

The Week Machines Got Their Own Money

Giving an agent a task does not settle which purchases it may make. Define spending permission and exception ownership before connecting payment tools.

HINTS, TIPS & TRICKS

- Distinguish renewing a service from buying a new one.
- Place spending limits at the payment boundary.
- Name a human contact for disputes and exceptions.

OPERATOR CHECKLIST

1. Identify the represented principal
2. List allowed purchases and merchants
3. Set amount and renewal limits
4. Define review and revocation triggers
5. Test an out-of-scope request

COPY-READY PROMPT

For [agent task], separate task permission from spending authority. Specify principal, allowed purchases, limits, approval triggers and exception owner. Show how the tool enforces denials. Flag missing controls before proposing a test.

SOURCE & PROVENANCE

Article claims: The edition discusses machine-oriented payment interfaces and unresolved questions about trust, scope and responsibility.

Guidance: This checklist adapts the governance questions; it does not establish current protocol availability or legal liability.

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