

AI Work Needs Proof, Not Just a Good Explanation

Choose the proof before an agent begins. Verify the changed result, follow evidence for important claims and measure the time spent reviewing and repairing the work.

HINTS, TIPS & TRICKS

- Check the destination record rather than a progress report.
- Use independent review for choices requiring judgement.
- Reconcile uncertain outcomes before a retry.

OPERATOR CHECKLIST

1. Choose one reversible repeated task
2. Define completion proof in advance
3. Name one claim and its evidence
4. Set a stop-and-escalate condition
5. Time review, repair and reconstruction

COPY-READY PROMPT

For [task], name the result and evidence that will prove completion. Define the review for [important claim] and stop if [condition] occurs. Return proof and unfinished work. Before retrying, check whether the action already happened; preserve the existing approval boundary.

SOURCE & PROVENANCE

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