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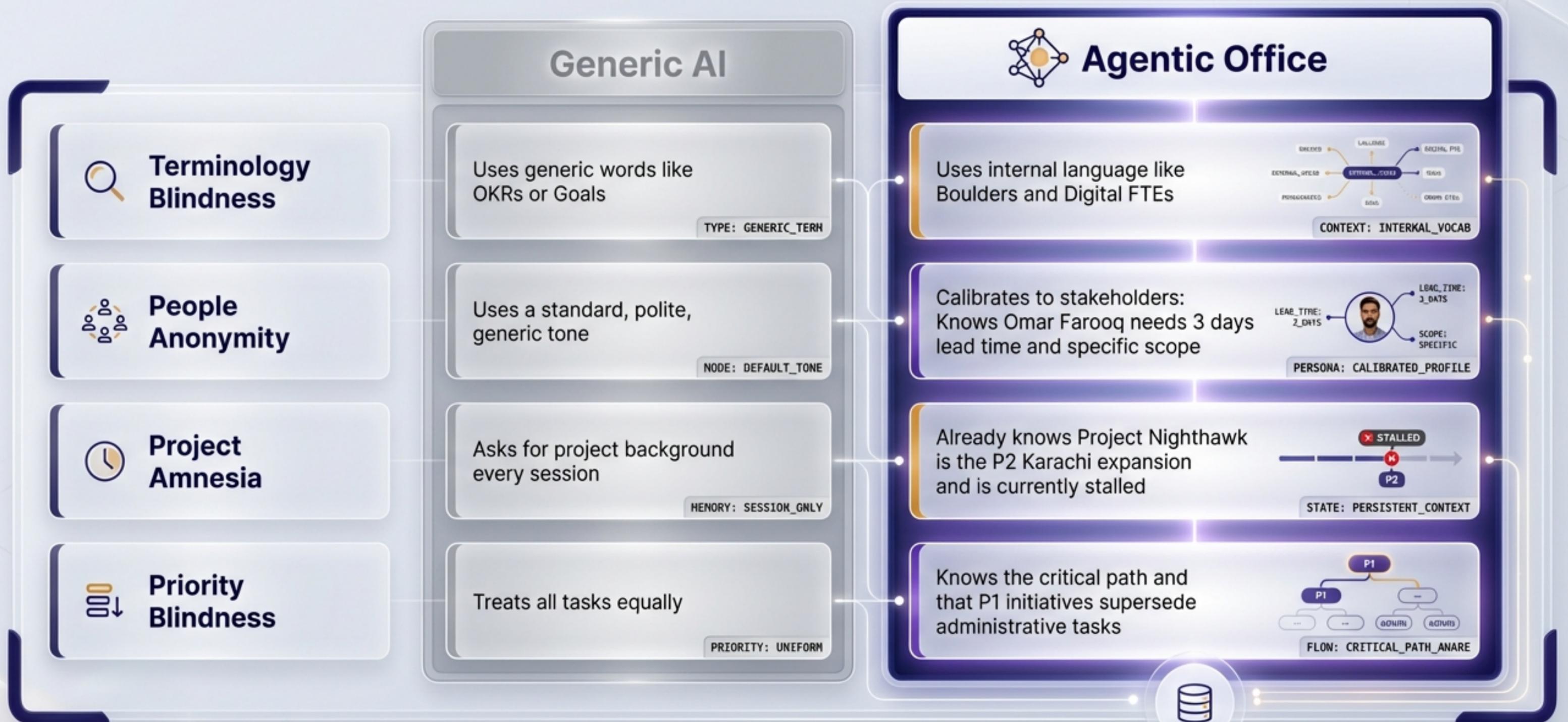
Building the agentic office and transforming AI from an amnesiac chatbot into a contextual, persistent colleague.

