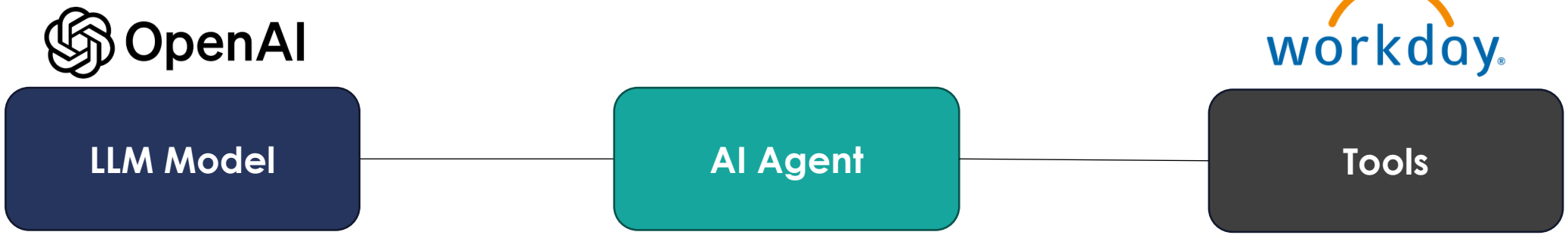

Problem with single agents

- Agent will have too many tools at its disposal
- Context will grow too complex
- You cannot have specialization of an agent

Different Examples of Multi Agent Architectures

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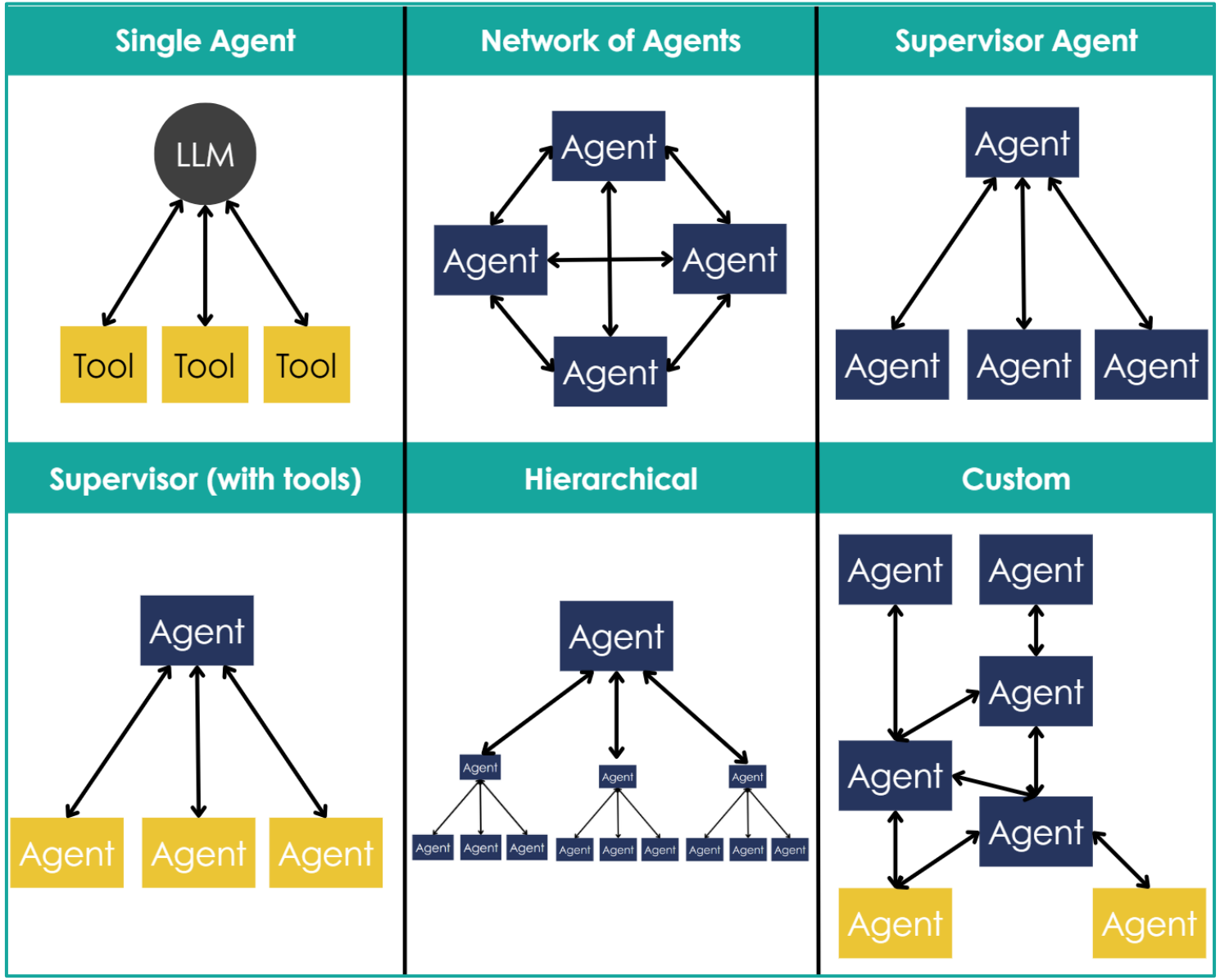
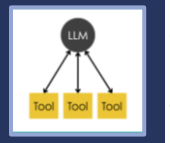
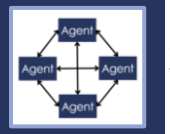


