

ONE LOOP · THREE ANNOTATION CLASSES · EVERY LOOP ELEMENT CARRIES ITS STATE

State of the machine · *as of 2026-09-12*

The operating map of the company, drawn for the two readers who need it: **the owner** and **the next agent onboarding into this OS**. A build-status plate, not a brochure. There is one loop; everything else here hangs off it as exactly one of three things: **a gate** that can refuse, **a sense** that records, **a brake** that can stop. Nothing on the loop is drawn without its state, so **an over-claim has to survive the state printed beside it**, on a plate that carries its date.

Three planes, one rule

The trigger plane carries only WHEN and WHICH. The WHAT lives versioned in the repository. The guard envelope wraps the call. The signature stays human.

EVERY MODEL CALL =	Guard file A permission envelope decides before the call. Deny beats allow.	Cost tick Automated spend is metered against a cap. At the cap, the call is skipped.	Watchdog A runaway is bounded by something outside the run.	Trust record The run is written down, pass or fail, before anyone asks.
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READ THE SHEET · THREE CLASSES, NO FOURTH	STATE MARKERS · EVERY LOOP ELEMENT CARRIES ONE
◆ Gate Something must pass a check here, and can be refused. ○ Sense Something is read or recorded here. It observes, never fixes. ■ Brake Something can stop it here, on purpose or on a limit.	● RUNNING proven on the record, today ● OPEN a known defect, unfixed, drawn anyway ○ PLANNED decided, not built ● REPAIRED · DATED broke, was fixed, holding since ○ PENDING built, waiting on a prerequisite ○ DEFERRED deliberately not built, with a reason
Unit of measure: a unit of work is a delivery, not an hour: an 8F vector (Beliefs · Emotions · Features · Assets · Companions · Environment · Time · Stamina) moved one step along a 5D journey inside the 6C frame, priced in Momentum Energy. The substrate measures the loop, it is not a station on it.	Reading rule: markers apply to the loop, its annotations and the intakes: there, an element with no marker does not belong here, because a claim without a state is a claim without evidence. A standing rule is not a runtime state and carries none: the four-box sentence above is one. Hence the date. True on 2026-09-12, due a re-read after that.

The Loop

One turn of the machine

AN INTENTION ARRIVES · THE RECORD IS WHAT THE NEXT TURN READS FIRST

01 Intention arrives

From the owner in a session, or from a standing timer when no human is there. Unattended starts are the normal case, not the exception.

● RUNNING

◆ GATE · REGISTERED NAMES ONLY ● RUNNING
An unregistered instruction name executes nothing and raises an alarm. A hostile invitation is inert by construction, not by vigilance.

■ BRAKE · QUARANTINE POSTURE ● REPAIRED 2026-08-28
Arriving content is data, never instruction. A low-privilege reader with no network, writing only its own summary, reads it; the privileged session acts only on the summary.

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02 Ground

Restate the intention in one sentence, agree it, record it. Agreement is the moment the job is grounded, not a formality.

● RUNNING

◆ GATE · HALT AND ASK ● RUNNING
A named set of escalation triggers stops the machine and puts the decision to the human: values, reversibility, reputation, money, any external commitment, or plain uncertainty.

○ SENSE · STANDING GOALS ● RUNNING
A fixed set of invariants is re-checked on a standing schedule, so drift is caught by a machine rather than remembered by a person.

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03 The council argues

Optimist, skeptic, lateral mind, customer, expertise broker. They must disagree before a plan is allowed to exist.

● RUNNING

○ SENSE · GROUNDING PACK ● RUNNING
Precedent and evidence are pulled before the seats speak, so nobody argues from a blank page and no ruling is re-litigated by accident.

◆ GATE · THE CUSTOMER VETO ● RUNNING
A plan that cannot name the real person it is for dies at this seat. Architecture completeness is never the goal; the beneficiary is.

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04 The GUIDE runs

Ground, Uplift, Intent, Deploy, Evolve. The orchestrator runs it; every action inside it is its own micro-GUIDE.

● RUNNING

■ BRAKE · THE DRAIN BLOCK, WITH TEETH ● RUNNING
While too many receiver-gated decisions sit open, nothing new may open; released since 2026-09-02, it applies again once the queue grows past its limit. Any override must name a paired landing with a date, and is logged.

○ SENSE · THE RISK REGISTER ● RUNNING
Forward-looking and longitudinal, scored, with pre-mortems. It surfaces and recommends; the human keeps the halt.

TURN OF THE LOOP

05 A producer drafts

A specialist agent produces the artifact against the plan. Draft only, always, whatever the artifact is.

● RUNNING

■ BRAKE · THE GUARD ENVELOPE ● RUNNING
See the spine: permission guard, cost tick, watchdog on every call. Deny beats allow, so an injected "send this" is structurally refused, not politely declined.

◆ GATE · SIGNED SURFACES ● REPAIRED 2026-08-29
The constitution, the identity layer and the files that grant agents their tools are write-denied at the hook layer unless the human unlocks them. The gate checks the tool before the write. Reads stay open.

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06 The verifier reviews

A first-pass verifier checks the artifact against the plan before anything is allowed to leave the house.

