

Intent Architecture Stack

Complete all three layers before any agent goes live. Every unchecked box is a unit of Governance Debt.

LAYER 1

Context: The Environment

- Regulatory obligations mapped and documented for this agent's data scope and decision authority
- All affected stakeholder groups identified and named
- Every downstream system the agent can trigger or access mapped before intent is defined

Control point: Context Document exists as a pre-deployment artifact, not a post-hoc description

LAYER 2

Intent: The Purpose

- Agent purpose written in one plain-language sentence without looking at the code
- Authorized actions listed - specific, tied to named systems
- Explicit prohibitions written - this field cannot be blank
- Expected output format and human review triggers defined

Control point: A compliance officer can read this document and describe what the agent does

LAYER 3

Governance: The Accountability

- Consequence Owner named - a specific individual, not a team or function
- Consequence Owner confirms in writing they own this agent
- Review cadence defined - calendar date plus trigger events
- Escalation path documented - named contacts and conditions
- Pre-deployment sign-off complete - legal, compliance, business owner

Control point: If this owner left tomorrow, their replacement could find everything in this document

i AUTHORIZATION STATUS

- 12 of 12 checked - Agent is authorized to operate
- Any box unchecked — Do not deploy. Name a remediation owner before proceeding.

Agent name: _____ Consequence Owner: _____

The platform enforces access. Only your organization can authorize what the agent is permitted to do.