The AI Business Playbook

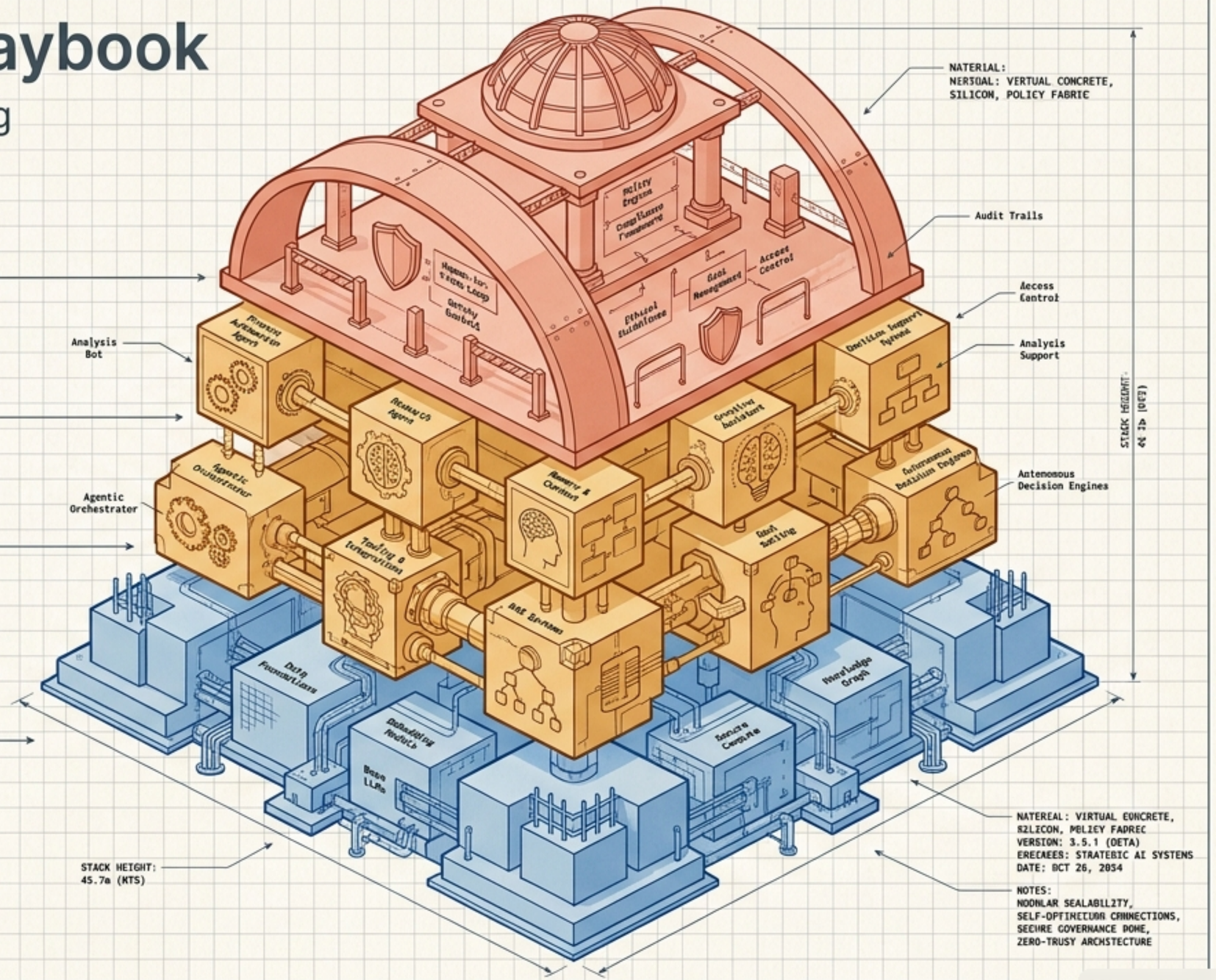
A Strategic Stack for Implementing Generative and Agentic Systems

Layer 4: Governance & Guardrails

Layer 3: Autonomous Agents

Layer 2: Orchestration

Layer 1: Foundational Models



Navigating the AI Ecosystem

Diagnostic / Descriptive AI

- Focus: Understanding the past (what happened and why).
- Capabilities: Scenario planning, root cause analysis, pattern recognition.

Predictive AI

- Focus: Forecasting the future.
- Capabilities: Forecasting, clustering, fraud prevention, next best action.

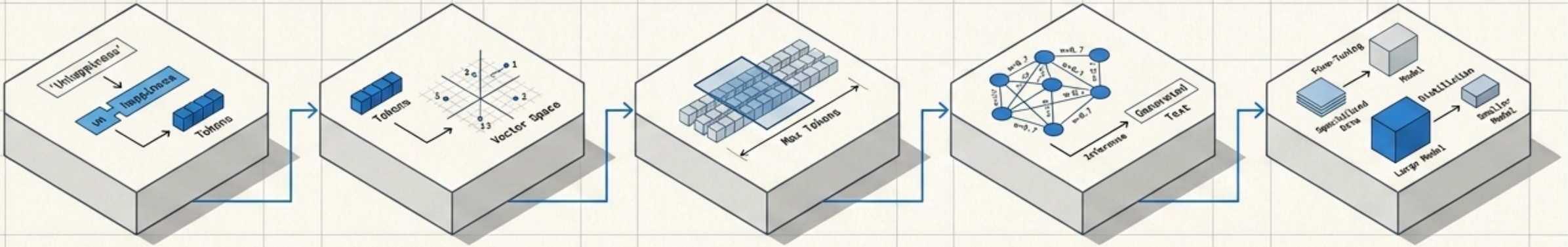
Generative / Cognitive AI

- Focus: Producing novel content and mimicking human cognition.
- Capabilities: Creating text/code/images, advising, automating creative tasks.