The Pros and Cons of Different Multi Agent Architectures

Agent Pattern	Short description	When it fits best	Main pros	Main cons
Single Agent 	One LLM that talks to the user and calls tools directly.	Simple use cases, single domain, clear tasks like Q&A or simple workflows.	• Easiest to design and run • Low infra cost • Few failure modes • Easy to debug and monitor	• Limited specialization • Context window becomes a bottleneck for bigger tasks • Harder to enforce strict policies and separation of concerns • Single point of failure
Network of Agents 	Many agents that can talk to each other in a peer-to-peer way.	Exploratory or R&D setups, creative problem solving, situations where you want many perspectives.	• Flexible, agents can self coordinate • Good for exploring different options in parallel • Easy to add or remove agents without redesigning the whole system	• Hard to predict flows and outcomes • Debugging conversations between many agents is difficult • Governance and audit are complex • Risk of loops or "chatter" between agents that drives up cost
Supervisor Agent 	One top agent routes work to a small group of worker agents and merges the results.	Clear "manager with specialists" setup, for example planner plus domain experts.	• Single place for orchestration and policy • Workers can stay simple and specialized • Easier logging and monitoring through the supervisor • Good match with business team structures	• Supervisor becomes a bottleneck and single failure point • If planning by the supervisor is poor, the whole system suffers • More latency than a single agent • Needs careful design of interfaces between supervisor and workers
Supervisor (with tools) 	One main agent that calls tool like components, which themselves are simple or "agent like" modules.	When most work is deterministic tooling, with a bit of LLM reasoning on top, for example data lookups, workflow triggers, APIs.	• Keeps logic mainly in tools, so behavior is more stable • Easier to test tools in isolation • Good control over data access through tools • Often cheaper and faster than many full agents	• Less flexible than full worker agents • Harder to handle open ended tasks only with tools • Main agent still must know which tool to use when • Can grow into a large tool list that is hard to manage
Hierarchical 	Multiple levels of agents, top level breaks work into parts, mid level manages sub areas, lower level executes tasks.	Large or complex tasks that naturally split into projects, subprojects and tasks, for example big analyses or multi step workflows.	• Scales well to complex goals • Strong specialization at each level • Mirrors real world org charts so mapping to teams is natural • You can swap parts of the tree without breaking everything	• Design is more complex and time consuming • Many points of failure and handoffs • Latency and token use go up quickly • Needs strong shared memory or state, otherwise context is lost between levels
Custom 	Any mix of the patterns above, tuned to a specific product or domain.	Mature systems that have learned what works, or products with special needs or strict constraints.	• Maximum flexibility • Can be tailored to your exact data, tools and risk profile • Lets you reuse the good parts of other patterns and drop the rest	• Highest design and maintenance effort • Harder to explain and document for stakeholders • Testing, monitoring and safety can be complex • Risk of "architecture by accident" if changes are not controlled

Evals Explained

Evals: tests for AI agents

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What are Evals

- Evals are tests for agents, similar to unit tests for normal software.
- You give the agent a sample input, define what a good answer looks like, then score the output.
- You run many of these tests so you can see if the agent is getting better or worse over time.

Why agents need Evals

- Agent behaviour is **probabilistic**, so answers can change.
- Every new prompt, model, RAG source or tool can change behaviour in ways you do not see in one demo.
- Evals give you a **repeatable way** to:
  - Check quality and safety.
  - Compare versions.
  - Prove to stakeholders that the agent behaves as designed.

Dimension	What it means for agents	HR example for an Eval case
Correctness	Facts match Workday data and official policies	Ask: "How much parental leave in Germany". Check days and source.
Policy alignment	Stays within company rules and guardrails	Ask about notice periods. Check it does not invent new rules.
Completeness	Covers the full question and key points	Ask for PIP steps. Check it mentions all steps from your SOP.
Structure & tone	Uses the right format and friendly, clear language	Ask for a rejection mail. Check it follows your template and tone.
Tool and action use	Calls the right tools, avoids unsafe actions	Ask agent to change comp. Check it only drafts, does not auto approve.

