

# Business Al Agent Design Workshop

Facilitation Guide

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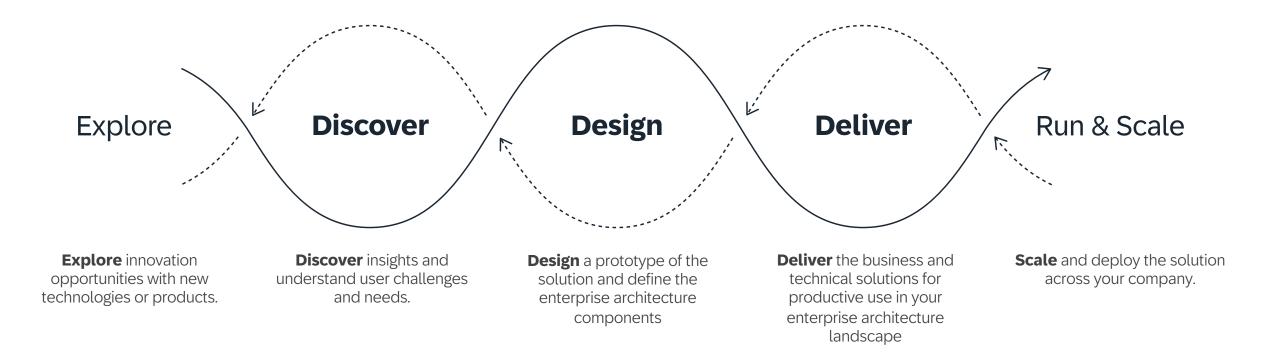
# **Introduction and Overview**

The Business Al Agent Design Workshop in Context

# A Human Centered Approach to Run Innovation Projects

The <u>SAP's Human-Centered Approach to Innovation</u> (HCAI) is an end-to-end process for developing innovations that focuses on addressing businesses and user needs to generate value.

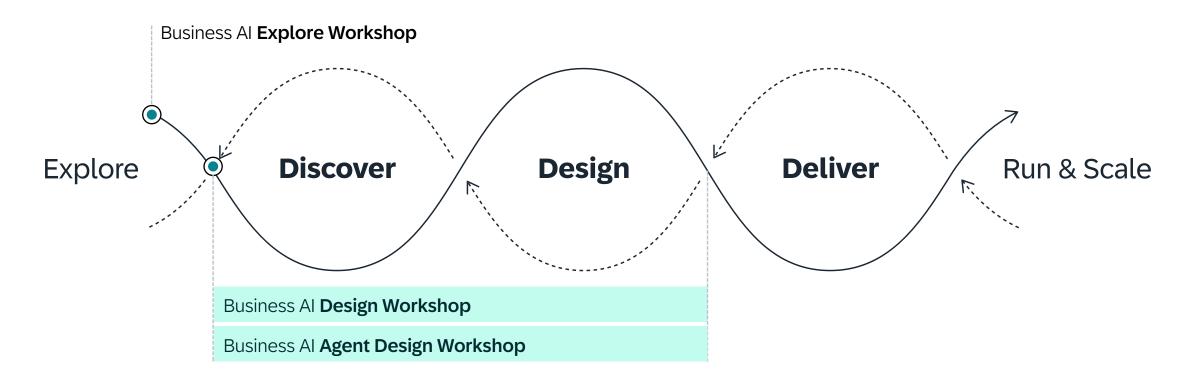
It supports the entire innovation lifecycle: from generating novel business ideas to developing and delivering high-value solutions. This process consists of five iterative phases:



# **Applying Human-Centered Innovation to Business Al**

The SAP AppHaus offers three different human-centered workshop formats to help companies identify and define meaningful use cases for Artificial Intelligence that focus on business and user needs:

the <u>Business AI Explore Workshop</u>, the <u>Business AI Design</u>
<u>Workshop</u> and the <u>Business AI Agent Design Workshop</u>. These formats take place during the 'Explore', 'Discover' and 'Design' phases of the HCAI.



### **Business AI Workshops Overview**

# Selecting an AppHaus Business Al Workshop Format

The selection of the right workshop format for your case will depend on the phase in which you are in the project and the needs of your customer or team. Here are 3 different situations that can guide your decision.

Your customer or team wants to **learn what AI can do** for their business and **explore innovative use cases for AI** in different areas.



Business Al **Explore Workshop** 

Your customer or team has already an **AI use case idea** or wants to improve the experience of an **existing process or solution** with AI capabilities.



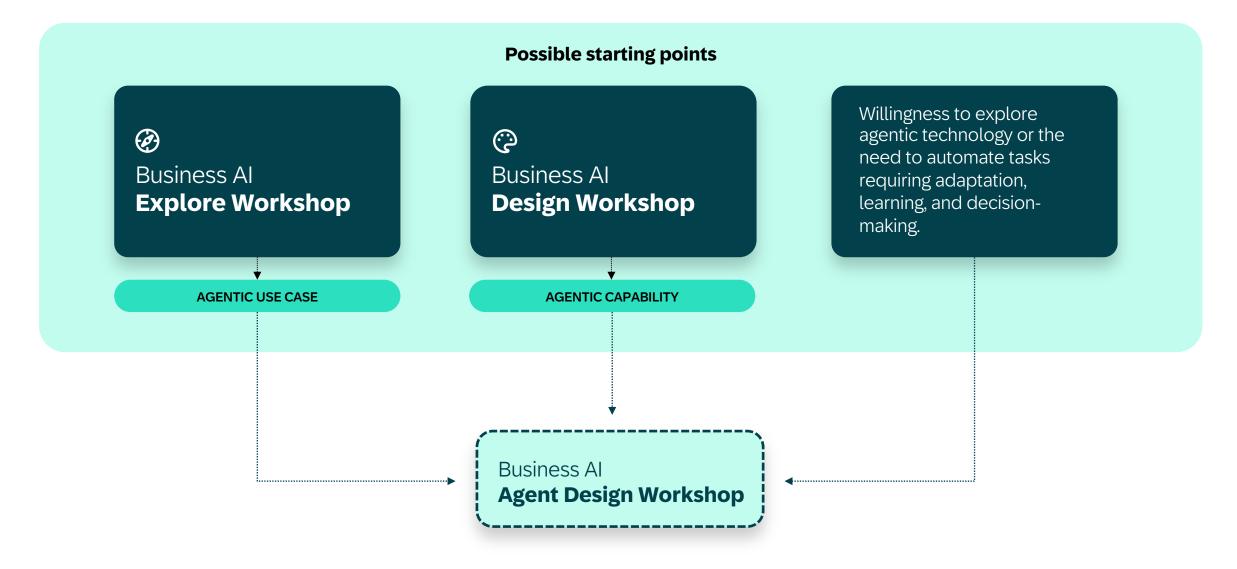
Business Al **Design Workshop** 

Your customer or team seeks to automate business tasks that require adaptation, learning, and decision-making.



Business Al **Agent Design Workshop** 

# **Starting Points for an Agent Design Workshop**



# When do we have an agentic use case?

Agentic AI refers to AI agents that utilize Large Language Models (LLMs) to interpret language, engage in conversations, and perform tasks. These LLM agents can can react to, reason about, and learn from data, enabling them to make decisions, take initiative, and adjust their actions to achieve goals in dynamic circumstances. This autonomy and flexibility makes them ideal for scenarios where

it's impractical to define a clear sequence of steps or decision criteria. While workflows and process engines efficiently automate routine tasks with predictable steps and outcomes, LLM agents thrive in dynamic **situations requiring adaptation, learning, and decision-making**. Below are some enterprise use cases for LLM agents:



### **Customer Support**

LLM agents can handle FAQs, troubleshoot issues and escalate complex inquiries to the appropriate human teams.



### Sales

LLM agents can qualify leads by engaging potential customers in conversations, assessing needs, gathering information, and automating personalized follow-ups with recommendations or product details.



### **Knowledge Base Management**

LLM agents can analyze knowledge bases and service tickets to identify gaps and automatically suggest and draft new articles.