Reactive AI

- Focus: Executing predefined responses without memory.
- Capabilities: Rule-based actions, pattern matching without learning.

The Anatomy of a Large Language Model



1. Data & Tokenization

Text is broken down into sub-word units (Tokens).

`Detail: Subword tokenizers break 'Unhappiness' into 'un' + 'happiness' to preserve semantic meaning.`

2. Embeddings

Tokens are converted into vector representations—the AI's "sense of meaning."

3. Context Window

The model's working memory. The maximum number of tokens it can process at once.

4. Weights & Inference

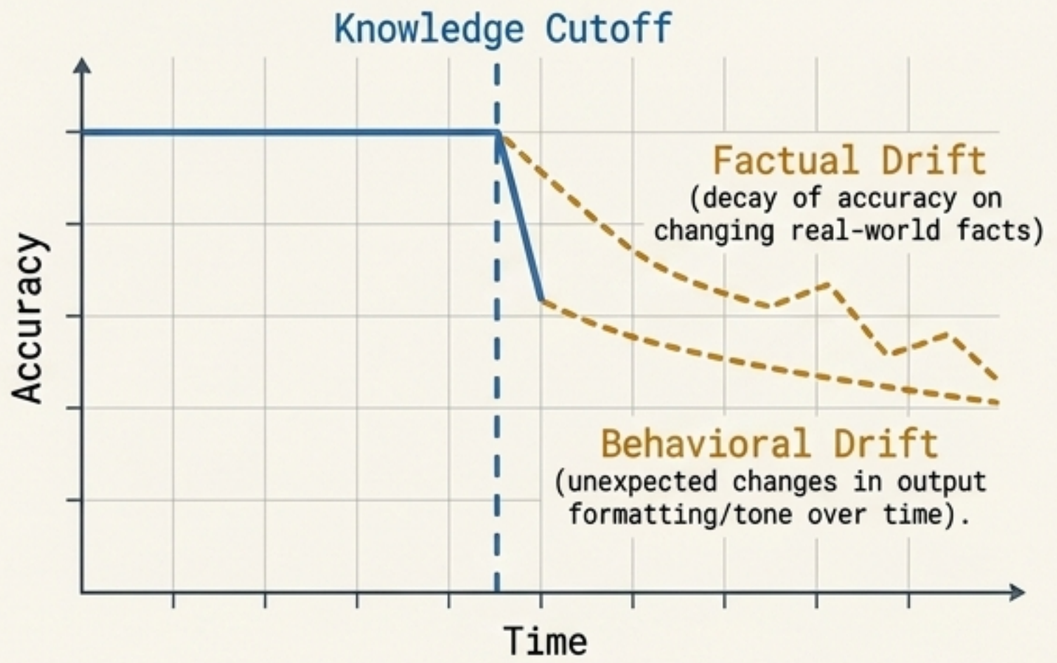
The learned numbers (Weights) shape what the model knows. Running the model to generate text is the act of thinking (Inference).

5. Fine-Tuning / Distillation

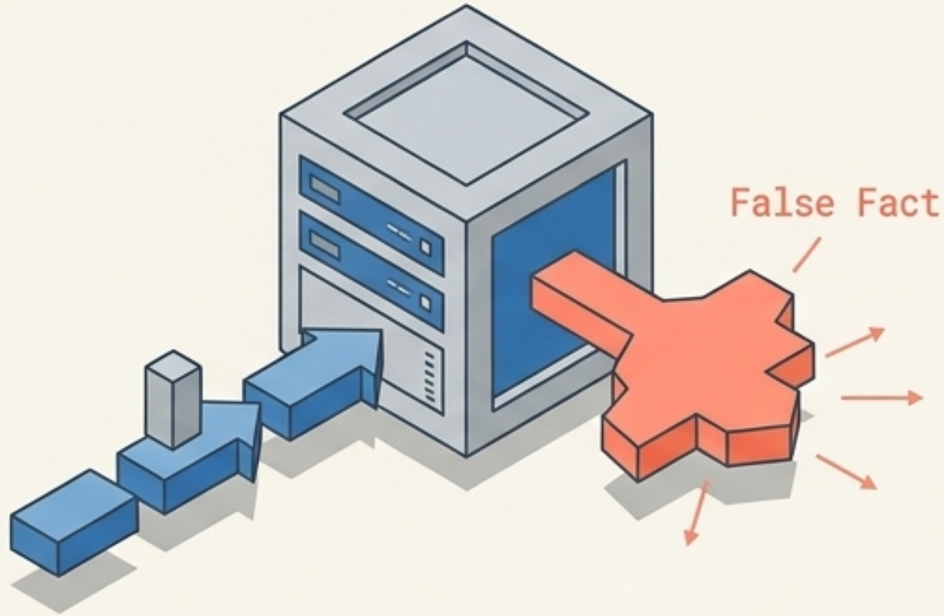
Teaching the AI new habits on specialized data, or shrinking a large model's brain without losing wisdom (Distillation).