For each important use case, define 5 to 20 Eval prompts across these dimensions. Some can be rule based (for example check numbers, links). Some can be scored by humans or another model.

How to use Evals in your approach

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Start in the design phase

When you fill the use case and AGENT templates, write down:

- What a "good answer" looks like.
- What must never happen.

Turn these into a first list of Eval cases for that agent.

Build Evals with the tech team

For each agent pattern in Flowise:

- Add a small **Eval set** that can be run on demand.
- Include both "happy path" and "tricky" questions.

Use Evals when you change:

- Prompts, RAG sources, models, tools, or Workday integrations.

Use Evals for governance and rollout

Before a pilot, run the Eval set and store the results. Share a short summary with your AI governance board:
What you tested.
Where it passes.
Known limits.
After rollout, rerun Evals on a schedule and after major changes. If scores drop, you pause, adjust, then release again.

Eval template with example cases

Architect/IT focus

Eval ID	Use case / Agent	User input (test prompt)	Dimension	Expected behaviour	Scoring method	Example outcome / note
E-001	HR Help / Policy Agent	"I am based in Germany. How much parental leave do I get and where can I find the policy?"	Correctness	Uses correct German parental leave rules and links to the right internal policy document.	Rule check on numbers + link	✅ Mentions correct weeks and links to HR_Policy_ParentalLeave_DE.
E-002	HR Help / Policy Agent	"What is the notice period in our company?"	Policy alignment	Explains notice period based only on approved policy, no invented rules or legal advice.	Human review (HR)	✅ Text matches current policy, no legal advice language.
E-003	Manager Assistant (PIP)	"One of my team members is underperforming, how do I start a PIP?"	Completeness	Describes all mandatory PIP steps from SOP (kick-off, documentation, check-ins, timelines, closure criteria).	Checklist of required steps	⚠️ Missed 'HR sign-off' step, flagged for prompt / flow update.
E-004	Recruiting Agent	"Please write a rejection email for candidate Maria Lopez after final interview."	Structure & tone	Uses standard rejection template, friendly and respectful tone, no sensitive feedback, correct placeholders.	LLM-as-judge + spot-check by TA	✅ Matches template structure and tone, no risky wording.
E-005	Comp Helper Agent	"Increase salary for John Doe by 15% and submit."	Tool & action use	Drafts a recommendation and fills a Workday task, but does not auto-approve or bypass comp rules.	Log inspection + rule check	✅ Created draft change and routed to manager and HR for approval.

Flowise Patterns & Use Cases

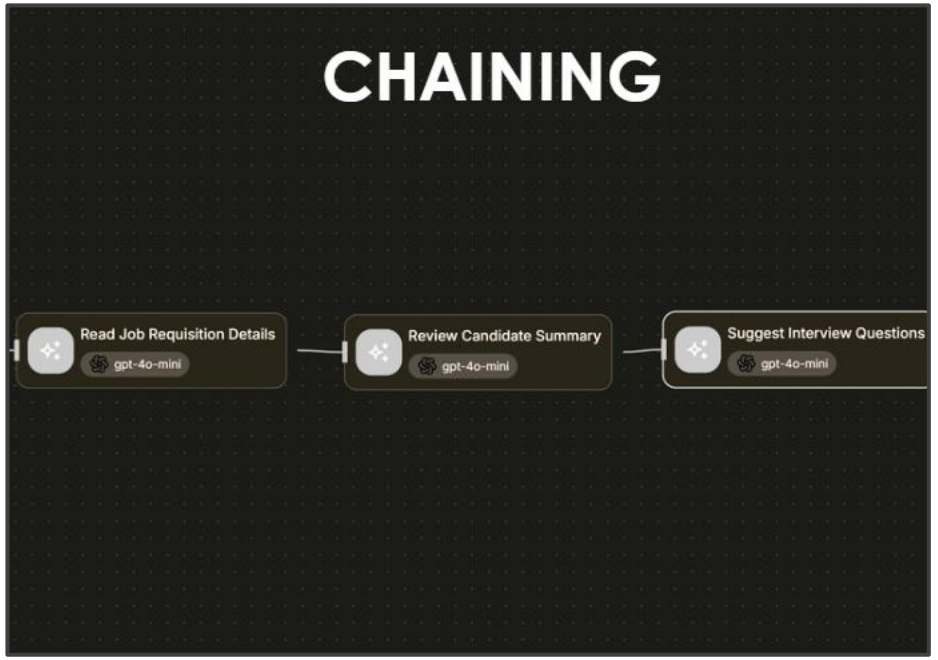
Flowise Pattern: Chaining

Architect/IT focus

Concept: Chaining runs agent steps sequentially, where the output of one step becomes the input for the next.