MEMORY_LAYER_01

MEMORY_LAYER_02

MEMORY_LAYER_03

CONTEXTUAL_AI

PERSISTENCE_CORE

CONTEXTUAL_AI

The gap isn't intelligence; it's persistent organizational context

Generic AI

Terminology Blindness	Uses generic words like OKRs or Goals
	TYPE: GENERIC_TERM

People Anonymity	Uses a standard, polite, generic tone
	NODE: DEFAULT_TONE

Project Amnesia	Asks for project background every session
	MEMORY: SESSION_ONLY

Priority Blindness	Treats all tasks equally
	PRIORITY: UNIFORM

Agentic Office

Uses internal language like Boulders and Digital FTEs

CONTEXT: INTERNAL_VOCAB

Calibrates to stakeholders: Knows Omar Farooq needs 3 days lead time and specific scope

LEAD_TIME: 3_DAYS
LEAD_TIME: 2_DAYS
SCOPE: SPECIFIC

PERSONA: CALIBRATED_PROFILE

Already knows Project Nighthawk is the P2 Karachi expansion and is currently stalled

STALLED
P2

STATE: PERSISTENT_CONTEXT

Knows the critical path and that P1 initiatives supersede administrative tasks

P1
P1
ADMIN ACTIVE

FLOW: CRITICAL_PATH_AWARE

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Separating infrastructure from intelligence

Official Productivity Plugin

- Handles Task CRUD
- Maintains Hot Cache
- Manages TASKS.md & CLAUDE.md

TYPE: INFRASTRUCTURE

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Zero trigger overlap. The infrastructure handles task addition, while the intelligence layer evaluates the critical path.

Custom Agentic Plugin

- Professional Intelligence
- Autonomous Routing
- Manages work.local.md & Agents

TYPE: INTELLIGENCE

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The single configuration file that calibrates every AI output

Layer 4: Organizational
- Terminology
- Meeting Rhythms
- Culture
- Unwritten Rules

Layer 4: Organizational
- Active Initiatives
- P1/P2/P3 Status
- Codenames
- Logged Decisions

Layer 3: Projects
- Stakeholder Profiles
- Communication Styles
- Sensitivities
- Lead-time Preferences