● RUNNING

◆ GATE · VERIFIED BEFORE RELEASE ● RUNNING
Vouching is the scarce act. No artifact reaches the signature unreviewed; mail drafts reach the owner with a note on what to check.

◆ GATE · BRIGHT-LINE TOKEN CHECK ● RUNNING
A barred class of names and tokens may not appear on any commercial artifact. Checked by a script and by hand at verification; the bar itself is absolute.

◆ GATE · THE HAT FIREWALL ● RUNNING
Four legal faces, two hard cross-hat edges, and one hard wall inside a single hat: paid neutral review must never touch own commercial work.

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07 The human signs

The accountable signature. Everything upstream of here is preparation; nothing downstream happens without it.

● RUNNING

◆ GATE · PRODUCING IS NOT PUBLISHING ● RUNNING
The fleet drafts. The human signs, sends and publishes. There is no version of this loop in which an agent presses the button.

◆ GATE · THE OUTBOX ● REPAIRED 2026-08-27
External sends are authorised per item, never as a standing permission. No send grant exists.

○ SENSE · THE ENERGY READ ● RUNNING
No stage closes without a real energy reading. A minted metric is a defect; a missed one is logged as missed and never backfilled.

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08 Memory compounds

The stage close writes what was learned, and the digest the next session boots from is recomplied.

● REPAIRED 2026-08-24

○ SENSE · THE TRUST RECORD ● RUNNING
Every run is written down, pass or fail. Recording is all it does: the record is an instrument, never a repair.

○ SENSE · TELEMETRY SNAPSHOTS ● RUNNING
A dated snapshot of the machine's own vital signs, taken on a standing schedule, so a trend is visible before it is a story.

○ SENSE · THE SKILL-DEFECT LEDGER ● OPEN
Skills are rewritten on evidence; the ledger has gone quiet while defects kept arriving.

FROM HERE ON, EVERY GATE THAT STANDS BETWEEN A DRAFT AND THE WORLD IS DRAWN

RETURN ↻

And the next loop starts better informed. **What is written at close is what the next turn reads first**, which is why an unrecorded stage is a defect and a compacted-away decision is a wound. A pattern is compiled into a workflow only after it has been run by hand several times: automate demonstrated repetition, never imagined need.

● RUNNING

GLOBAL BRAKE

One lever halts the fleet. A single kill switch halts every agent tool call and the scheduled runner at once, independent of any station on this loop. It is a lever the human holds, not a policy the fleet is asked to respect.

● RUNNING

HONESTY BAND	Instrument readings, not apologies	WHAT THE RECORD SAYS WHEN NOBODY EDITS IT	
READING 01 · THE DARK WINDOW Six dark days · and one loop that still ran 2026-07-29 through 2026-08-03. Repaired 2026-08-04. The scheduled runtime's authentication expired: six consecutive days on which no scheduled brief run passed and the pulse stayed RED throughout. The Friday weekly loop still ran and passed on 07-31. Two latent defects surfaced with it: a generator that crashed under the system interpreter, and a gate that denied reads it was never meant to gate. The instrument worked: every failure is on the record. Nothing self-healed: for six days the machine recorded and did not repair, and no brief reached the owner. A human fixed it on 2026-08-04. The fix held; the runner did not stay clean: it missed or degraded again on several days, among them 2026-08-07, 2026-09-02 and 2026-09-11, each for its own cause and each on the record. The storm returned on 2026-09-12; the fallback caught it and the brief was complete. The cap it keeps hitting was raised that day and is not yet proven. ● OPEN	READING 02 · THE SHARPER DEFECT The watcher is blind to absence That window sat inside a planned absence the record already named. The failure that matters was not the runtime: readers judged the gap without opening the briefs that explained it. That is a consultation failure, and it is the expensive one. The watcher could not tell a broken machine from an absent owner. Both halves are now built: a planned -absence input on 2026-08-17, and on 2026-08-24 an unexplained -silence ladder for the case no calendar names. Three quiet working days are treated as normal, because they are. The calendar leg ships disarmed until the owner arms it. ● REPAIRED 2026-08-24 ○ PENDING	READING 03 · THE RECORD The record outgrew its own rule The running log is a multiple of the ceiling its own index keeps. The owner ruled the new structure on 2026-08-24; the migration that enforces it has not landed, and until it does the ceiling cannot be reached. No size figure appears here on purpose: it moves constantly and three stale figures are already in circulation. Print the shape, never the number. ● OPEN	READING 04 · WHAT IS NOT LIVE Intakes not live, one deliberately Intakes not live: one waiting on credentials, one deliberately deferred with a reason. None of them is quietly left off this plate. Also on the record, fixed on the day it was found: a generated digest lifted a provisional score out of the sentence that disclaimed it. Logged in the defect ledger, which is what a ledger is for. ● REPAIRED 2026-08-06 ○ PENDING ○ DEFERRED
NO RATIO PRINTED	No pass rate appears on this plate. The record mixes task classes whose pass semantics differ and one class dominates the file by volume, so a raw ratio would read as precision and function as a lie. The dates above are the honest instrument.		

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