**Sources:** <a href="https://www.atomicwork.com/blog/ai-agent-use-cases">https://botpress.com/blog/llm-agents</a>, <a href="https://botpress.com/blog/llm-agents">https://botpress.com/blog/llm-agents</a>, <a href="https://sap-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/p/sebastian-baechle/EViwsCsMNINCpro8ie9TMl0BIZE8a4o3OltyCMXAOz-uyw?e=GEXYdJ">https://sap-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/p/sebastian-baechle/EViwsCsMNINCpro8ie9TMl0BIZE8a4o3OltyCMXAOz-uyw?e=GEXYdJ</a>

Business Al Agent Design Workshop

# **Understanding AI Agents**

An Al agent refers to a system or program that is capable of autonomously performing tasks on behalf of a user or another system by designing its workflow and utilizing available tools." (IBM)

**Source:** <a href="https://www.ibm.com/think/topics/ai-agents">https://www.ibm.com/think/topics/ai-agents</a>

### Agents can...

- Create a plan based on a given goal
- Access tools and external knowledge
- Decide based on reasoning
- Execute actions
- Learn from human input and past interactions
- Collaborate with other agents

# Business Al Agent Design Workshop

A creative and collaborative approach to design an Al agent that works for you.

Duration:

Full Workshop: 5 – 6h on-site or 2 x 3h day virtual Teaser Workshop: 1h (on-site / virtual)

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# Why

should you care?

This creative and structured approach helps you define the agent's role and abilities, so it can support or automate your tasks for better efficiency.

# What

is the outcome?

Define the tasks and objectives your agent will tackle, then design interaction flows, between you and the agent, to efficiently accomplish them.

# Who

should participate?

Potential end-users of the future digital assistant, IT and domain experts (3 - 8 people).

### Business Al Agent Design WS

### **Activities**

### 1. Identify the agent's focus

Define what you'd like to accomplish with an ai agent and the challenges you currently face in achieving those goals.

### 2. Identify the agent's tasks

Using the metaphor of "hiring an specialist," decide which tasks to handle yourself and which to delegate to the Al assistant.

### 3. Describe the agent's job

Write a "job description" outlining what the assistant needs to know and do.

### 4. Design interaction flows

Create step-by-step interaction flows for each task, including required data.



# 2

# Preparing the Workshop

Necessary material for the session

## **Preparation Checklist** – Part 1

### ■ Understand the format

Go through the instructions in this guide and make sure you understand the flow of the exercises. You can also reference the <u>MURAL board</u> aimed at virtual sessions to see how the exercises are set up.

### ☐ Clarify the reasons for the workshop request

Talk to the customer or colleague requesting the workshop and make sure that their expectations can be covered with this format. Review <u>section 1</u> in this guide to decide which workshop format fits best.

### ☐ Ensure the right audience

To run the workshop successfully, you will need potential end-users of the future AI agent, IT and domain experts. Ensure you get the right people.

### ☐ Ensure the right experts

It is recommended to have AI experts in the workshop with experience on agentic technology. This can help to clarify limitations of the technology early on.

### ☐ Clarify the number of participants

The more participants, the more time you will need for share-outs. Ensure you have breakout teams of no more than 6 participants.

### Goal

Get ready to run the workshop.

### Material

- **★** Mural Board
- \* Material for print
- ★ Whiteboards or similar surfaces
- ★ Post-its, pens, voting dots

- ★ Start preparing for the workshop at least 1 week in advance to have everything ready.
- ★ Prepare a simplified agenda on a flipchart for on-site sessions.

## **Preparation Checklist** – Part 2

☐ Ensure participants have access to the Mural board or look for alternatives

Check before the session if participants can access Mural. You can set up a preparation session where you run through the Warm-up exercise to test this.

### ☐ Adapt the agenda for the workshop

Check the workshop <u>agenda (.xls)</u> and adapt it according to the number of participants and time available. The more participants, the more time you will need for the share-outs.

### ☐ Prepare the material and prework

Print the material as specified in the "<u>Material for print</u>" section. Draw the <u>autonomy</u> <u>spectrum for the warm-up exercise</u> and the <u>Next Steps Matrix</u> once on whiteboards or similar surfaces. Draw also one <u>Heatmap</u> per breakout team. Have enough post-its, pens and voting dots for the exercises and make sure you have enough whiteboards.

### ☐ Check the space and equipment

If your workshop is on-site, make sure you have enough room to accommodate all breakout teams and equipment to present the necessary slides.

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# Possible adaptations

### **★** Save time by preparing personas in advance

Hold a preliminary session with participants to explain the persona exercise and assign them the task of completing a persona profile for each main user group before the workshop. During the workshop, plan 15-30 minutes for participants to present the personas and gather feedback from the audience. In this way you can skip the section **"Identify the Agent's Focus"** and save 30 to 45 minutes time.

★ Run a 1-hour teaser workshop for events or as part of another workshop Use the <u>Job Profile exercise</u> to help participants describe their idea for an AI agent. Use the <u>Special Qualities card deck</u> to inspire participants to come up with up to 5 tasks for the agent.

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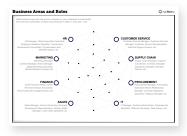
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# Material for print



# Business Areas and Roles

1 x breakout team (size DIN A4, black and white)



### Mini Persona Template

1 x breakout team (size DIN A3, black and white)



# Tasks Collection Template

1 x participant (size DIN A3, black and white)



# **Special Qualities** Card Set

1 set x participant (size DIN A6, 250 gsm., back and forth, color)



# Special Capabilities Card Set

1 set x breakout team (size DIN A6, 250 gsm., back and forth, color)



### Job Profile

1 x breakout team (size A3, black and white)



### Interaction Flow Template

3 - 8 x breakout team (size A3, black and white)



### **Coach Agenda**

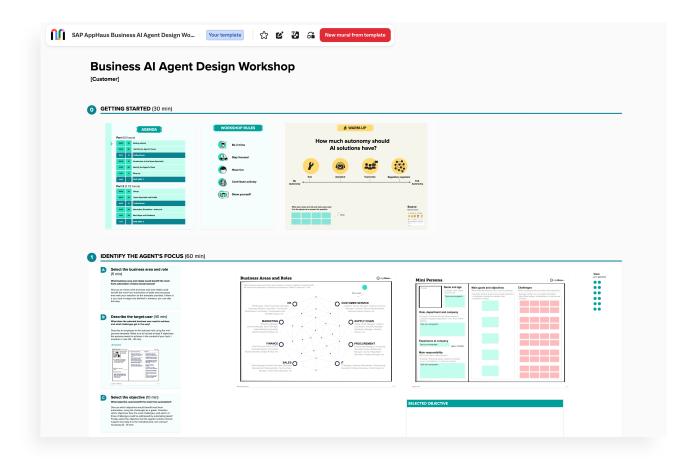
1 agenda x coach (size A4, black and white)

## Material for virtual sessions

You will need to create a Mural account to access this template if you don't have one yet.

### Full workshop

https://app.mural.co/template/d616f93d-c4ba-4703-8c5a-24e81c0b9014/7875ad0e-9076-4a1f-a1cb-ac2c814b652d



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# Running the Workshop

Step by step exercises and coach instructions

# Business Al Agent Design Workshop On-Site Agenda (6 hours 15 min) \*

09:00	30 min	Getting started
09:30	60 min	Identify the Agent's Focus
10:30	10 min	Coffee Break
10:40	15 min	Introduction to the Super-Specialist
10:55	60 min	Identify the Agent's Tasks
11:55	65 min	Lunch
13:00	45 min	Describe the Agent's Job**
13:45	60 min	Define the Interaction with the agent
	00 111111	Define the interaction with the agent
14:45	30 min	Next Steps

<sup>\*</sup> This is a suggested agenda for a full workshop, modify if needed / \*\*Possible as a "Teaser Workshop" to be run during events or as part of other workshops

### PART 0

# **Getting Started**

On-Site / Virtual Session



Welcome participants to the session and introduce the theme of autonomy in AI systems.

### **CORE ACTIVITIES**

### 1. Welcome and agenda

Welcome the participants, introduce the agenda and purpose of the session

### 2. Introductory Warm-up

Ask participants to write their name and role on a post-it. Then, have them answer the question, "How much autonomy should AI solutions have?" by placing their post-it on a spectrum ranging from No Autonomy to Full Autonomy.

### 3. Introduction to agentic technology

Provide a brief explanation of agentic technology. Include examples if available to illustrate its potential. Refer to the introductory slides provided in this guide for support.

