

Independent publication evidence

A concise public bridge from .agent to the identified community and ICANN application

Ruby AI News - Matt Solt - 27 March 2026

The .agent Community launched by Open Agent Registry is pursuing a community-led ICANN application to secure .agent as a top-level domain for AI agents.

Independent, pre-window ecosystem-newsletter coverage. This one sentence connects the string, community, applicant, ICANN process, and AI agents.

<https://rubyai.beehiiv.com/p/ruby-ai-news-march-27th-2026/>

Doc Searls - Personal Agency - 10 May 2026

To register an agent at AgentCommunity.org, you commit to the AgentCommunity charter, which is at agentcommunity/governance, on GitHub.

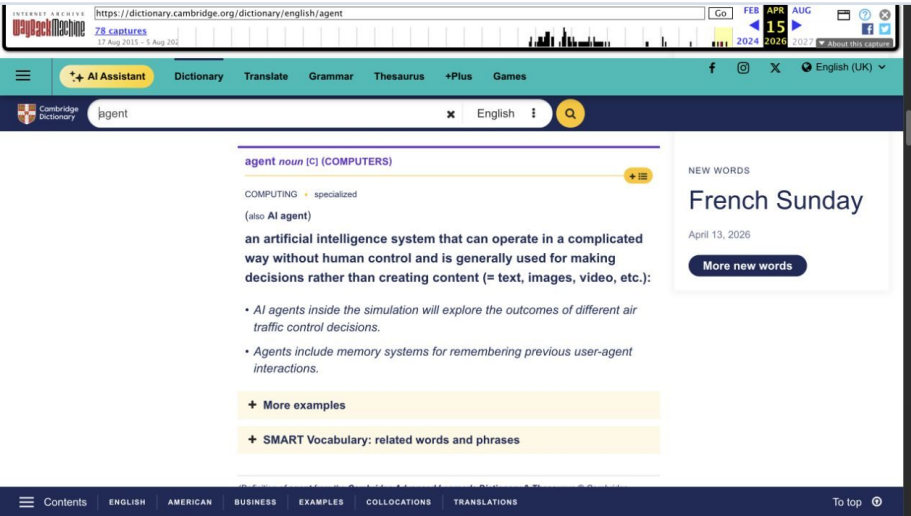
<https://doc.searls.com/2026/05/10/personal-agentry/>

Reference works

The software meaning appears in the unqualified noun and its related adjective

Cambridge Dictionary - agent

Headword agent, COMPUTERS sense: an artificial intelligence system operating without human control.

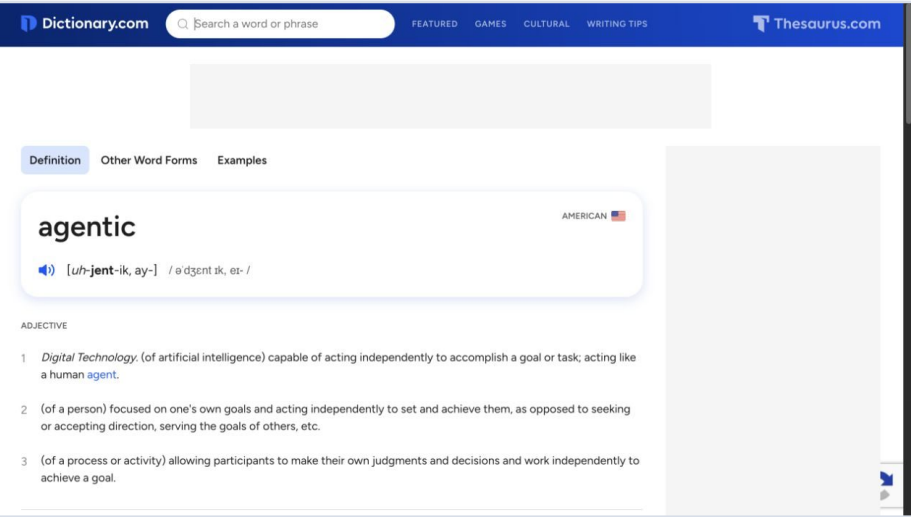


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Dictionary.com - agentic

Definition 1 is the artificial-intelligence sense, ahead of the person and process senses.



Live definition captured 11 August 2026.