Layer 2: Team
- Your Role
- Current Focus
- Decision Style
- Format Preferences

Layer 1: Personal
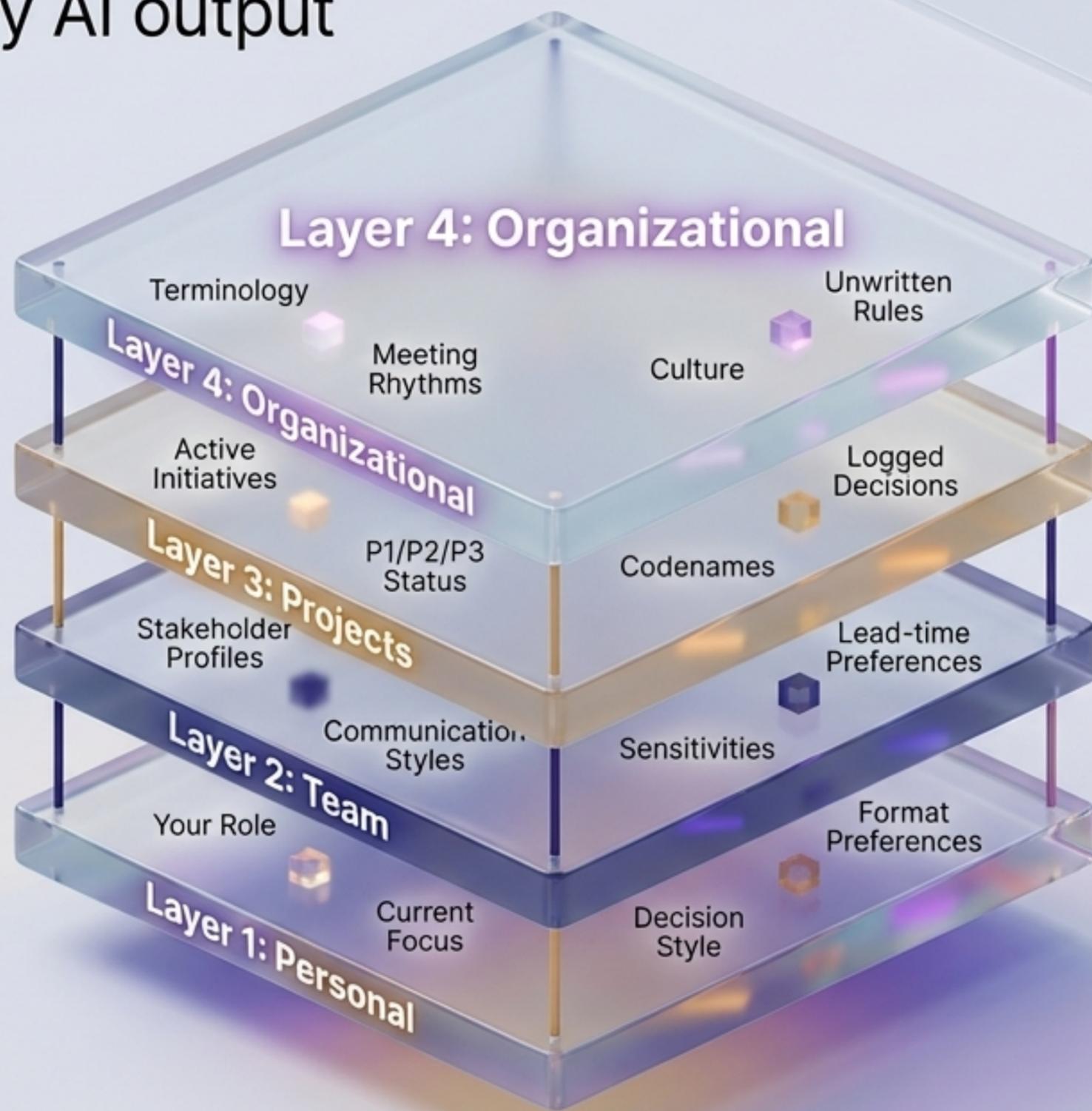
work.local.md

Context injection changes the