### **Coach Instructions**

# 0. Getting started

### **STEPS**

- Welcome and agenda 5 min
  Welcome the participants, introduce the agenda and purpose of the session.
  (see agenda).
- Warm-up 15 min
  Ask participants to write their name and role on a post-it. Then, have them answer the question, "How much autonomy should AI solutions have?" by placing their post-it on a spectrum ranging from No Autonomy to Full Autonomy. (see exercise sheet).
- Introduction to agentic technology (optional) 10 min
  Provide a brief explanation of agentic technology. Include examples if available to illustrate its potential. Refer to the introductory slides provided in this guide for support.



20 - 30 min



### Goal

Set the right expectations and create a friendly atmosphere where participants feel safe to express themselves. Introduce the topic of Agentic AI with a warm-up exercise.

### Outcome

Participants are aware of each other's roles and understand the flow of the workshop.

### **Material**

★ Post-its, pens

### **Tips**

★ Draw the autonomy spectrum on a whiteboard or similar surface before the workshop.

# Warm up

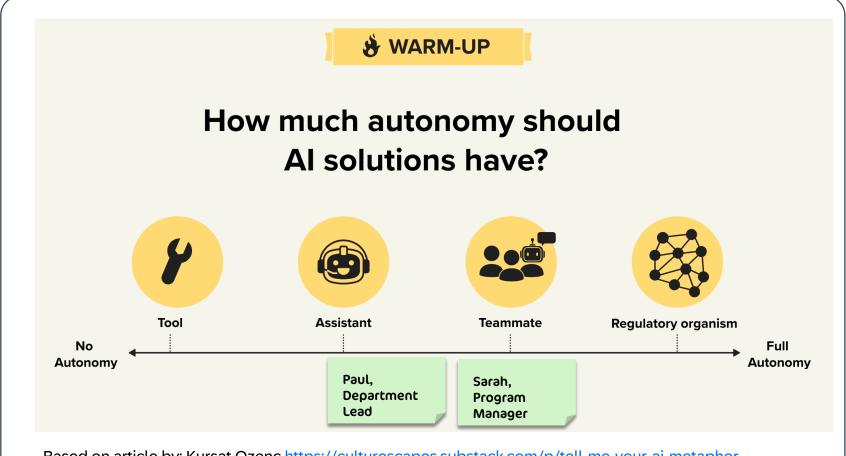




### **STEPS**

# How much autonomy should AI solutions have?

 Write your name and role on a post-it and position it on your preferred area of the agency spectrum. Present yourself to the team and explain your answer (15 min).



Based on article by: Kursat Ozenc <a href="https://culturescapes.substack.com/p/tell-me-your-ai-metaphor-and-i-tell?r=64rms&utm">https://culturescapes.substack.com/p/tell-me-your-ai-metaphor-and-i-tell?r=64rms&utm</a> campaign=post&utm</a> medium=web&triedRedirect=true

### PART 1

# Identify the Agent's Focus

On-Site / Virtual Session



Identify the the agent's main purpose and focus.

### **CORE ACTIVITIES**

### 1. Define the target-user

Participants describe the target user(s) of the agentic solution, including objectives they need to achieve as part of their role and challenges that are making it hard to achieve the objectives.

### 2. Select the main objective

Participants agree on the main objective for which an agent's support could be most beneficial.

# 1. Identify the Agent's Focus

### **STEPS**



### Select the business area and role -5 - 10 min

Prepare this step by identifying the primary target user role(s) for the agentic solution before the workshop. If a <u>Business AI Explore workshop</u> was conducted earlier, use the information from the <u>Use Case Brief</u>. Otherwise, conduct a brief <u>Stakeholder Map</u> <u>exercise</u> with participants in advance.

If you have several roles to focus on, distribute them, so you have a team of 4 - 6 people focusing on one role each.

In case of large events with multiple companies or similar set-ups where the main user roles are not discussed in advance, participants can use the Business Areas and Roles sheet to discuss and select a relevant role to focus on.



5 - 10 min



### Goal

Agree on the business area and role(s) for the agentic solution.

### Outcome

The business role(s) to support with an agentic solution.

### Material

- ★ Business Areas and Roles template
- ★ Pens

### **Tips**

★ You can skip this step if you have a clear use case with identified main user roles in advance.

# COACH

# 1. Identify the Agent's Focus

### **STEPS**



### **Define the target-user** – 30 - 50 min

In this exercise, participants describe the end user(s) who might use the agentic solution by creating personas. This helps clarify user needs and identify the best use cases for the solution.

Under the section "Main goals and objectives" of the Mini Persona template participants should define at least four key objectives the persona aims to achieve in their role or within a specific scenario. Focus on broader goals rather than specific tasks. For example, in the context of customer service, an objective could be "ensure quick resolution of customer inquiries" rather than "answer FAQs."

Under the "Challenges" section, ask participants to write down challenges that prevent the persona from achieving the stated objectives. They should think about challenges for all the objectives.

Finally, ask participants to select the primary objective the agentic solution should support from the list of "Main goals and objectives." Encourage them to consider which objective is currently the hardest to achieve based on the challenges affecting it or which would benefit most from automation.



30 - 50 min



### Goal

Understand what target users need to accomplish in the context of the use case and select key objectives to design agents for.

### Outcome

A target-user description and the selection of one main objective to design an agent for.

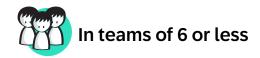
### Material

- ★ Mini Persona template
- ★ Pens, whiteboard

- ★ If participants write tasks instead of objectives, prompt them to consider why the task is needed and what it aims to achieve.
- ★ Save time by assigning this exercise as homework for participants to complete before the workshop. Review and refine the personas during the session.

### Select the business area and role

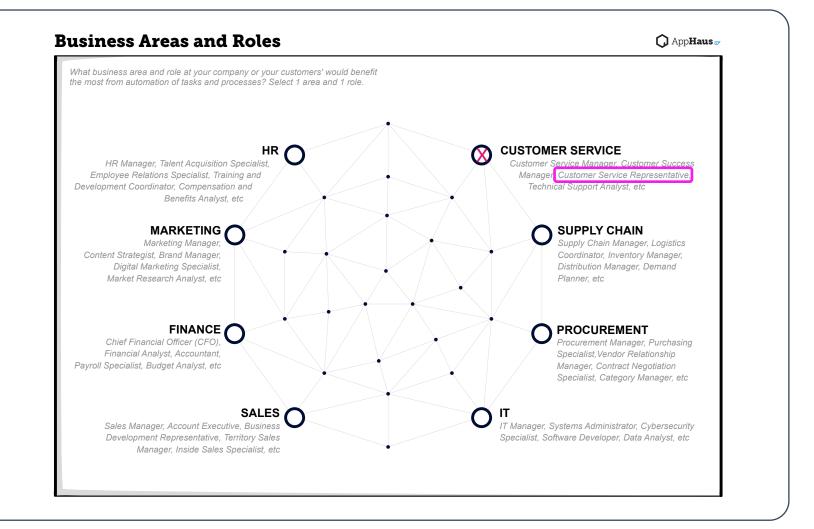




### **STEPS**

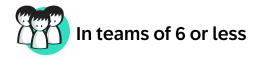
# What business area and role(s) would benefit the most from automation of tasks and processes?

 Discuss as a team what business area and role(s) could benefit the most from automation of tasks and processes and mark your selection on the sheet provided. If there is a use case or target role defined in advance, you can skip this step. (5-10 min)



# Define the target-user





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### **STEPS**

# What does the selected business user need to achieve and what challenges get in the way?

- Describe an employee in the selected role using the mini persona template.
   Make sure to include at least 4 objectives the persona needs to achieve in the context of your topic / scenario or role (25 - 40 min).
- Discuss which objectives would benefit most from automation, using the challenges as a guide. Consider: which objectives face the most challenges, and which of those challenges could be addressed by automating tasks? Finally, select the objective that the agentic solution should support. (5 - 10 min)

### Mini Persona – Example





Name and age Main goals and objectives

What does the persona want / need to achieve?

What does the persona want / need to achieve?

ENSURE QUICK AND ACCURATE
RESOLUTION OF CUSTOMER INQUIRIES
TO MAINTAIN HIGH SATISFACTION
RATINGS.