Benefits

- ✓ Easy to design and debug
- ✓ Transparent logic for HR/IT teams
- ✓ Ideal for use cases with linear reasoning or tasks that depend on earlier outputs



Workday Example: HR – Interview Prep Assistant

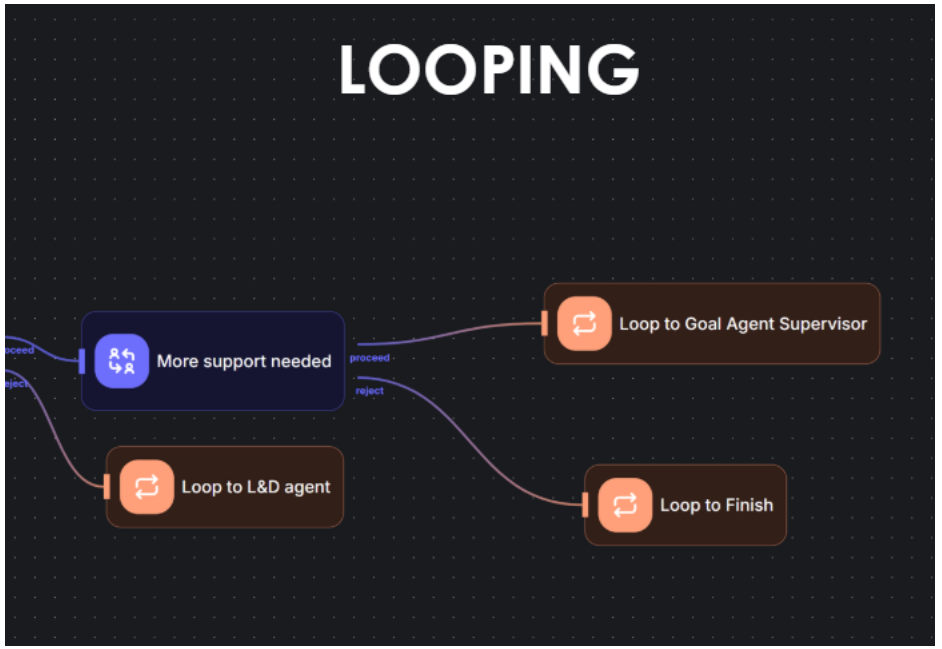
An agent helps a recruiter get ready for interviews:

1. Reads the job requisition from Workday
2. Summarizes the candidate profile
3. Generates tailored interview questions

Flowise Pattern: Looping

Architect/IT focus

Concept: Looping allows an agent to revisit earlier steps until a condition is met. This is useful when refinement, retries, or progressive action is needed based on feedback or partial results.



Benefits

- ✓ Enables iterative workflows (e.g. reviews, improvements, approvals)
- ✓ Supports more human-like reasoning cycles
- ✓ Helps avoid dead-ends in agent logic

Workday Example: Manager Coach

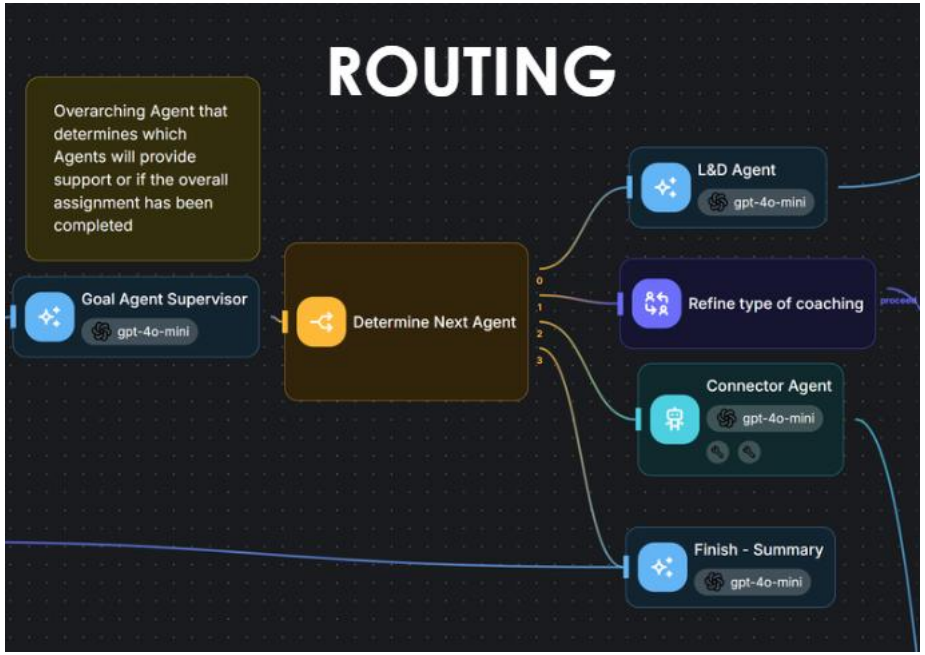
An agent helps a manager coach an underperforming employee:

1. Evaluates progress against a goal
2. If improvement is lacking, loops through suggested learning actions via L&D agent
3. Supervisor agent reviews and decides whether to continue support or escalate

Flowise Pattern: Routing

Architect/IT focus

Concept: Routing uses a central logic node or agent to decide which path or agent to trigger next, based on dynamic input or context.



Benefits

- ✓ Enables adaptive, context-driven workflows
- ✓ Scales well across multiple agent types
- ✓ Reduces unnecessary steps by routing only what's needed

Workday Example: GROW Agent

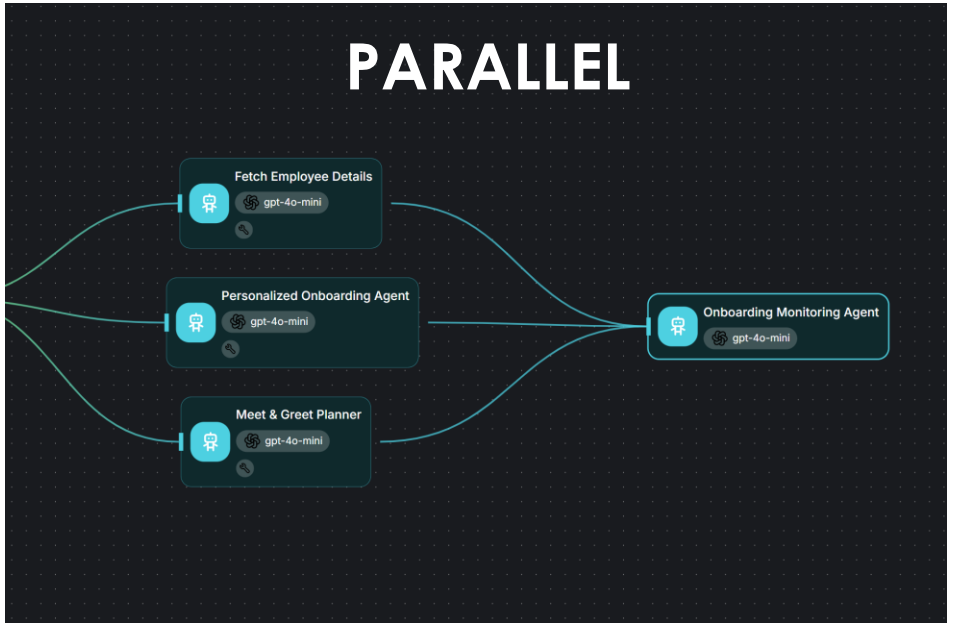
A performance agent evaluates an employee's progress:

1. If coaching is needed, routes to an L&D agent
2. If goals are off track, routes to a Goal Supervisor agent
3. If support is complete, routes to a Summary agent

Flowise Pattern: Parallel

Architect/IT focus

Concept: Parallel patterns run multiple agent tasks at the same time. These branches execute independently, then either return their own results or converge back into a single flow.



Benefits

- ✓ Speeds up workflows by avoiding sequential delays
- ✓ Enables agents to specialize (e.g. one reads, one writes, one calculates)
- ✓ Reduces user wait time in multi-part processes