output without changing the prompt

Without Context

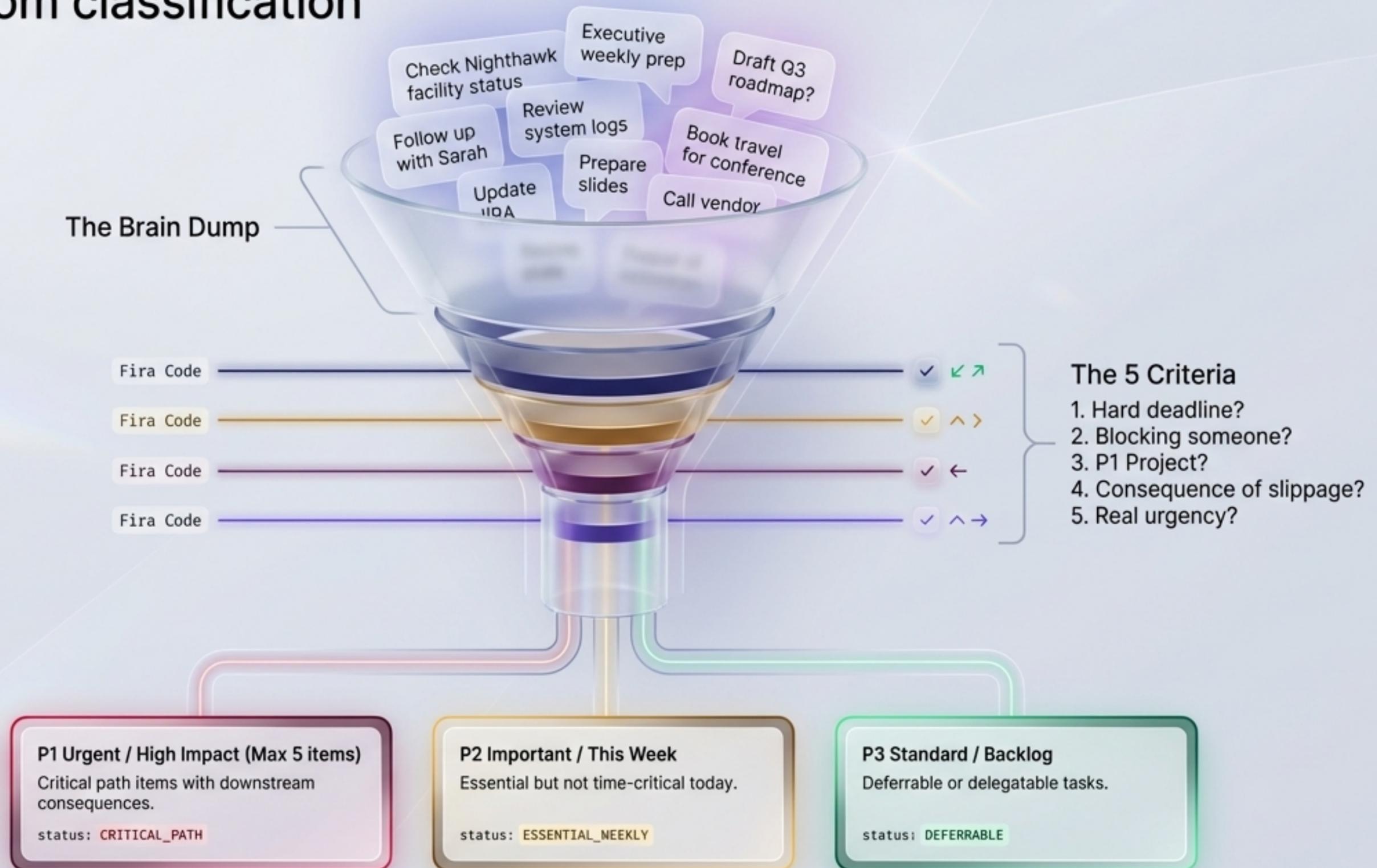Hi Omar, please do the analytics brief.

With Context

Omar—Need the Q1 brief by Friday.