The Data Reality: Hallucination, Cutoffs, and Drift

Knowledge Cutoff vs. Drift



Hallucinations & Bias



Key Takeaways: LLMs predict sequences; they do not comprehend meaning. Mitigation requires grounding, human oversight, and bias elimination in training data.

The Prompt Engineering Toolkit

BRIDGE: Background, Role, Instructions, Details, Guidance, Examples

The ultimate structured prompt for strategic planning and complex communication.

APE: Action, Purpose, Expectation

Outcome-oriented. Including the 'Purpose' improves logical reasoning.

RTFC: Role, Task, Format, Constraints

Direct, no conversational filler. Best for coding, data cleaning, and automated workflows.

CO-STAR: Context, Objective, Style, Tone, Audience, Response

Best for public-facing copy and highly specific formatting.

ERA: Expectation, Role, Action

Built for speed, rapid iterative prompting, and quick coding tasks.

APE: Action, Purpose, Expectation

Outcome-oriented. Including the "Purpose" improves logical reasoning.

CARE: Context, Action, Result, Example

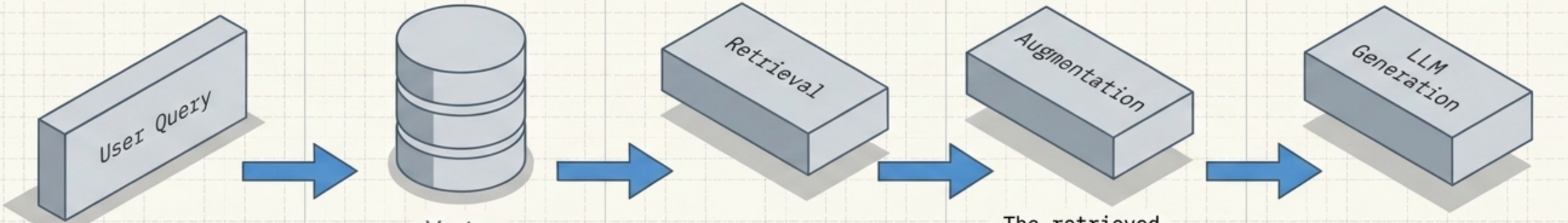
Best for fast professional drafting (e.g., everyday business emails).

CARG: Cobox, Sozvnis, Aagents

Best for pundic structured prompt for strategimtic formatting.

Low Complexity

Grounding the Brain: The RAG Architecture



The user asks a question.

Vector Database

The system searches proprietary business documents.

Grounded, factual embeddings are extracted.

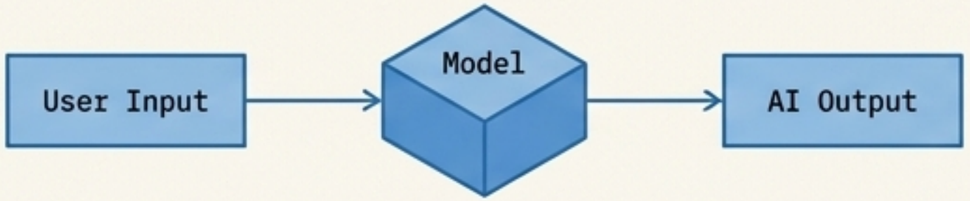
The retrieved facts are combined with the user query and system prompt.

The model processes the combined context to generate a factually accurate, up-to-date response.

Why it matters: RAG acts as the AI's "long-term memory," mitigating hallucinations without the massive cost of retraining the core model.

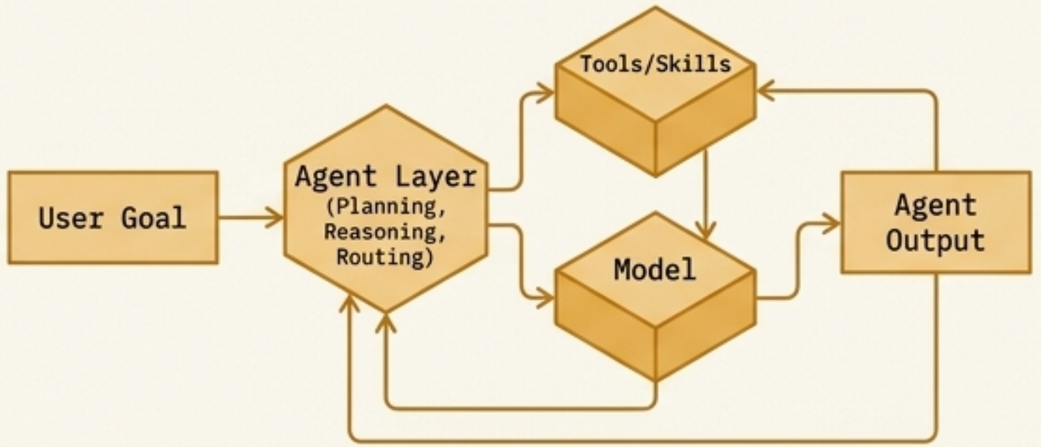
The Paradigm Shift: Generative vs. Agentic AI

Non-Agentic / Reactive



- **Capabilities:** Only responds to prompts. No planning. No tool use. No state. Pure text generation.
- **Example:** "Summarize this file." -> AI summarizes the file.