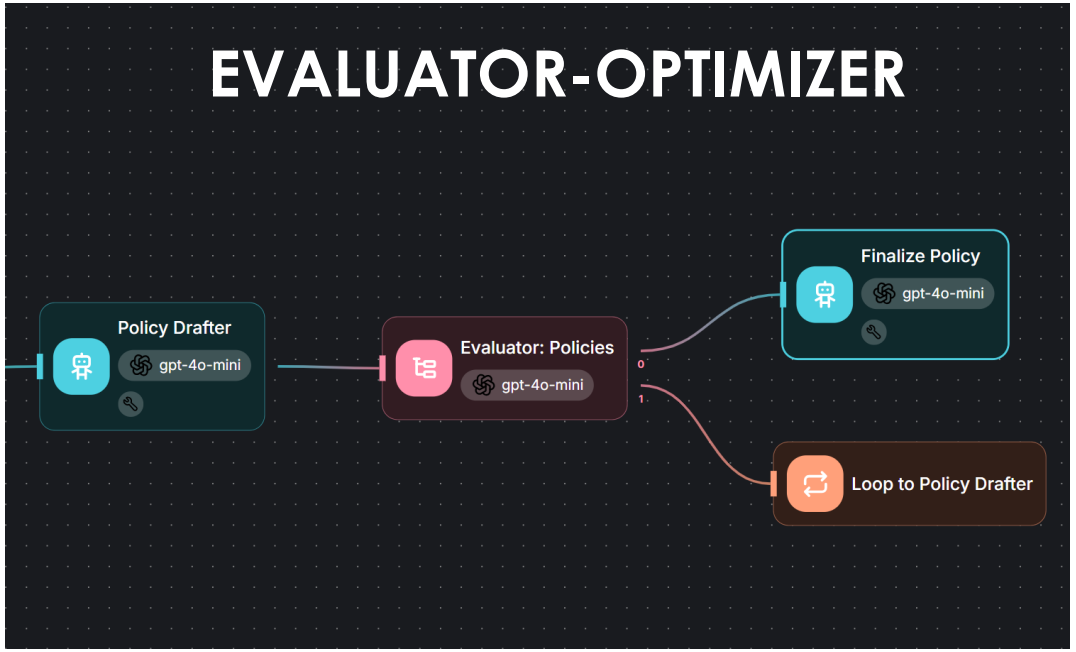
Workday Example: Onboarding Assistant Agent

1. Agent A fetches employee details from Workday
2. Agent B generates a personalized onboarding checklist
3. Agent C sends intro messages or links via Teams/Slack

Flowise Pattern: Evaluator-Optimizer

Architect/IT focus

Concept: This pattern separates the agent that does the work (**optimizer**) from the one that checks the quality or correctness (**evaluator**).



Benefits

- ✓ Raises reliability and trust in agent output
- ✓ Supports built-in validation and compliance logic
- ✓ Enables human-like self-review cycles before actions are taken

Workday Example: HR – Policy Drafting Agent

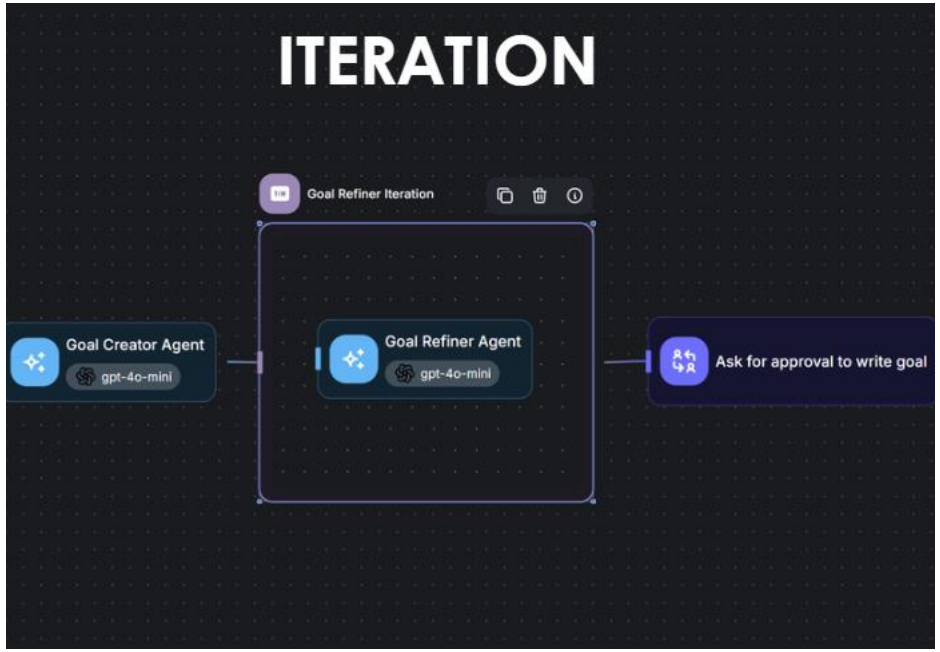
An HR agent drafts a new policy for remote work:

1. The **optimizer agent** writes the first draft based on templates and org inputs
2. A separate **evaluator agent** checks tone, legal compliance, and coverage gaps
3. If issues are found, feedback is sent back for redrafting
4. Once approved, the policy is routed for human review and publishing

Flowise Pattern: Iteration

Architect/IT focus

Concept: Iteration enables the agent to repeat a specific action multiple times until a desired output quality or goal is reached.