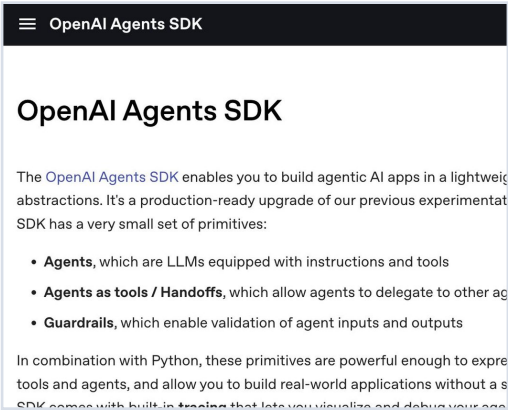
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Product naming by major technology companies

The field uses agent as the product and protocol noun

OpenAI Agents SDK

OpenAI names its developer kit with the unqualified plural Agents.

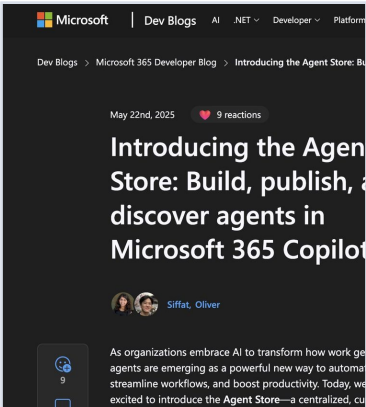


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Microsoft Agent Store

Microsoft names its discovery marketplace the Agent Store.

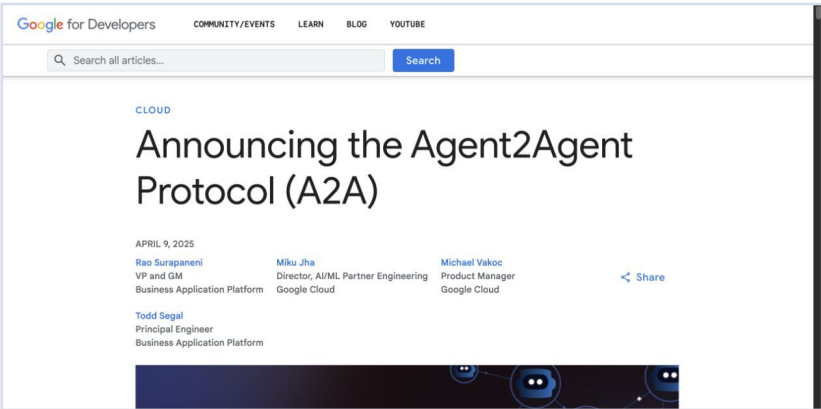


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Google Agent2Agent Protocol

Google names its interoperability protocol Agent2Agent (A2A).

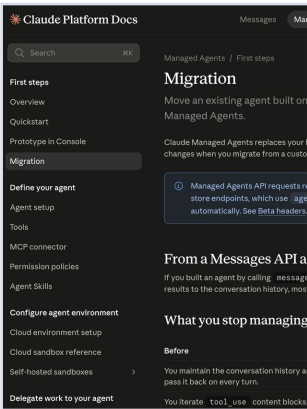


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Anthropic Claude Agent SDK

Anthropic publishes a Claude Agent SDK and Managed Agents documentation.



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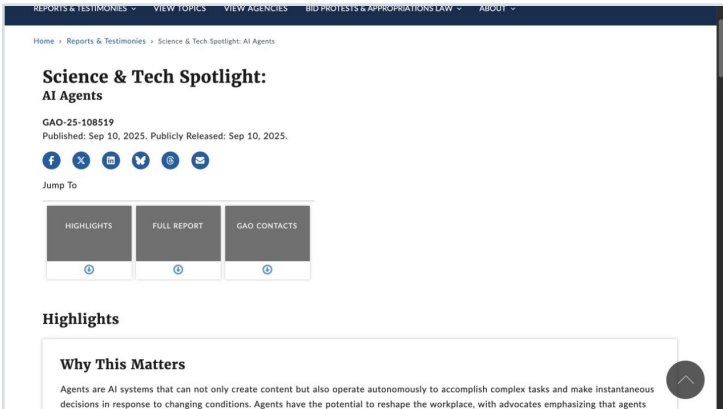
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Usage by neutral public institutions

Government and standards bodies use agent as the operative AI-system noun

U.S. GAO - Science & Tech Spotlight: AI Agents

A formal assessment states: Agents are AI systems.

