
Rung-drift audit

Run this short, fixed pass at every release. Any class where the claimed rung and the evidenced rung disagree is demoted on the spot.

- Has a new action class appeared that no one assigned a rung?

- Has any rung-2 approval rate climbed high enough that approval has become a reflex click?

- Has any new tool, credential or integration widened the action space of a class last scored against a narrower one?

- Is any irreversible action - a deletion, payment, publish or export - hidden inside a class treated as reversible?

- Does the vendor contract name the approved rung per action class and the evidence required to climb?

Three sentences before you ship

For the action class under review, write the three sentences. If any is vague, lower the rung before improving the model.

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