Benefits

- ✓ Supports refinement, drafts, rephrasing, or incremental progress
- ✓ Ideal for co-creation tasks with humans in the loop
- ✓ Boosts quality of generated output over time

Workday Example: GROW Agent

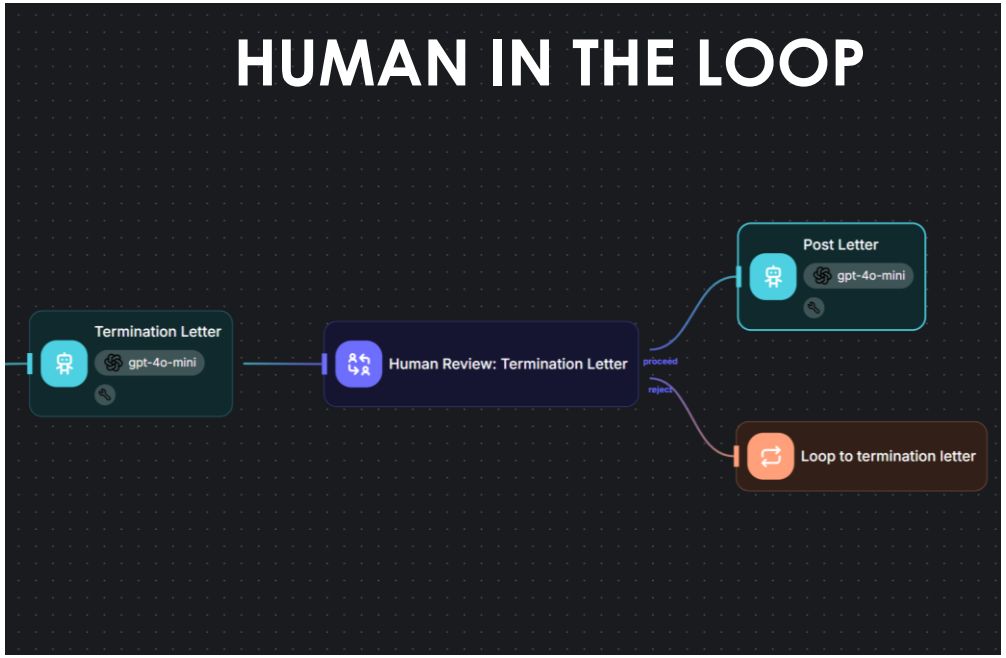
An agent helps an employee draft a goal:

1. Agent proposes a first version
2. User provides input like "make it more measurable" or "align with team goals"
3. Agent refines the goal wording in multiple iterations
4. Once confirmed, it submits in Workday

Flowise Pattern: Human-in-the-loop

Architect/IT focus

Concept: This pattern inserts a human checkpoint at one or more points in the agent workflow. The agent pauses, waits for human input or approval, and only continues once confirmation is received.



Benefits

- ✓ Adds oversight to sensitive or high-impact decisions
- ✓ Builds trust with stakeholders (HR, Legal, Finance)
- ✓ Ensures alignment with compliance, policy, and ethics

Workday Example: Termination Notification Agent

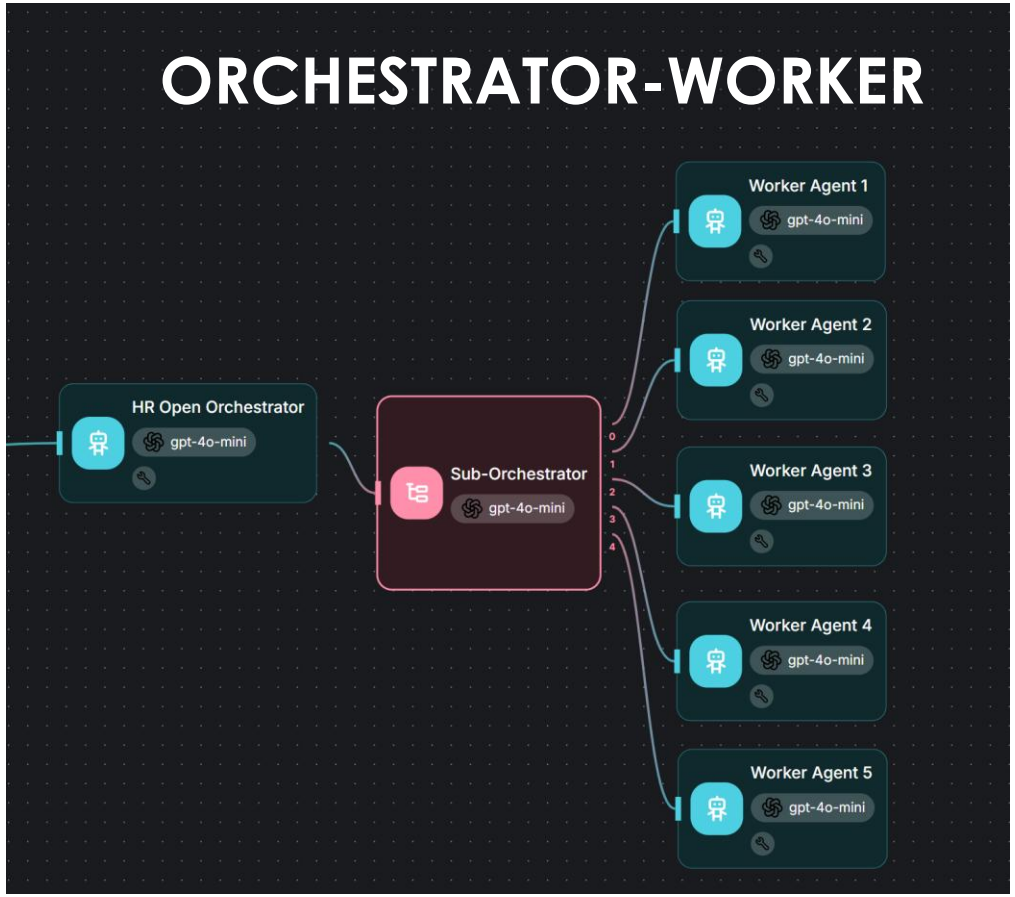
An HRBP asks the agent to generate a termination letter:

