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AI Agents Can Stay on the Case. Their Financial Permission Shouldn't.

Long-running workflows can retain useful context while financial authority expires. Treating permission as a lease keeps a persistent agent from acting after balances, policy, risk or customer intent have changed.

HINTS, TIPS & TRICKS

- Expire authority on material events as well as elapsed time.
- Pause execution without destroying accumulated work.
- Require a named owner to renew using current evidence.

OPERATOR CHECKLIST

- State purpose and allowed action level.
- Set account, amount and counterparty limits.
- Define time and event-based expiry.
- List revocation triggers and evidence.
- Test pause, renewal and next-call denial.

COPY-READY PROMPT

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Write an authority lease for [persistent agent workflow]. Include purpose,
observe/recommend/draft/stage/execute level, limits, time expiry, event-based expiry,
revocation triggers, current evidence, renewal owner and how the system preserves work while
blocking the next financial action. Run it first on a harmless replica.
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SOURCE & PROVENANCE

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