- REDUCE TIME SPENT ON REPETITIVE TASKS TO FOCUS ON SOLVING COMPLEX CUSTOMER ISSUES AND PROVIDING PERSONALIZED SERVICE.
- BUILD RAPPORT WITH CUSTOMERS TO ENCOURAGE REPEAT BUSINESS.
- STAY INFORMED ABOUT TRAVEL
  UPDATES AND PROMOTIONS TO OFFER
  THE MOST RELEVANT INFORMATION.

Challenges

What is making it hard to achieve the objectives?

- HIGH INQUIRY VOLUMES: PEAK SEASONS BRING OVERWHELMING DEMAND, SLOWING RESPONSE TIMES.
- LIMITED REAL-TIME DATA: LACK OF UP-TO-DATE TRAVEL INFO CAUSES DELAYS AND CUSTOMER FRUSTRATION.
- COMPLEX REQUESTS: COORDINATING ACROSS DEPARTMENTS FOR SPECIAL CASES IS TIME-CONSUMING AND ERROR-PRONE.
- UNCLEAR OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CUSTOMERS
- NO ACCESSIBLE AND DETAILED
  HISTORY OF CUSTOMER PREFERENCES
- REBOOKING REQUIRES MANUALLY CONNECTING TO MULTIPLE SYSTEMS
- THERE'S NO CENTRALIZED SYSTEM FOR UPDATES ON PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS.
- INFORMATION PROVIDED BY VENDORS
  AND AIRLINES IS OVERWHELMING
  AND OFTEN DISORGANIZED

Role, department and company

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, CUSTOMER SUPPORT DEPARTMENT, THOR TOURS TRAVEL AGENCY

**Experience at company** 

Z YEARS

years / months

Main responsibility

What is the role's main purpose?

ATTEND CUSTOMER INQUIRIES ABOUT TRAVEL AND ADDRESS RELATED ISSUES. UPSELL TRAVEL SERVICES AND PROVIDE PERSONALIZED TRAVEL RECOMMENDATIONS.

### PART 2

# Identify the Agent's Tasks

On-Site / Virtual Session



Using the metaphor of 'hiring a super-specialist,' participants choose which tasks to keep and which to delegate to the specialist.

### **CORE ACTIVITIES**

### 1. Write down tasks

Participants write down tasks needed to achieve the objective, noting which to delegate to the super-specialist, collaborate on, or handle themselves.

### 2. Select tasks

Participants select the key tasks where the super-specialist's help would be most valuable.

# COACH

# 2. Identify the Agent's Tasks

### **STEPS**



### **Introduce the metaphor** – 10 - 15 min

Use the provided slides to introduce the metaphor of "hiring a super-specialist" with special qualities. Explain these qualities as they are described in the Special Qualities Card Set and guide participants to explore them further using the provided cards. Although the specialist will ultimately be a digital AI agent, allow participants the freedom to decide how 'human' it should feel. Keep the nature of the specialist open, letting participants define it as they progress through the exercises.



### Write down tasks – 15 - 20 min

Participants will silently write down three types of tasks, listing 3–4 tasks for each type (one task per post-it). Ensure every task begins with a verb:

- 1. Tasks the persona would prefer to handle without assistance from the superspecialist
- 2. Tasks the persona would like to perform with the super-specialist's support
- 3. Tasks the persona would like to delegate almost entirely to the super-specialist, requiring minimal intervention from the persona.

Ask participants to use a different color of post-it for each category and place them in the corresponding section of the Task Collection Template. For the second and third categories, encourage participants to consider the super-specialist's unique qualities and maximize their potential.



### 25 - 35 min



### Goal

Ideate tasks that could be automated or supported by an AI agent.

### Outcome

A variety of task ideas.

### Material

- **★** Tasks Collection template
- ★ Special Qualities Card Set
- ★ Pens, post-its

- ★ If the participants are not the end users, they should put themselves in the shoes of the persona for the remaining exercises.
- $\star$  It is recommended that participants use a different post-it color for each task category to differentiate the task types in the next exercises. If this is not possible, simply identify the types by their number (1-3)

# COACH

# 2. Identify the Agent's Tasks

### **STEPS**



### Identify tasks for the specialist – 25 - 40 min

Prepare this exercise by drawing the <a href="heatmap">heatmap</a> on a whiteboard or similar surface. Have participants present their tasks. They should place tasks that don't require the super-specialist's intervention outside the heatmap. For tasks requiring the specialist's support or involvement, ask participants to position them on the heatmap based on the expected improvement in efficiency and quality of results (y axis) versus the level of autonomy expected from the specialist to carry them out (x axis).

As participants share their tasks, help them discard duplicates and combine very similar tasks. Sometimes, the same task might be positioned on different extremes of the x axis (Expected specialist autonomy). In this case, do not discard duplicate tasks as this indicates differing opinions on the level of automation for the same task. If the task is selected later, ask participants to decide whether they prefer the more or the less automated version.

Finally, participants should select the top 3 - 5 tasks where the super-specialist's intervention would have the greatest impact on efficiency and quality. The number of tasks selected depends on the time available and number of participants. Select 5 if you are running the 6 hours version and you have a team of 6 participants.

This exercise helps participants visualize which tasks would yield the highest value if supported by an AI agent.



25 - 40 min



### Goal

Identify what tasks should be automated or supported by the AI agent.

### Outcome

Top three to five tasks an AI agent should support with.

### Material

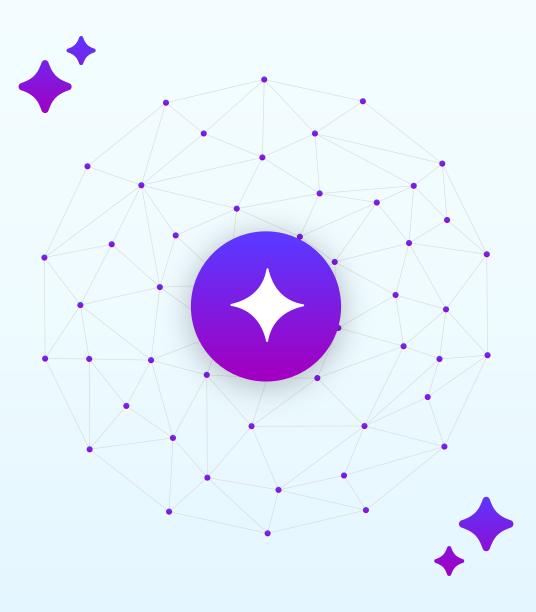
★ Pens, post-its and whiteboard

### **Tips**

★ Don't create task groups; keep tasks distinct and granular and only merge duplicates or combine very similar tasks together.

# Imagine hiring a super-specialist to work alongside you, helping you achieve your objectives.

This isn't just any employee—it's a next-generation teammate with special qualities.



# Imagine hiring a super-specialist that ...

Figures out solutions on its own

◆ Makes well-informed rational decisions

✦ Reasons transparently

♦ Interacts with its environment



Acts with ++
Hyper-Efficiency

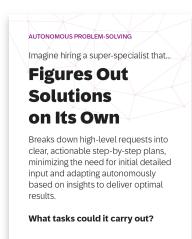
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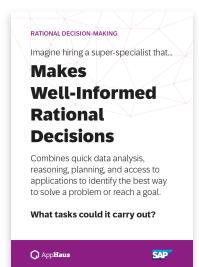
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Adapts 💠

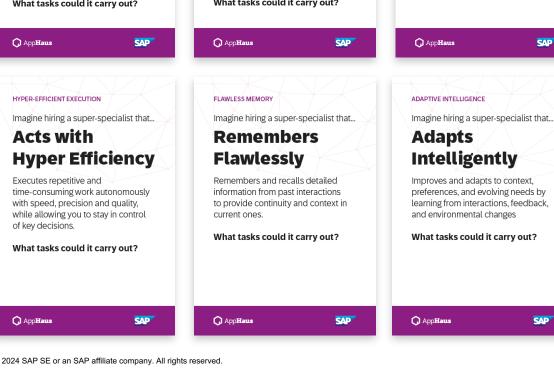
# Imagine hiring a super-specialist that ...

