

Use-case Intake & Gates

The front door of the Risk Spine: four lenses and five gates between a request and a live use case.

POV

Govern at the front door. Decide it cheap at intake, or pay for it five times downstream.

THE MODEL DEVICE · THE FRONT DOOR — FIVE GATES, ONE QUESTION + THREE OUTCOMES EACH (PASS · REDIRECT · REFUSE)

01 · INTAKE	02 · SIZE	03 · DESIGN	04 · BUILD	05 · DEPLOY
Belongs in the portfolio?	How big — S/M/L/XL?	Which controls for the tier?	Is the evidence audit-ready?	Is the heartbeat live + owned?
Four lenses · refusal patterns	Hands to M10 Risk Sizing	Hands to M11 Risk Controls	Hands to M13 Evidence	Hands to M12 + M14

READ THROUGH FOUR LENSES — NOT JUST RISK · A CLEAR PASS NEEDS ALL FOUR; ANY ONE LENS CAN REDIRECT OR REFUSE

RISK / REGULATORY	ARCHITECTURE / FEASIBILITY	VALUE / BUSINESS-CASE	PEOPLE / ORG-IMPACT
How risky, and is it lawful?	Can we build + run it here?	Worth it, and how do we know?	What does it do to people?

FRAME · WHAT IT DOES

- The front door to the Core Arc: every AI use case is intaken, read four ways, and moved through five staged gates to a live, owned system.
- When to run: when demand for AI use cases needs one consistent intake and approval path.
 - Inputs: incoming requests; M10 sizing axes; M11 control library; the named lens + gate owners.

WORK · IN THE ROOM

- The four lenses and five gates; the three outcomes; refusal patterns; decision rights; the maturity ladder.
- Worked example (Wyreld: SiteInspection / ShortlistAssist / CatalogueAgent) and the three canvases run live.

VALUE · WHAT YOU LEAVE WITH

- One consistent front door: use cases triaged early; a clear pass / redirect / refuse at every gate, each owned.
- Populated T15 catalogue (gates, lenses, refusal patterns); O15 capture of decisions, actions, questions.

CO-DESIGN CANVAS SET · THREE STANDALONE ONE-PAGERS, EACH CIRCULATE-ABLE

1 · FOUR-LENS INTAKE ASSESSMENT	2 · INTAKE SUBMISSION	3 · THE FIVE-GATE RECORD
One per use case at Gate 01: score every lens (clear / flag / block); any block redirects or refuses.	One per use case: outcome, who is affected, what the AI decides, four-lens flags, sponsor, North Star (T00).	One per use case: the page that travels intake-to-live — outcome, owner, evidence and date per gate.

SO WHAT · THREE ROLES

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DEPENDENCIES

Front door to the Risk Spine · hands to
M10/M11/M13/M12/M14 · framework F06

STANDARDS ANCHORED

EU AI Act · NIST AI RMF · ISO/IEC 42001 · MS Responsible AI