Scope: 3 specific charts. Let me know if we need to adjust scope given the short lead time.
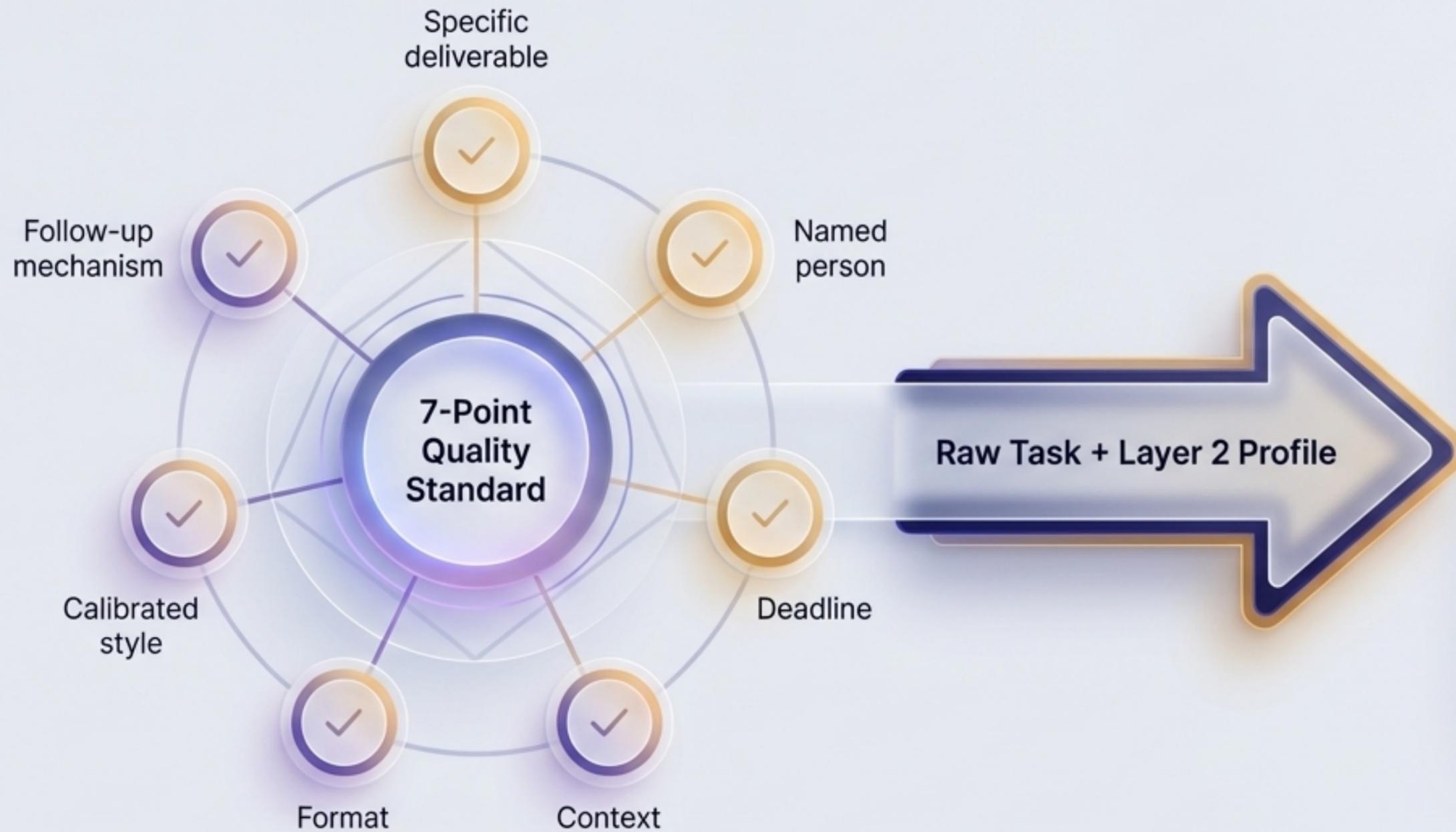
Pulls Layer 2 Profile: Omar expects scope clarity and dislikes last-minute asks.

Pulls Layer 3 Project Data: BankersAI investor deck requirements.

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Separate the cognitive mode of capture from classification

The Brain Dump

Check Nighthawk facility status

Executive weekly prep

Draft Q3 roadmap?

Follow up with Sarah

Review system logs

Book travel for conference

Update IIRA

Prepare slides

Call vendor

Fira Code

Fira Code

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The 5 Criteria
1. Hard deadline?
2. Blocking someone?
3. P1 Project?
4. Consequence of slippage?
5. Real urgency?

P1 Urgent / High Impact (Max 5 items)
Critical path items with downstream consequences.

status: CRITICAL_PATH

P2 Important / This Week
Essential but not time-critical today.

status: ESSENTIAL_WEEKLY

P3 Standard / Backlog
Deferrable or delegatable tasks.

status: DEFERRABLE

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A delegation is only as good as its brief

Specific deliverable

Named person

Follow-up mechanism

7-Point Quality Standard

Calibrated style

Deadline

Format

Context

Raw Task + Layer 2 Profile

Handoff Message

- Delegation Record Sent
- Confirmation window set for 24 hours.
- Midpoint check-in scheduled.
- Escalation triggered if stalled.

Replacing 45 minutes of manual system checking with a 1-page brief

Agentic Morning Digest

Headline Status: Watch Items

Today's Critical Path (Max 5)