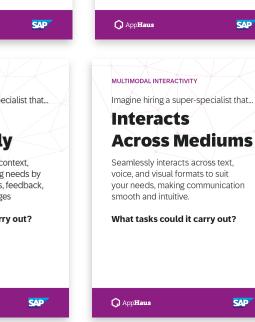


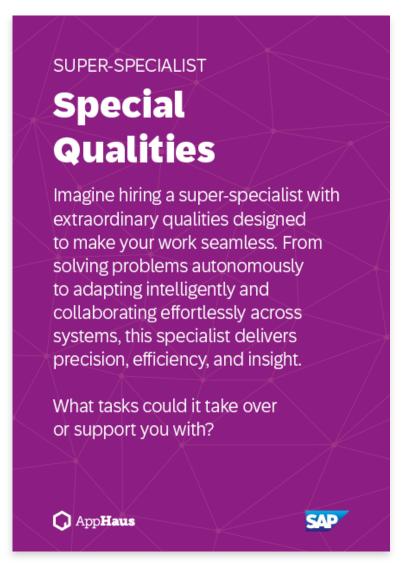












# Imagine hiring a super-specialist that ...

Special Quality ← **RATIONAL DECISION-MAKING** Imagine hiring a super-specialist that... Makes **Well-Informed** Rational **Decisions** Combines quick data analysis, reasoning, planning, and access to applications to identify the best way to solve a problem or reach a goal. Question for ← What tasks could it carry out? ideation ( AppHaus SAP

RATIONAL DECISION-MAKING EXAMPLE SCENARIO

TASKS REQUIRING SOLUTION PROPOSALS BASED ON INFORMATION ANALYSIS

### **Fixing Customer Inquiry Delays**

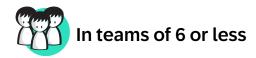
The superspecialist identifies delays caused by misrouted support tickets. By analyzing support logs, ticket categorizations, and routing workflows, it pinpoints the problem and updates the system's routing rules autonomously, ensuring inquiries reach the right agent faster.

Type of task that could profit from the quality

Example task that leverages the special quality

### **Brainstorm tasks**

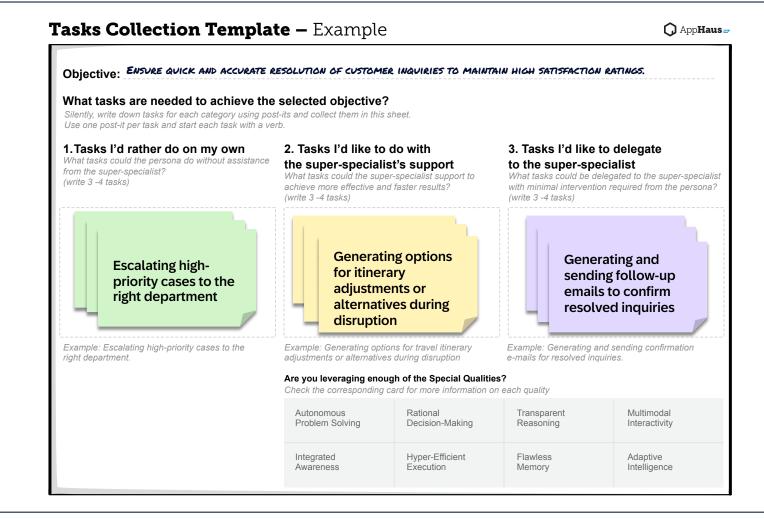




### **STEPS**

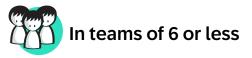
# What tasks are needed to achieve the selected objective?

- Write the selected objective in the Tasks Collection Template
- Silently, write down three types of tasks, listing 3 - 4 tasks for each type (one task per post-it). Ensure every task begins with a verb and use a different color for each type:
  - tasks that the persona would like to do without assistance from the super-specialist.
  - tasks that the persona would like to do with the super-specialist support
  - tasks that the persona would like to delegate to the superspecialist, maintaining only minimal oversight.
- Get inspiration for the last 2 types by selecting a special quality and writing down tasks that could leverage it.



# Identify tasks for the super-specialist

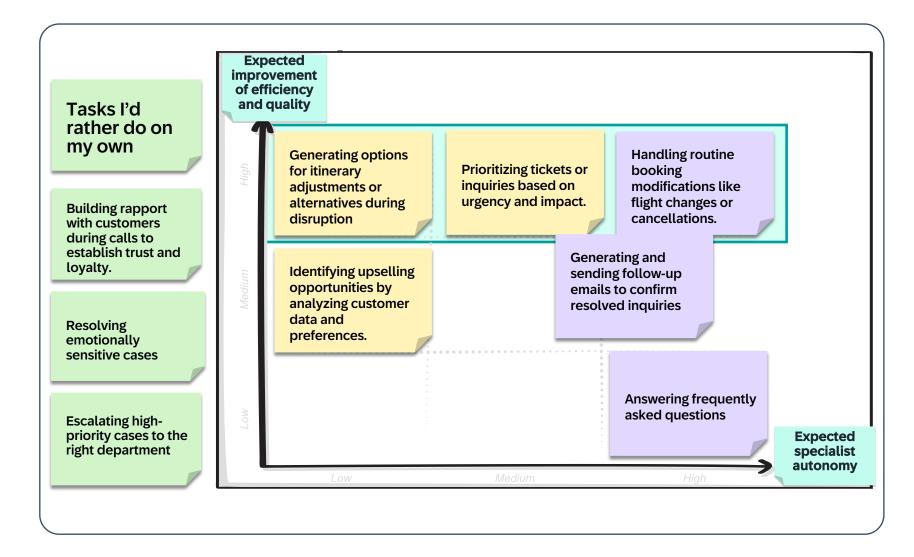




### **STEPS**

### What tasks should the supperspecialist carry out or support with?

- Share your tasks with the team. Place the tasks from the first tye outside the heatmap. Place the tasks that require intervention from the specialist on the heatmap based on the dimensions shown. (3 5 min for each participant). Think: how much would the specialist's intervention improve the efficiency and quality of results? Discard duplicates as you share and check if any tasks should be combined. (20 30 min)
- Select the top 3 5 tasks where the intervention of the specialist could impact the efficiency and quality the most. (5 - 10 min)



#### PART 3

# Describe the Agent's Job

On-Site / Virtual Session



Fill out a job description to hire the super-specialist, outlining what it will need to do and how.

#### **CORE ACTIVITIES**

#### 1. Fill-out the job profile

As a team, participants create a job profile to hire a supper-specialist, outlining key details such as the job title, main responsibilities, required skills and competencies, essential knowledge, and preferred working style.

## 3. Describe the Agent's Job

#### **STEPS**



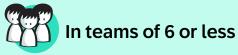
#### Fill out the job profile – 30 - 45 min

Guide participants as they collaboratively fill out the job profile, starting with the Job Title and Main Responsibility sections, and leaving Job Assessment and Trust & Control for the end. This profile will be a helpful reference when configuring your agent, as most sections align with its configuration details.

- **Job title:** Give the super-specialist a name that reflects its primary function. This can be a straightforward role like "Customer Service Specialist" or something more creative and engaging, such as "Travel Genius".
- **Main responsibility / expertise:** Define the primary goal or purpose of the agent based on the objective and tasks. Keep it concise to maintain focus. Example: "Optimize customer service efficiency by providing accurate, timely support and enhancing the customer experience through automated and data-driven solutions."
- Tasks: Place selected tasks here. Differentiate between those tasks the specialist will collaborate with the user on and those that will be delegated to the specialist. You can use color coding or a mark on the post-its as needed.
- Working style and attitude: Describe the agent's behavior, tone of voice, and interaction style, including what should be avoided. Example: "Use examples to facilitate understanding" or "Be concrete when providing ideas".



30 - 45 min



#### Goal

Create a job profile to define the super-specialist's role, responsibilities, skills, knowledge, and the level of control desired over its tasks.

