

Bots, assistants, agents

Module 10 · Build Your Own Assistant · Chapter 01

What you will learn

- ☐ The one axis that separates the three words
- ☐ Where today's tools sit on it
- ☐ Why the distinction matters practically

Your exercise

TRY IT YOURSELF · ABOUT 10 MINUTES

Classify five AI things you've touched this month (any apps/bots/features) on the table's four rows. Then find one assistant-behaving-as-chatbot in your own life, same tool, but imagine it with your syllabus loaded and standing instructions, and write the two-minute upgrade plan in `learn/agent-taxonomy.md`.

My notes

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Autonomy is the axis: chatbots reply, assistants contextualise, agents act.
- MCP loops = agent mechanics; automations = agents minus judgement.
- Upgrades come from context + guardrails before they come from models.

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