Agentic / Autonomous



- **Capabilities:** Plans, acts, calls functions, maintains state, executes multi-step workflows.
- **Example:** "Analyze this repo and fix the build." -> AI reads repo, detects error, calls build tool, applies fix, reports success.

The Agentic Stack

Goal

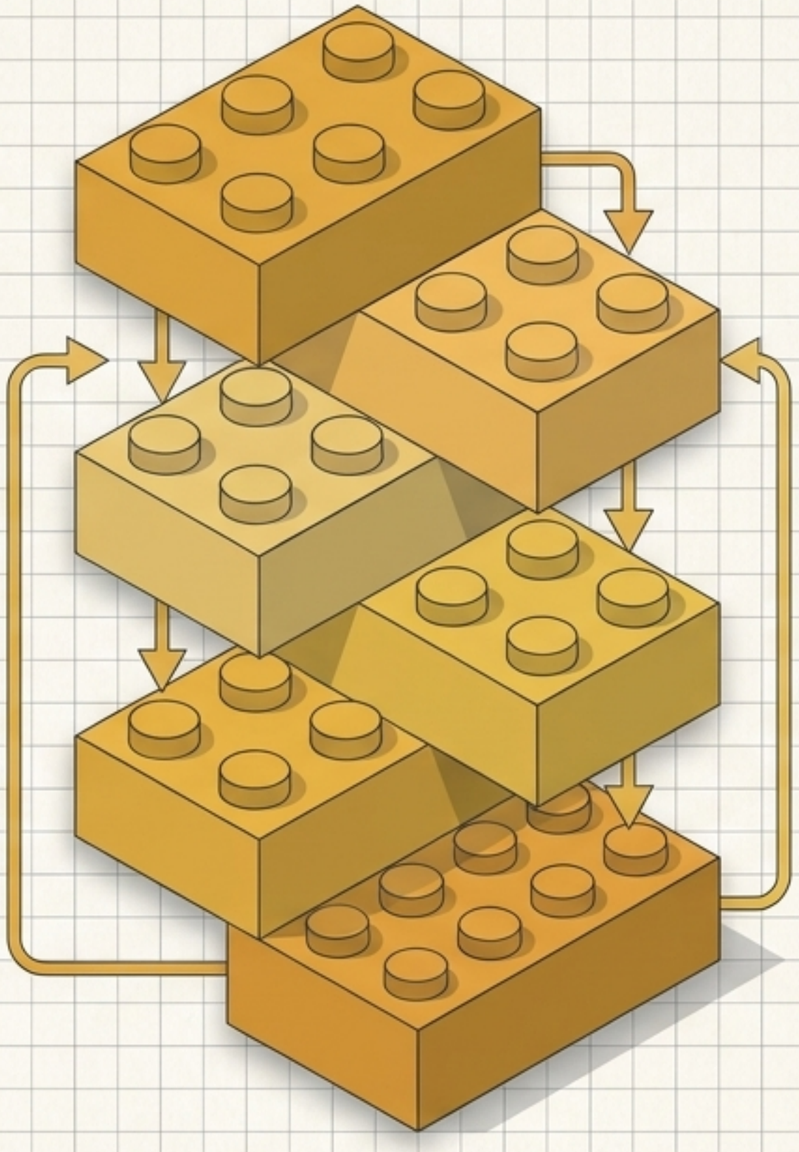
"What should I accomplish?"
The overarching objective.

Reasoning Loop

"What should I do next?"
Evaluating real-time feedback.

Memory

"What have I already done?"
Short-term (context window/sessions) and Long-term (RAG).



Planner

"How do I break this into steps?"
Multi-step reasoning structures.