- [x] ———————————————
- [x] ———————————————
- [ ] ———————————————

Meetings Needing Prep
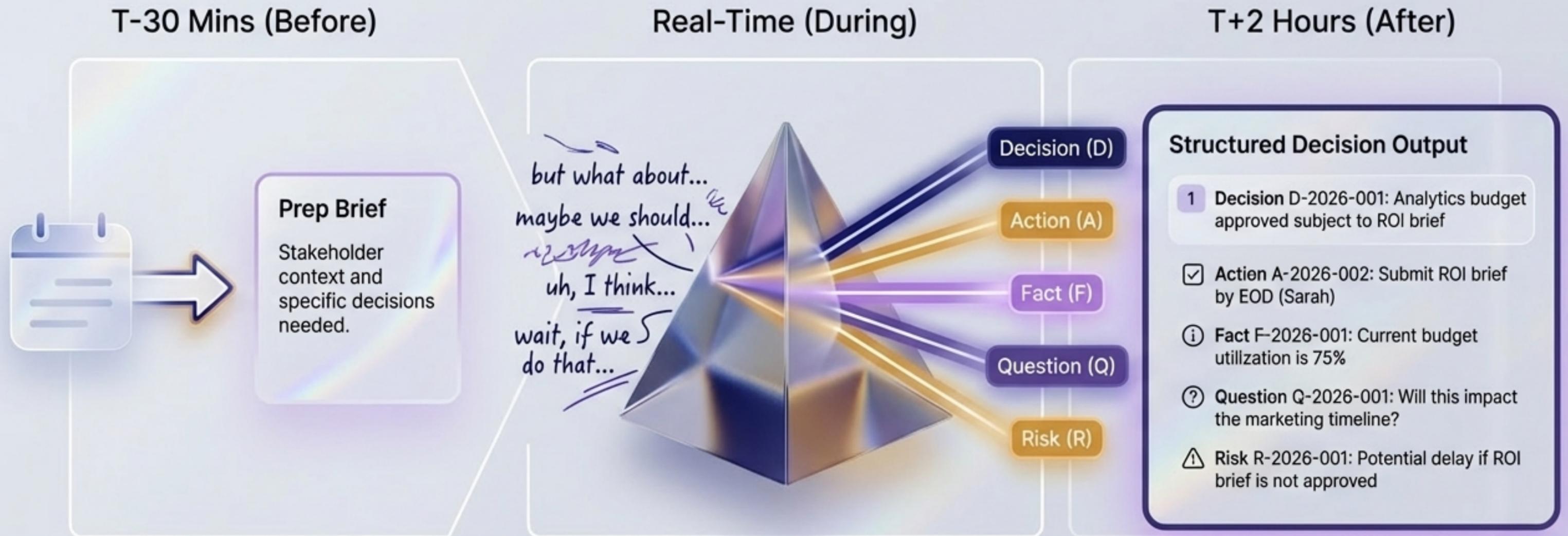
Q3 Strategy Sync

Client Onboarding

Open Delegations

Design Review - Sarah

Data Analysis - Alex

Briefing Voice vs. System Voice

System Voice: Project Nighthawk status 404 - no update. (Requires interpretation) `SF Pro` `Fira Code`

`SF Pro` `Fira Code`
Briefing Voice: Nighthawk has been quiet for 10 days—escalation today, not tomorrow. (Ready to act)

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The objective portfolio view and the five-minute test

Row 1   BankersAI Project – All milestones on schedule. No blockers.

Row 2   AgentFactory – Soft blocker exists, workaround in place. Requires monitoring.

Row 3   Project Nighthawk - Hard stale blocker. Progress stalled.

The 5-Minute Test: If you have to edit this dashboard before forwarding it to your CEO, your work.local.md is incomplete. The system should reflect absolute reality.