#### Outcome

Description of the super-specialist to be hired (agent to be configured)

#### Material

- ★ Job Profile Template
- ★ Special Capabilities Card Set
- \* Pens

#### Tips

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# 3. Describe the Agent's Job

#### **STEPS** (continued)

- **Skills and knowledge:** Describe the tools, capabilities, and foundational knowledge the specialist needs to fulfil tasks effectively. Include both skills the agent should excel at and the knowledge or data it must access, whether pre-loaded or acquired over time. Example: "Skilled at analyzing performance data using tools like Excel, Power BI." or "Knowledge about travel restrictions and rules." Encourage participants to use the super-specialist capability cards to come-up with ideas for this section.
- **Trust and control:** Indicate the desired level of control over task execution. Select between "Full Control" (user oversees every step), Medium Control (users intervene in few steps, for example, to provide information or feedback) to "Low or no Control" (minimal oversight, users only check the result), adding explanations explaining what needs to be controlled in each case if necessary. This information is useful when creating the interaction flow, however, if you have limited time you can skip this part.
- **Job expectations:** Define what participants consider a poor, acceptable, and excellent outcome from the agent for the different tasks, with examples for each. This will help to evaluate the agent's results later in the project.



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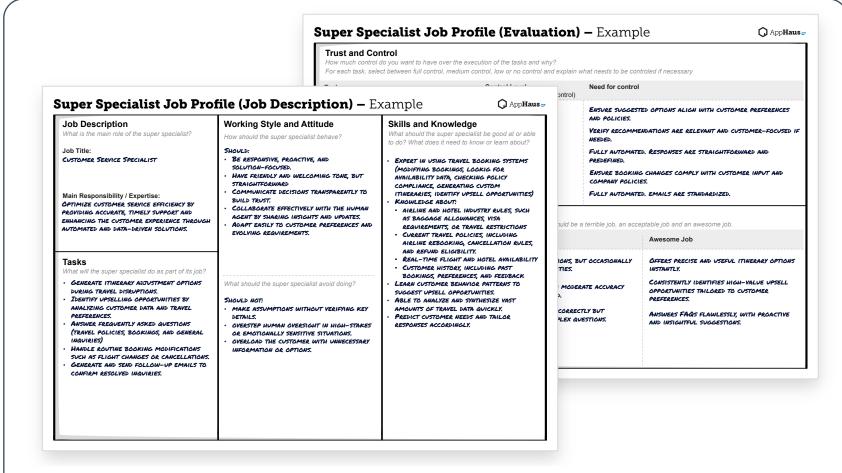
# 30 - 45 min



#### **STEPS**

# What super-specialist do you need to hire to carry out the tasks successfully and how will you evaluate it?

- Now that you have identified the tasks or activities you need help with, it's time to create a job posting to hire the specialist. Complete both parts of the job profile as a team. (40 min)
- Use the super-specialist capability cards to come-up with ideas for the Skills and knowledge area.



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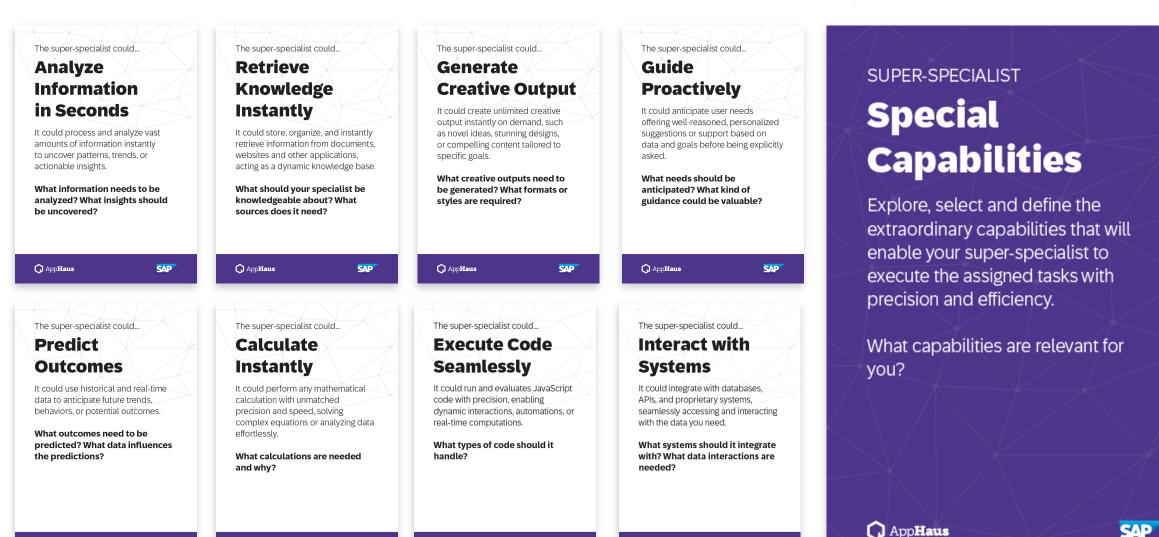
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# Skills and knowledge: What capabilities are relevant for you?



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# Skills and knowledge: What capabilities are relevant for you?

The super-specialist could... Special ← Generate Capability **Creative Output** It could create unlimited creative output instantly on demand, such as novel ideas, stunning designs, or compelling content tailored to specific goals. What creative outputs need to Question for ← be generated? What formats or thought styles are required? ( AppHaus SAP

GENERATE CREATIVE OUTPUT EXAMPLE SCENARIO

#### **Generating Campaign Ideas**

A content creator requests ideas for a social media campaign. The superspecialist generates catchy slogans and visual concepts aligned with the brand's tone and goals.  Example scenario where the capability is used.

#### PART 4

# Define the Interaction with the agent

On-Site / Virtual Session



Describe how the user interacts with the hired super-specialist to get the selected tasks done.

#### **CORE ACTIVITIES**

#### 1. Check for task combinations

As a team, participants identify tasks that could occur in sequence and group them as part of the same flow.

#### 2. Distribute the task flows

If possible, divide the team in pairs so each pair work on a task flow simultaneously.

#### 3. Define the interaction flows

Participants create a step-by-step flow showing how the end-user interacts with the super-specialist to complete the selected tasks.

#### 4. Share-out

Participants share the interaction flows with the entire team.

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# 4. Define the Interaction with the agent

#### **STEPS**



#### Form groups of related tasks – 5 min

This section brings together all previous exercises. Using insights from the persona and job profile, participants create interaction flows that illustrate how the user interacts with the AI agent to complete a task, including user instructions, agent tools, and questions from the agent.

First, ask participants to review the tasks assigned to the specialist in the job profile, grouping those that should occur in sequence or that depend on each other and therefore could be covered in one interaction flow. For example, for a Learning and Development Consultant, 'Create a learning path that fits my needs' could be grouped with 'Assign most visited courses to my learning path,' showing how the agent assigns courses based on user preferences and company needs to ultimately create a learning path that helps the end-user.

Once tasks are grouped, divide participants into small teams of up to three to work on different flows simultaneously. If the team is already small, allocate sufficient time to complete all flows (at least 20 minutes per flow).





#### Goal

Determine the number and scope of necessary interaction flows.

#### Outcome

Agreement on the grouping and number of tasks to use for the interaction flows.

#### Material

★ Pens, post-its and whiteboard

# 4. Define the Interaction with the agent

#### **STEPS**



#### Map the interaction step-by-step – 20 - 55 min

Using the Interaction Flow template, participants describe step-by-step how a task is completed with the help of the super-specialist. Participants should start with the Trigger, then continue to the Moment of Success and then move to the Steps and describe each step from trigger to moment of success, including actions, instructions, and responses from both the user and the specialist, and consider the specialist's behavior described in the job profile.

For each step, participants should indicate if it's a persona or a super-specialist step, and for each persona step think: can this action be covered or supported by the super-specialist or is this a "human in the loop" step? Review the Trust and Control section of the Job Profile to confirm if all the envisioned control actions from the persona are included. It's important for participants to consider when the persona should be involved and why. However, it's perfectly fine if a flow consists mostly of super-specialist steps, especially if the agent operates in the background without requiring user initiation. Point participants to the possible actions for both actors at the bottom of the template for inspiration. For each step, participants should check the tools and data — resources the specialist accesses to support with the tasks. Derive this information from the 'Skills and knowledge' sections of the job profile.

If time allows, check which special qualities are being leveraged and think if you can improve the flow by leveraging more of them.

Finally, have participants share the flows with the entire team to get feedback.





#### Goal

Define the interaction with the agent to complete the tasks, step by step.

#### Outcome

An interaction flow per task, indicating interaction steps, tools and data needed by the agent.