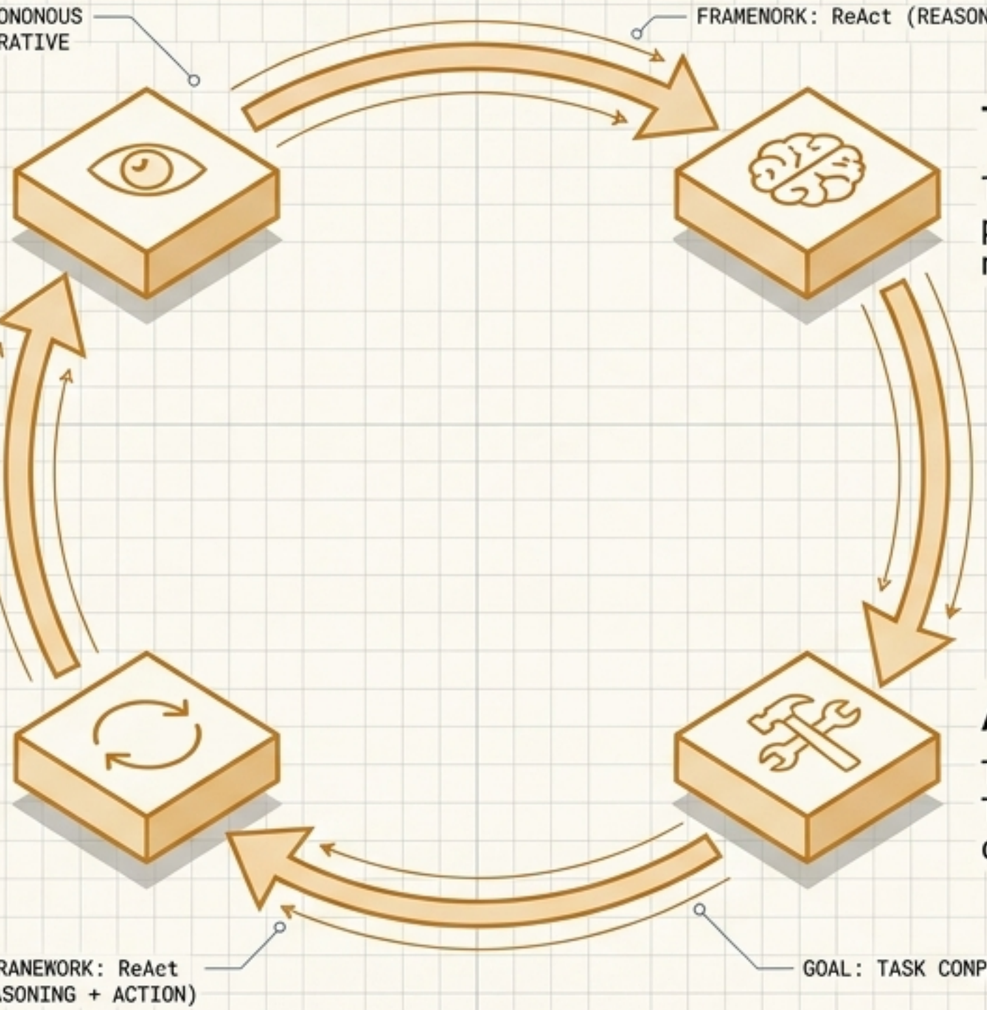
Tools & Gems

"What external actions do I need?"
API calls, web searches, file system access (The AI's hands).

Autonomy

"Can I continue without being told?"
Operating without manual prompting at every step.

The Agent Loop in Action



Observe

The agent evaluates its environment and current state.

Think

The LLM reasons about the problem and decides on the next logical step.

Act

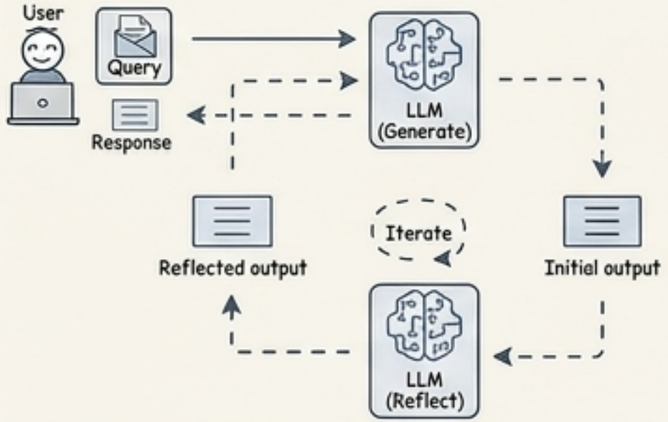
The agent invokes a specific Tool or Skill (e.g., querying a database).

Repeat

The result of the action becomes the new observation. The cycle repeats autonomously until the ultimate goal is met.

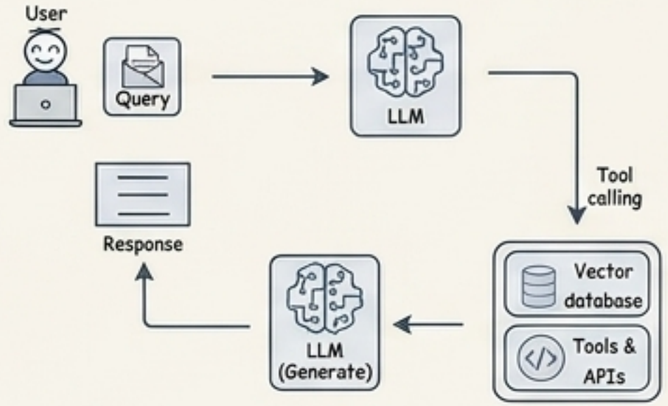
Five Agentic Design Patterns

Reflection Pattern



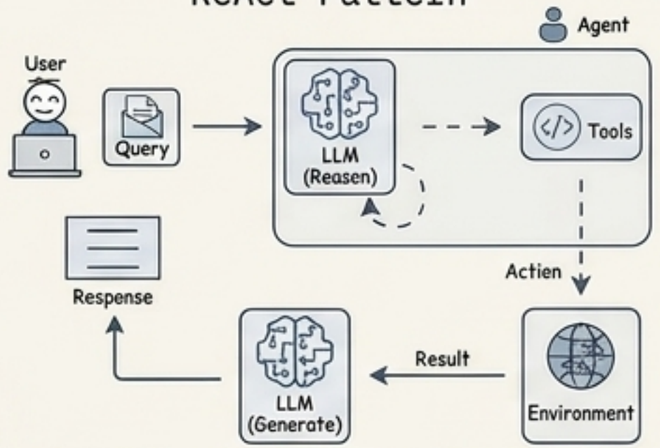
LLM generates -> LLM **reflects** on its own output -> **Iterates** to improve.