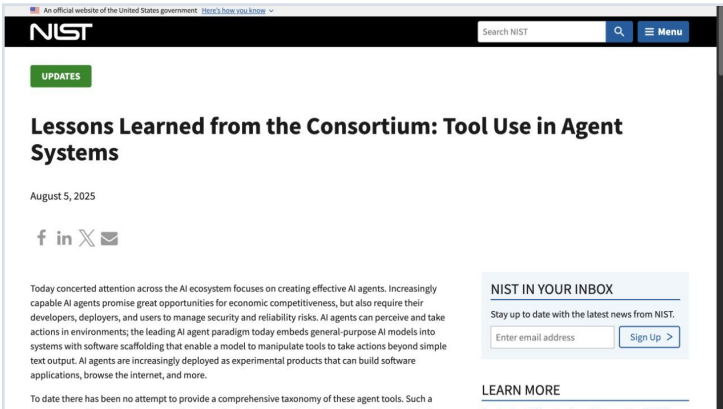


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NIST/CAISI - Tool Use in Agent Systems

NIST titles a 2025 federal publication with the unqualified noun Agent Systems.

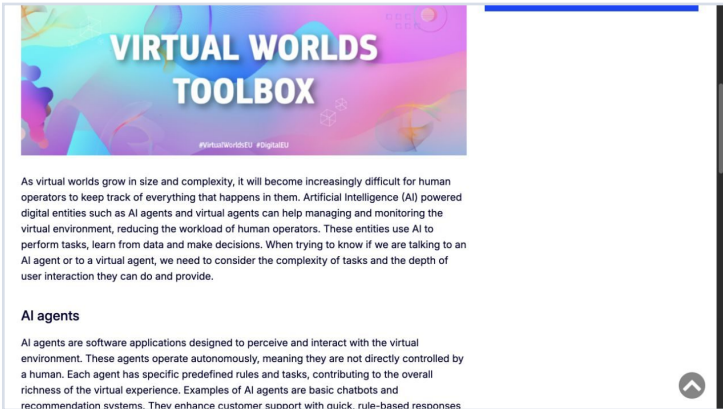


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European Commission - AI agents

The Commission defines AI agents as software applications operating autonomously.

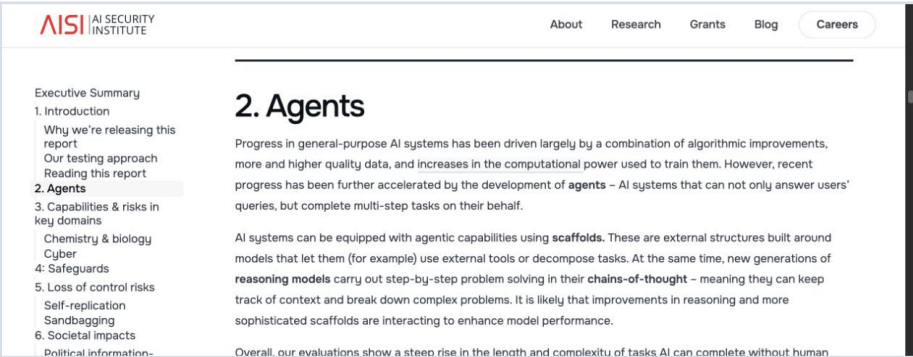


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UK AI Security Institute - Agents

A formal report section titled Agents defines AI systems completing multi-step tasks.



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Editors and academic venues use the bare noun

When software is meant, the qualifier AI is increasingly omitted

Axios AI+ - 25 February 2025

Agents will soon flood your channels

A major editor uses Agents as the complete subject label.

<https://www.axios.com/newsletters/axios-ai-plus-26da1ff0-f305-11ef-9d73-1f45c5c9c1be>

Associated Press - a rogue agent

The headline uses agent without an AI qualifier for an AI system.

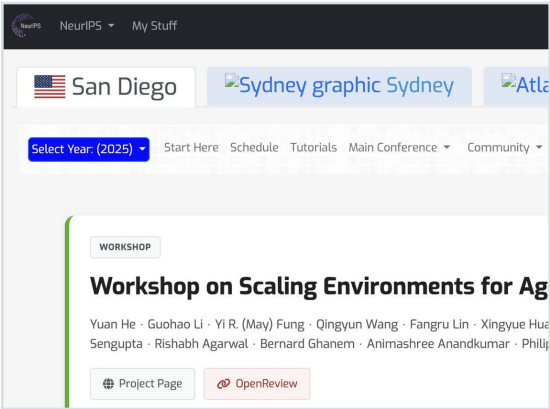


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NeurIPS - Scaling Environments for Agents

A 2025 workshop title uses Agents as the unqualified field noun.



Workshop held 7 December 2025.

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AAAI-25 - The Web Agent Revolution

An AAAI workshop title uses Agent without an AI qualifier.



AAAI-25 workshop list.

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