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## **LlamaIndex Built the Data Framework for LLM Applications. The Data Objects Have No Agent Schema.**

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LlamaIndex provides a data framework for connecting LLM applications to external data through indexing, retrieval, and agent abstractions. The framework excels at making data accessible to language models. But LlamaIndex agents are assembled from query engines, tools, and chat memory without a canonical schema. There is no structural definition of what an agent is beyond its assembled components. The gap is between excellent data integration tooling and canonical agent definition.

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LlamaIndex's data indexing and retrieval framework provides essential infrastructure for LLM applications. The gap described here is about agent structural definition.

## Agents assembled from components, not structurally defined

A LlamaIndex agent combines a language model, a set of query engine tools, and optional chat memory. The agent is capable. But it has no canonical schema. Different agents can have entirely different structures. There is no requirement for governance fields, no typed identity, and no lineage tracking. The agent is what its components happen to be.

## Chat memory without governed persistence

LlamaIndex provides chat memory modules for maintaining conversation context. Memory is a useful feature. But it is an optional component, not a required typed field. Memory has no governance constraints, no lineage, and no structural relationship to the agent's identity or governance. It is a conversation buffer, not governed memory.

## What a canonical agent schema provides

A canonical agent schema would give LlamaIndex agents structural definition. Memory would be a required typed field with lineage. Governance would be intrinsic to the agent. Identity would persist across sessions. LlamaIndex's data integration would provide the retrieval capability. The schema would provide the structural definition that makes agents validatable and interoperable.

[Agent Schema All 21 steps →](#)

Define what an autonomous agent is — structurally.

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