Tool Use Pattern



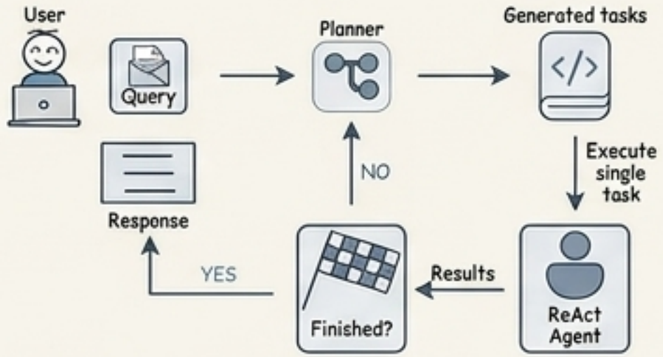
LLM determines a tool is needed -> calls **Tool/API** -> uses result to generate final response.

ReAct Pattern



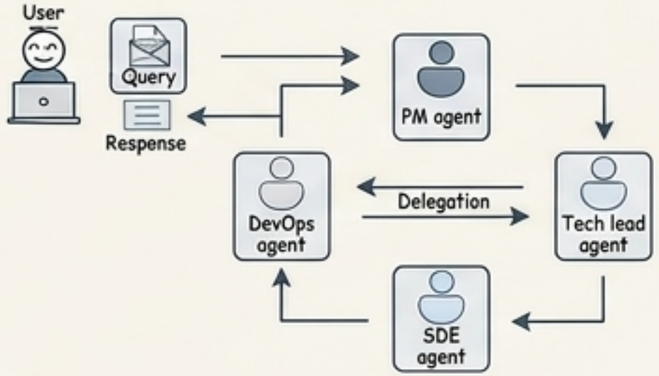
Integrates **reasoning** and **action** dynamically in a continuous **loop** with the **environment**.

Planning Pattern



A **Planner** node breaks a goal into **genezated tasks** -> passes to an **execution agent** -> checks if finished.

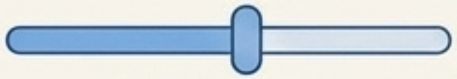
Multi-Agent Pattern



Specialized **agents** (e.g., PM agent, DevOps agent, SDE agent) delegate and route tasks to one another.

Constraining the AI: The Copilot Control Panel

Copilot Settings



Suggestion Limit Slider

Limits max lines per suggestion.

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github.copilot.suggestion.leng
th: 20
}
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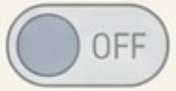


Inline Suggestions Toggle

Turns off ghost text to reduce distraction.

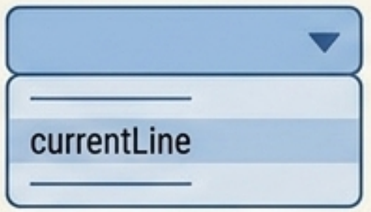
```
{
github.copilot.inlineSuggest.e
nable: false
}
```

Language Exclusions

- [x] Python
- [ ] JavaScript

Restricting activation to specific languages.

```
{
github.copilot.enable: {
  {'python': true,
  'javascript': false}
}
```



Context Granularity

Sending only the 'currentLine' to protect full file privacy.

```
{
github.copilot.advanced.editorContext
}
```

Suggestion Delay Dial

Slowing down the AI to allow human thought.