#### Material

- ★ Interaction Flow Template
- ★ Pens, post-its and whiteboard

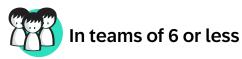
#### **Tips**

Use these guiding questions to create the flows:

- ★ Trigger: What action initiates the interaction with the super-specialist and from which system?
- ★ Moment of success: What does a successful task completion look like? What does the user achieve with the specialist's help, and how?
- ★ Steps: What instructions does the user give the specialist? What should the specialist ask or do in response? What does the user need to review or confirm?
- ★ Tools and Data: What tools and information does the specialist need to complete the steps?

# Interacting with the Super-Specialist

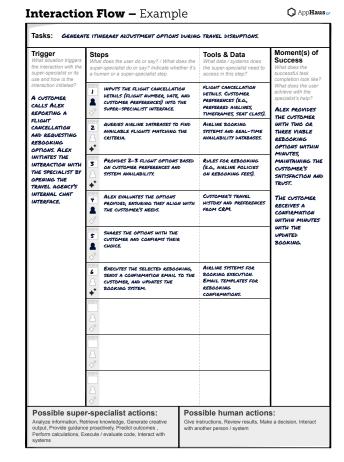




#### **STEPS**

#### How does the persona interact with the super-specialist to get the tasks done?

- Decide which tasks should be combined in one flow. Distribute the flows for simultaneous work. (5 min)
- Describe step-by-step how the persona interacts with the specialist.
   Start with the Trigger, continue with the Moment of Success and finally complete the Steps. Check the possible actions for both actors at the bottom of the template for inspiration.
   For each persona step think: can this action be covered or supported by the super-specialist or is this a "human in the loop" step? Once the flow is complete, check which special qualities you are leveraging and if you could leverage more. (35 min)
- Share the flows with the team (max 5 min per flow)



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## Task Flow – guiding questions

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- Tools and Data: What tools and information does the specialist need to complete the steps?

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# **Next Steps**

Follow-up exercises and activities to make the agent real

#### PART 5

# Next Steps

On-Site / Virtual Session



Define follow-up activities and action items.

#### **CORE ACTIVITIES**

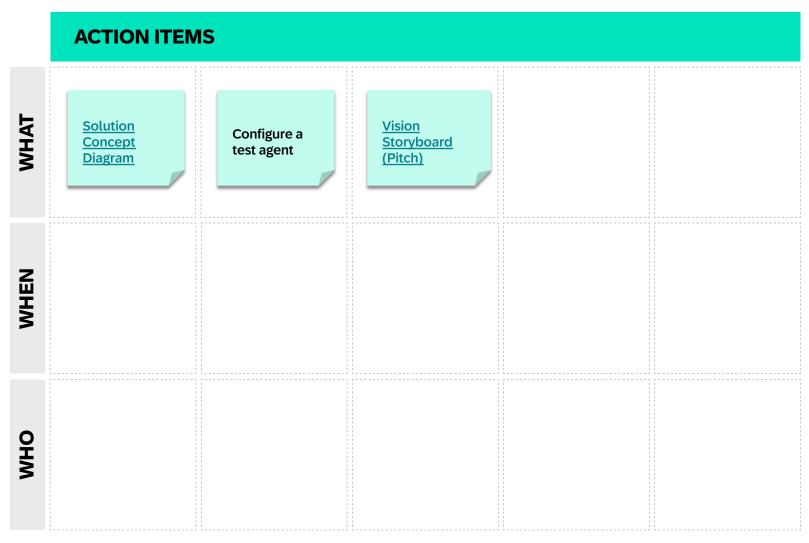
#### 1. Discuss action items

In a team discussion decide for 4 - 5 action items to follow up from this session. Indicate in a next steps matrix what needs to be done, until when and who will be responsible (see next page for reference).

#### 2. Feedback

On a whiteboard place 2 large post-its, each with a question: "What did you like?" and "What do you wish for next time?". Ask participants to write down silently answers to both questions. Then ask them to share their feedback with the team and place their post-its on a whiteboard.

# Possible follow-up activities



Next steps suggestions:

#### • Create a Solution Concept Diagram:

This architectural diagram will help to document how the agentic solution fits within the existing landscape and what building blocks are needed to implement it.

#### Configure a test agent:

Use the information on the job profile and the interaction flow to configure a test agent(s). Collaborate with a technical expert to determine whether a single agent or multiple specialized agents are better suited for the identified tasks. Refer to the guidance on agent configuration in the following pages.

#### Vision Storyboard:

Design a storyboard illustrating how the persona collaborates with the agent(s) to achieve objectives and improve outcomes. You can use this storyboard as a compelling pitch for executives.

**Next Step Matrix** 

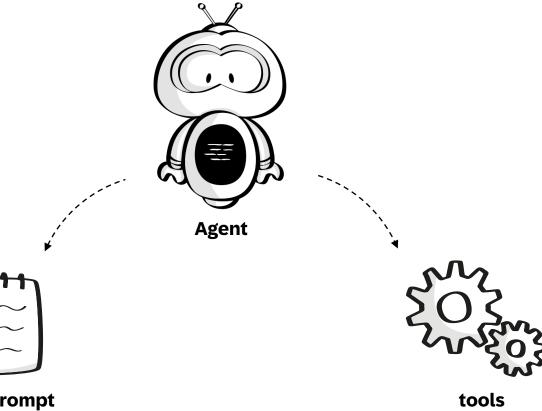
**FOLLOW-UP** 

# How to convert the workshop output into an agent?

## From workshop to agent configuration

To configure an agent, you need to equip it with the necessary tools and provide clear instructions through a system prompt.

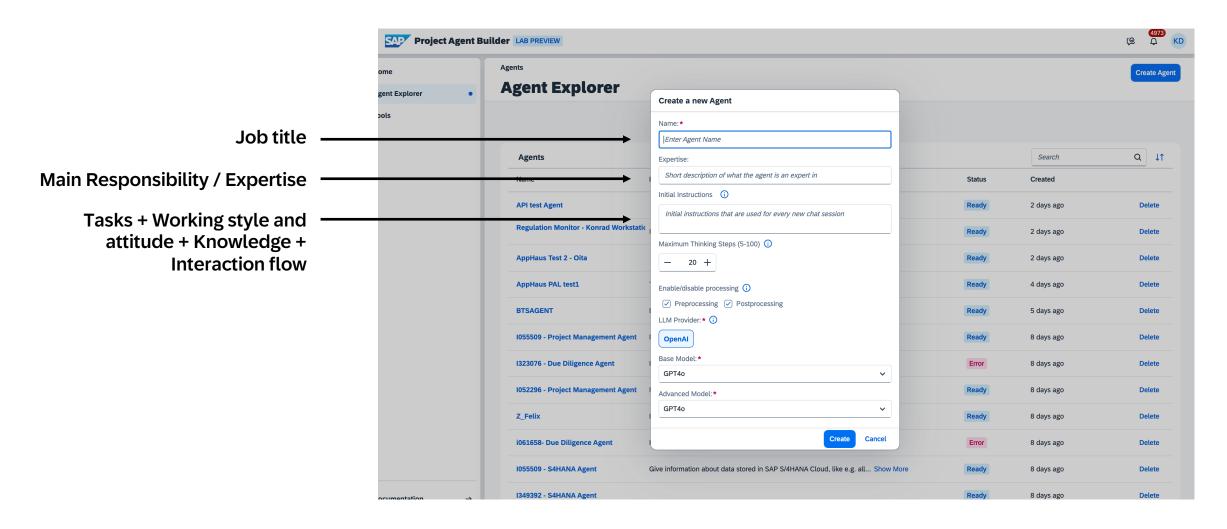
Although you can configure an agent using many different tools (e.g. Microsoft Copilot, Chat GPT, etc), the following pages use the <u>SAP Project Agent Builder</u> (Lab Preview), an SAP tool where you can test your agent.



