FORM 08 OF 10 · MULTI-AGENT SYSTEMS

Manager agent

One agent receives the work, decides while the work is under way which specialist handles each part, and assembles the result. The specialists never deal with the user.

NOT WHEN	USE IT WHEN
The order is always the same. The manager then adds cost and one more thing that can fail.	**Requests vary widely and you want one point of control and one voice.**

IT NEEDS

A limit on how often it may delegate, a clear description of each specialist, and a record of which agent did what.

EXAMPLE

A network operations manager receives an alarm, hands diagnosis, customer impact and ticketing to three specialists, and writes one incident note.

BUILD IT ON KATONIC

01 New agent, **Answer & assist**, then **Answer questions**. Start blank and fill **Identity** and **Behavior**. In the system prompt, say which agent to use for what.

02 **Tools**, scroll to the **Agents** card. The page describes it: “Agents this one can call as tools - it invokes them within a turn and composes their results. Different from Coordinate a team, which hands the whole turn to one specialist.”

03 Attach the agents it may call. The picker lists chat agents and workflows.

04 **Advanced.** Leave the execution strategy on Tool-calling unless you have a reason.

05 **Test** with a request that needs both agents, and read the trace to see which was called.

06 **Deploy**, then **Publish**.

ALSO CALLED Orchestrator, coordinator, supervisor, hierarchical agents.

One of ten forms in “Types of AI agents”. KATONIC.AI/RESOURCES/WHITE-PAPERS/TYPES-OF-AI-AGENTS