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{
github.copilot.suggestionDelayMs:
500
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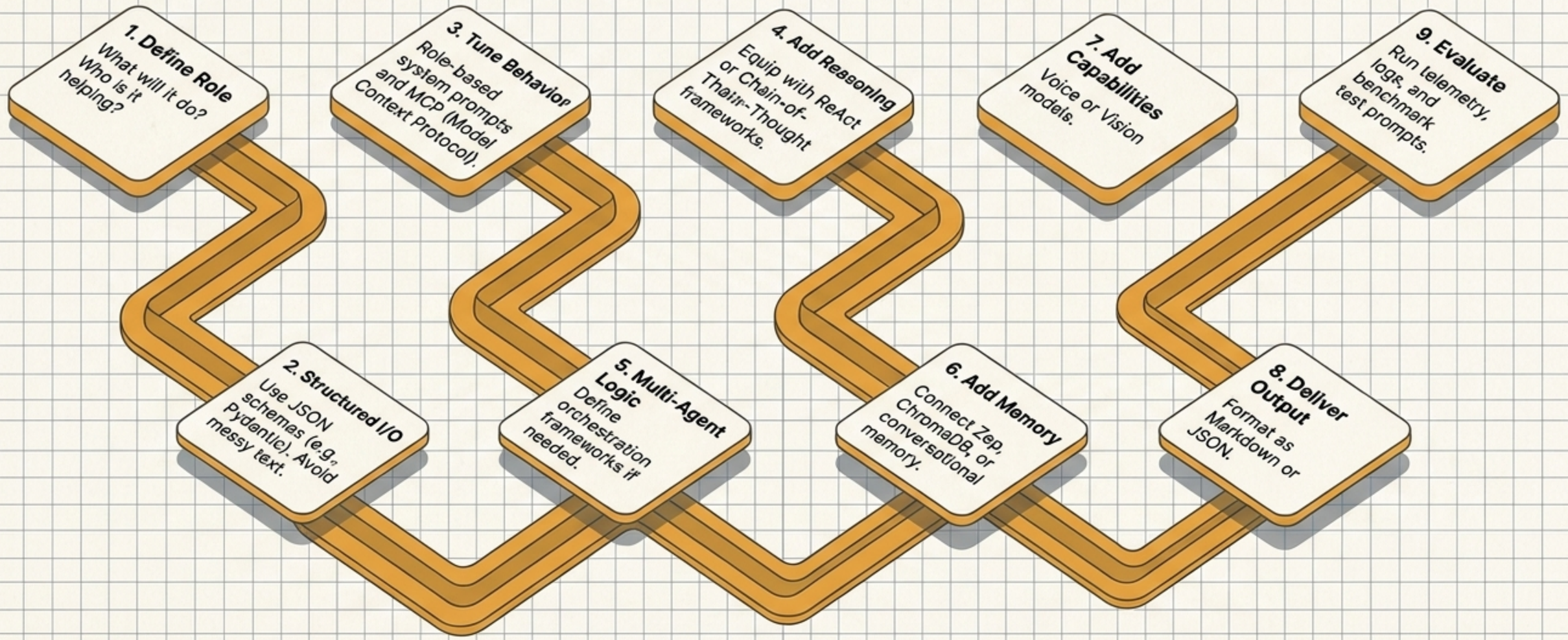
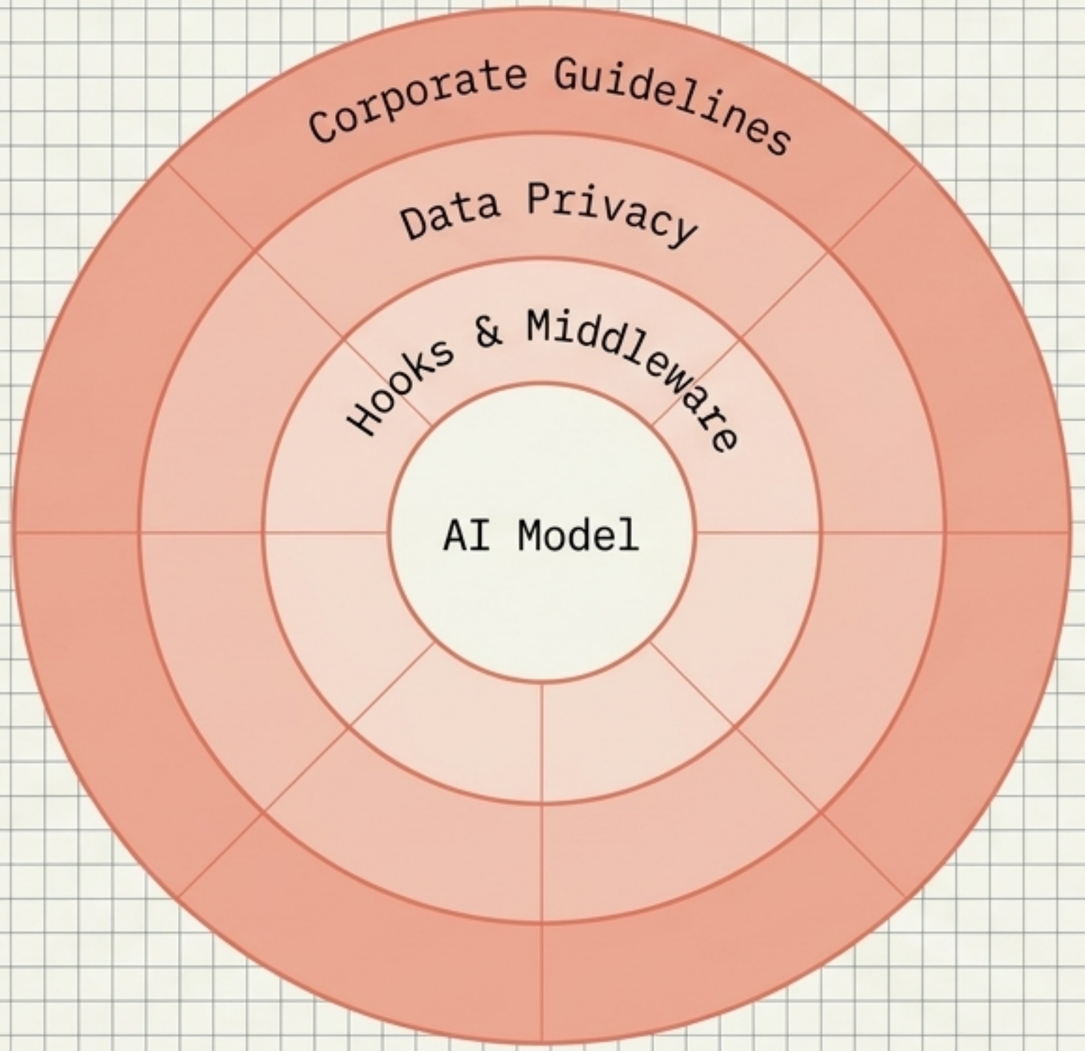
How to Build AI Agents from Scratch



Guardrails: Governing the AI Brain



Hooks as Middleware

Event-based triggers (Pre-prompt, Post-response, Tool-invocation) that intercept and modify AI behavior before it reaches the user.