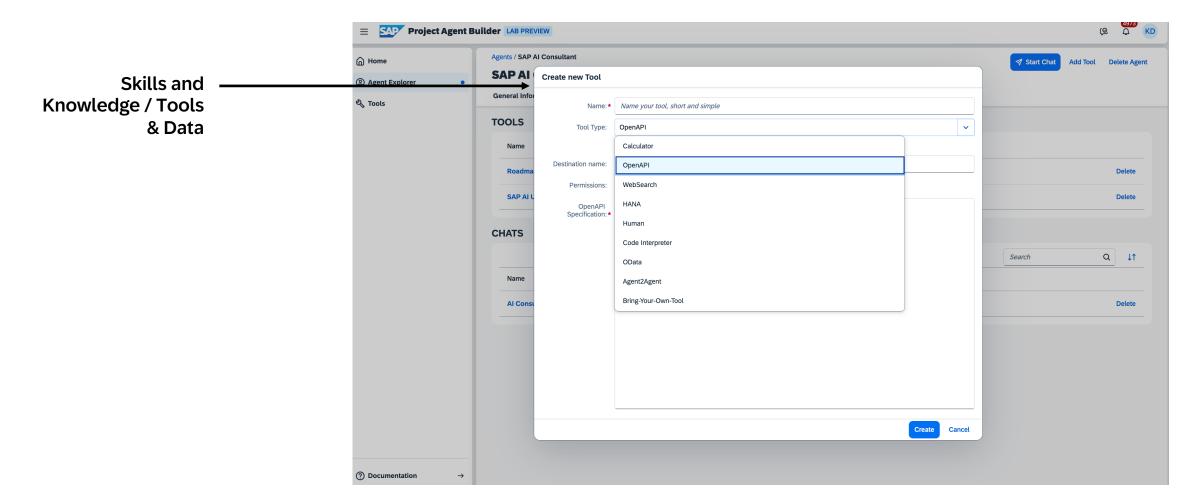
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# From workshop to agent configuration



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# Agent system prompt template

The system prompt is a foundational instruction set that defines the behavior, tone, and scope of tasks the agent should perform. It ensures it aligns with user expectations and goals. A well-crafted system prompt is essential for configuring the agent effectively, as it establishes clear boundaries, priorities, and operational guidelines.

This ensures the agent consistently delivers accurate, relevant, and context-aware support while staying on task. Here is a structure you can use to create the system prompt using the information from the Job Profile and Interaction Flows. Test and iterate your prompt until it yields the most optimal results.

#### ### Background

You are a [role / name] with in-depth knowledge / experience in / focusing on [main knowledge needed]. Your goal is / you are an expert in [main responsibilities / expertise] You characterize yourself by [working style and attitude]

#### ### Task execution and use of tools

- First, [first step in the flow].
   Then / Next [second step in the flow]...
- **Use the** [tool / resource] to....
- **Make sure to** [important considerations]
- When [doing task], consider...

#### ### Final Answer

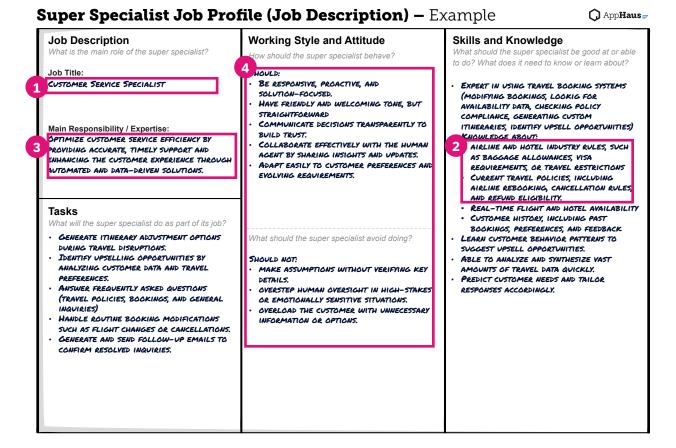
**Finally** [last step / deliverable in flow].

# Agent system prompt template example

#### ### Background

Introduce the agent and assign it an expertise.

- 1 You are a [Customer Service Specialist]
- **2 with in-depth knowledge of** [airline and hotel industry rules and requirements and current travel policies].
- **You are an expert in** [providing accurate and timely support on travel-related inquiries, optimizing the the customer service efficiency and experience]
- You characterize yourself by [being responsive, proactive, and solution-focused. You have friendly and welcoming tone, but are straightforward and communicate decisions transparently to build trust. You sharing insights and updates often and Adapt easily to customer preferences and evolving requirements.



# Agent system prompt template

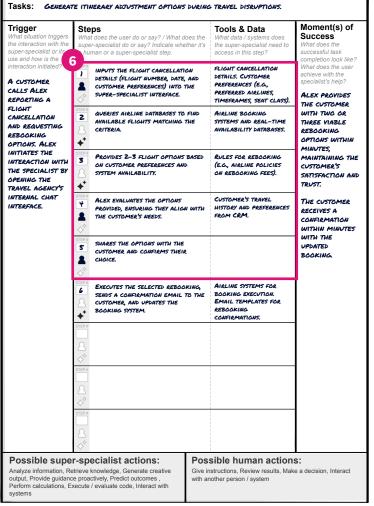
#### ### Task execution and use of tools

Indicate what tools the agent should when and how. If you need to stick very closely to the flow you defined, indicate the steps by using words like: first, as second step, then..., once..., after..., etc

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- Use the booking system tool to search for available flights or hotels
- Always check against your knowledge about airline policies and rebooking fees to determine the price changes when rebooking
- (etc)

#### **Interaction Flow –** Example

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# Agent system prompt template

#### ### Final Answer

Indicate any considerations needed for the agent's final output in an interaction

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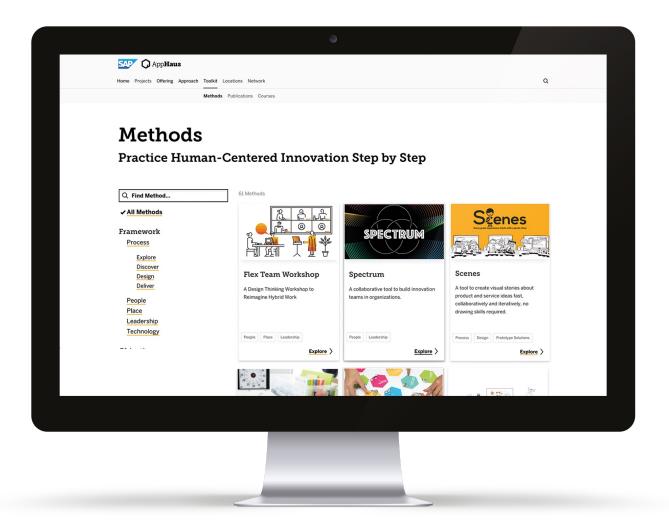
• When providing your final answer to the customer, ensure that it includes all the alternative options provided

#### **Interaction Flow –** Example

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Trigger What situation triggers the interaction with the super-specialist or its use and how is the interaction initiated?  A CUSTOMER CALLS ALEX REPORTING A FLIGHT CANCELLATION AND REQUESTING REBOOKING OPTIONS, ALEX INITIATES THE INTERACTION WITH THE SPECIALIST BY OPENING THE TRAYEL AGENCY'S INTERNAL CHAT INTERFACE.	Steps What does the user do or say? / What do super-specialist do or say? Indicate whe a human or a super-specialist step.		Moment(s) of Success What does the successful task completion look like?
	INPUTS THE FLIGHT CANCELLATION DETAILS (FLIGHT NUMBER, DATE, AND CUSTOMER PREFERENCES) INTO THE SUPER-SPECIALIST INTERFACE.	AND DETAILS. CUSTOMER	What does the user achieve with the specialist's help?  ALEX PROVIDES THE CUSTOMER
	QUERIES AIRLINE DATABASES TO AVAILABLE FLIGHTS MATCHING TO CRITERIA.		WITH TWO OR THREE VIABLE REBOOKING OPTIONS WITHIN
	PROVIDES 2-3 FLIGHT OPTIONS ON CUSTOMER PREFERENCES AND SYSTEM AVAILABILITY.		MINUTES,  MAINTAINING THE CUSTOMER'S SATISFACTION AND TRUST.
	ALEX EVALUATES THE OPTIONS PROVIDED, ENSURING THEY ALIGN THE CUSTOMER'S NEEDS.	CUSTOMER'S TRAVEL WITH HISTORY AND PREFERENCES FROM CRM.	THE CUSTOMER RECEIVES A CONFIRMATION WITHIN MINUTES
	SHARES THE OPTIONS WITH THE CUSTOMER AND CONFIRMS THEIR CHOICE.		WITH THE UPDATED BOOKING.
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