The Receipt Is Becoming the Interface. Finance Needs the Event Log.

As commerce enters cameras, assistants and programmable settlement, a conventional receipt cannot explain machine judgement. Finance needs an event log that preserves intent, authority, evidence, decision and outcome.

HINTS, TIPS & TRICKS

- Assign one correlation ID from request through settlement and reversal.
- Record the evidence presented to the agent, including version and timestamp.
- Use append-only events so corrections add context without rewriting history.

OPERATOR CHECKLIST

- Define event names and required fields.
- Capture actor, mandate and source version.
- Record tool calls, approvals and refusals.
- Link settlement, reconciliation and reversal.
- Test replay with an outside operator.

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Design an append-only event-log schema for [workflow]. Show events from request to final
reconciliation, with correlation ID, actor, mandate, source version, decision, approval, tool
action, external result, exception owner and reversal link. Identify fields needed to replay
the decision without reading the model transcript.
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Article claims: The article connects emerging machine-commerce and settlement surfaces with the need for a record of what software believed it could do.

Operational guidance: The schema, replay test and append-only hints are guidance, not claims about a named provider’s controls.

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