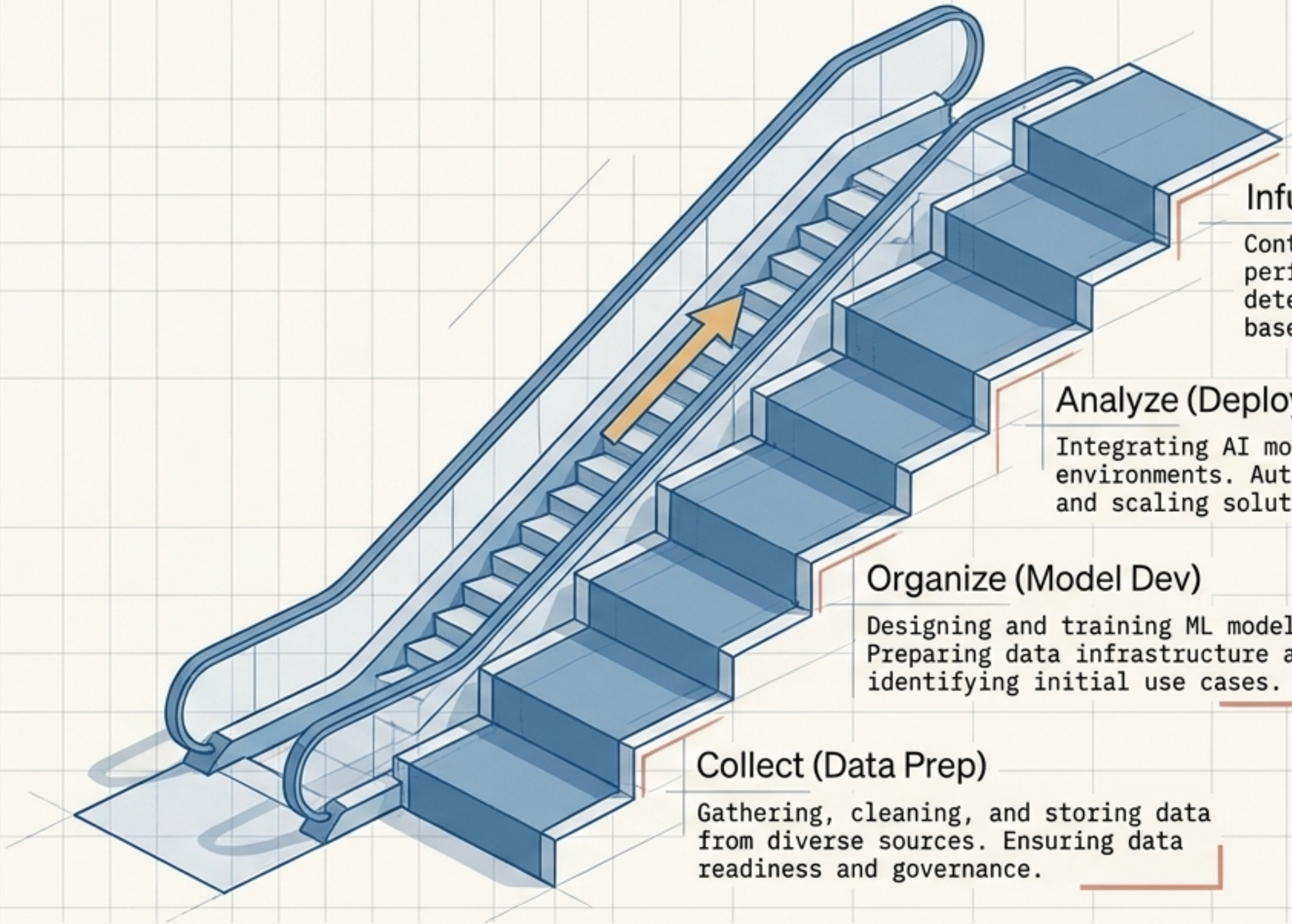
IBM Pillars of Trust

Explainability, Fairness, Robustness, Transparency, and Privacy.

Mitigation Tactics

Anonymizing data, requiring human-in-the-loop validation, and utilizing specific constraints (e.g., lowering tone, utilizing few-shot prompting).

The Enterprise AI Adoption Escalator



Infuse (Optimization)

Continuous monitoring, tracking performance, identifying model deterioration, and refining models based on real-time feedback.

Analyze (Deployment)

Integrating AI models into production environments. Automating deployment and scaling solutions.

Organize (Model Dev)

Designing and training ML models. Preparing data infrastructure and identifying initial use cases.

Collect (Data Prep)

Gathering, cleaning, and storing data from diverse sources. Ensuring data readiness and governance.

The PM + AI Mindset: Human in the Loop

AUGMENT

AI supports your expertise. You make the final call.

VERIFY

Always validate AI outputs and facts with your own judgment.

PROTECT

Keep data secure, respect privacy, and sanitize inputs.

OWN

You are ultimately accountable for the results and decisions.

AI is a co-pilot, not an autopilot. Leadership, empathy, and judgment remain human superpowers.