

FIVE QUESTIONS THE WORD "COWORKER" HIDES

The It Test

The word coworker collapses five separate things into one imaginary colleague. Run one real agent through these five questions and answer each one concretely.

BRING One agent you currently call a "coworker" _____

The five questions

Tick a box only when you can name the concrete answer, not when you assume one exists.

- Composition - can you name every model, tool and prompt that makes up this agent?

- Verification - can you name what independently checks its output before anyone acts on it?

- Authority - can you name exactly what it is permitted to do, and what it is not?

- Containment - can you name what limits the damage when it is wrong?

- Ownership - can you name the person accountable when it fails?

Notes - where the word "it" broke down

Write down which of the five you could not answer, and what that gap means for trusting this agent.
