

The Managed Harness

Define an agent. Skip the orchestration code.

Amazon Bedrock AgentCore





Elizabeth Fuentes Leone

Developer Advocate @ AWS

GenAI · 107+ articles on dev.to · MS Data Science · EN/ES



The Agent Loop



Local Is Easy. Production Explodes.

Local

- A loop and a model
- Runs on your laptop
- One user, one session



Production

- Concurrency & isolation
- Identity & networking
- State, memory, filesystem
- Scaling & observability

Until now, every team built this layer themselves.

What You Get Out of the Box

No orchestration code. Just config.

Isolated microVM

Own sandbox, shell, filesystem

Built-in Memory

Cross-session recall, zero config

Persistent Storage

Mount S3 / EFS, survives restarts

Switch Models Mid-Session

Swap model or prompt, no rebuild

Direct Shell Access

Run commands, write & execute code

It's Configuration, Not a Rewrite

Any Model

Bedrock, OpenAI,
Gemini,
any LiteLLM provider

Any Tool

Gateway, MCP servers,
browser, code
interpreter

Skills on Demand

Attach from Git, S3, or
the
curated AWS skills
catalog

Traced Automatically

Every action, one
unified
observability view

Trying a different model or adding a tool is a config change.

Managed Harness in AgentCore

From idea to running agent in 3 steps

1

Define your agent

`model + tools + prompt`

2

Deploy

`agentcore deploy`

3

Invoke

`agentcore invoke`



Key Takeaways

Declare

Define the agent — model, tools, prompt — and skip the orchestration code.

Isolate

Every session runs in its own secure microVM with shell, filesystem, and memory.

Swap

Change model, prompt, or tools as a config change — no rewrite, no redeploy.

Operate

Versions, named endpoints, and automatic tracing make rollout and debugging safe.



Thank you!

Elizabeth Fuentes Leone

Developer Advocate @ AWS

Powered by open-source Strands Agents



Resources

bit.ly/4vXltMt



Blog & Socials

elifuentes.tech