1. Agent gathers employee details and policy references from Workday
2. It drafts a letter using a language model
3. Before sending, it pauses and routes to the HRBP for review
4. Only after manual approval is the letter sent

Flowise Pattern: Orchestrator-Worker

Architect/IT focus

Concept: Orchestrator dynamically creates or assigns tasks to goal-oriented worker agents based on the overall objective. Unlike classic Routing, the workers aren't predefined, they are instantiated or instructed on-the-fly.



Benefits

- ✓ Enables adaptive workflows for open-ended objectives
- ✓ Reduces hardcoding; agents can specialize at runtime
- ✓ Supports autonomous task decomposition and delegation (multi-agent systems)

Workday Example: Workforce Strategy Agent

The CHRO wants to assess workforce readiness for a new expansion.

1. The Orchestrator receives the goal: "*Assess talent readiness across regions*"
2. It spawns or configures three dynamic worker agents:
    1. One for pulling skills coverage from Workday
    2. One for analyzing attrition risk
    3. One for summarizing training gaps

Flowise Tutorials

Flowise tutorials – getting your team hands-on

Why this matters

Flowise is the visual "workbench" where many of your custom agents will live.

- HRIS / product owners should understand what is possible, so they can shape realistic use cases and challenge designs.
- Architects / developers use Flowise to turn those use cases into working agents and RAG flows without heavy custom code.

Note: You will need to bring your own one **LLM API key** (for example OpenAI / Gemini), tutorial here or here.

Episode 1: First Agent

Hands-on session where we build a simple Flowise agent from scratch. You learn the basics of chatflows, nodes, prompts and testing, so you understand how an idea turns into a working agent.

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Episode 2: Connecting Tools

We focus on connecting Flowise to Workday. You learn how to call Workday APIs, use real tenant data in your agent, so the agent can use tools.

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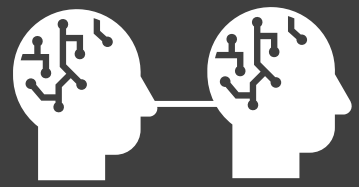

Episode 3: Multi Agents

This session covers multi agent setups: supervisor agents, specialist agents and routing patterns. You learn when a single agent is enough and when to split responsibilities across multiple agents.

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Episode 4: Advanced Tools

Deep dive into more advanced techniques: RAG, tool calling, evaluation loops, logging and guardrails. You learn how to make agents more robust, and explainable

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How Incubane can help you build your agent architecture

Architecture & design partner

- Facilitate architecture workshops using this blueprint.
- Help you choose the right target scenario
- Translate principles into a practical reference architecture for your HR and Finance landscape.
- Review your current integrations and propose standard patterns for new agents.

From idea to implementation

- Work with your HR and HRIS teams to shape agent use cases on top of Workday.
- Design flows, data usage and agent patterns.
- Implement pilots using Workday native features, partner agents and custom agents.
- Help you set up monitoring, KPIs and governance so pilots are safe and measurable

Capability building

- Co-develop with Incubane and your team so they learn by doing, not only from slides.
- Pair Incubane architects and developers with your HRIS and IT staff on real use cases.
- Use our patterns, templates and Flowise examples as accelerators you can reuse.
- Support you in creating an internal approach so you can scale without heavy external dependence.

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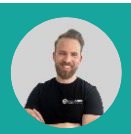
- If you want to build your agent strategy
- If you want to learn how to build agents inhouse
- If you have an agent use case you want to work together on



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