Bridging domain silos with cross-context injection

HR Agent

Operations Agent

Context Loader Command

Sales Agent
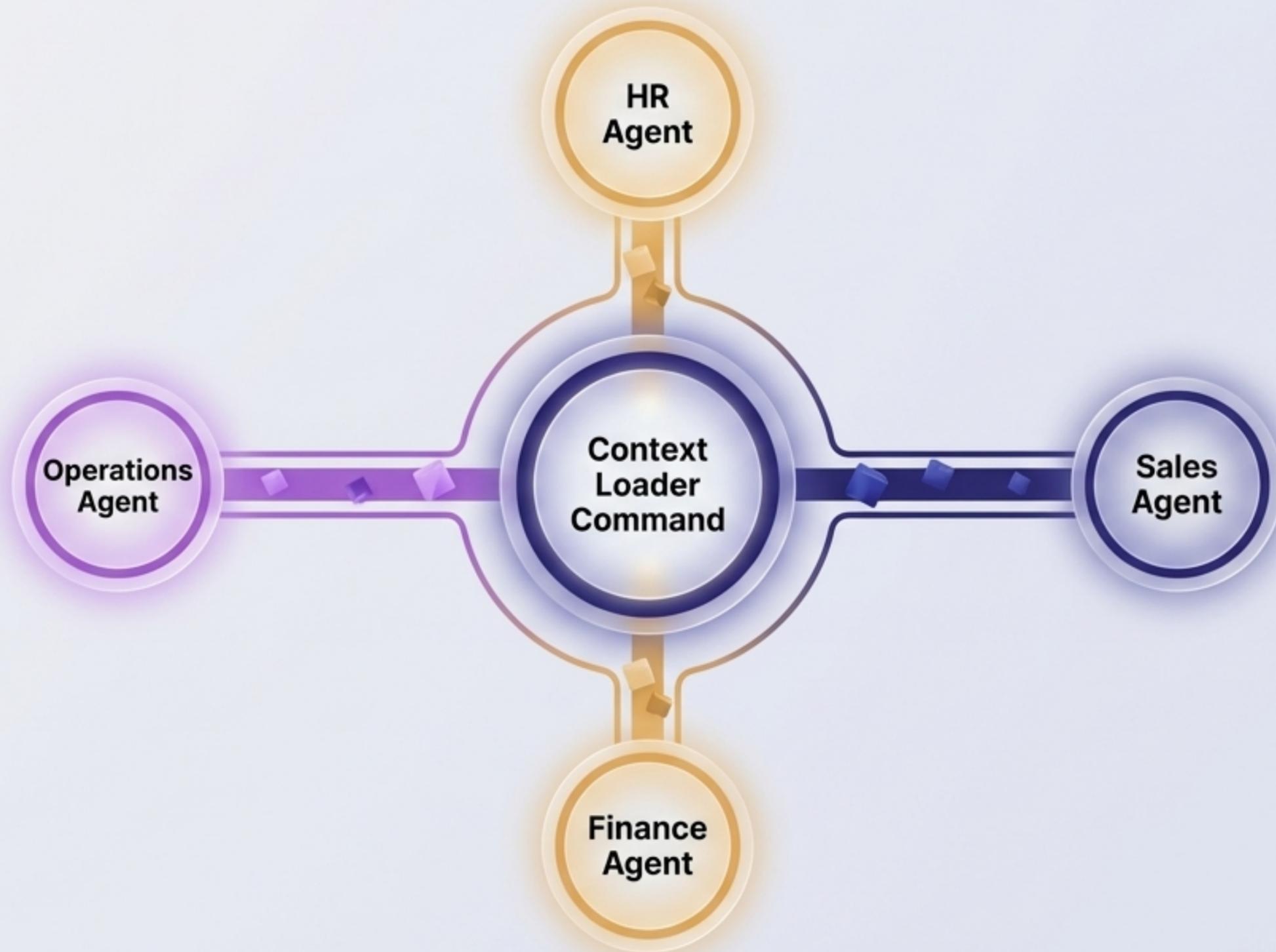
Finance Agent

Scenario: Dr. Sana Mirza Onboarding

Pulls HR Data: Start date & protocol

Pulls Ops Data: ERP system access

Pulls Finance Data: Headcount budget

Integrated Day-1 Action Plan

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The intelligence is not in one agent; it is in the shared context

The Orchestrator: Chief of Staff
Synthesizes feeds, delivers digests

The Truth Engine: Memory Keeper
Monitors changes, proposes memory updates

The Facilitator: Meeting Intelligence
Prep and synthesis on autopilot

The Enforcer: Work Tracker
Manages delegation lifecycle and task pulling

work.local.md

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The system catches the clock so you don't have to

Level 3: Executive Escalation
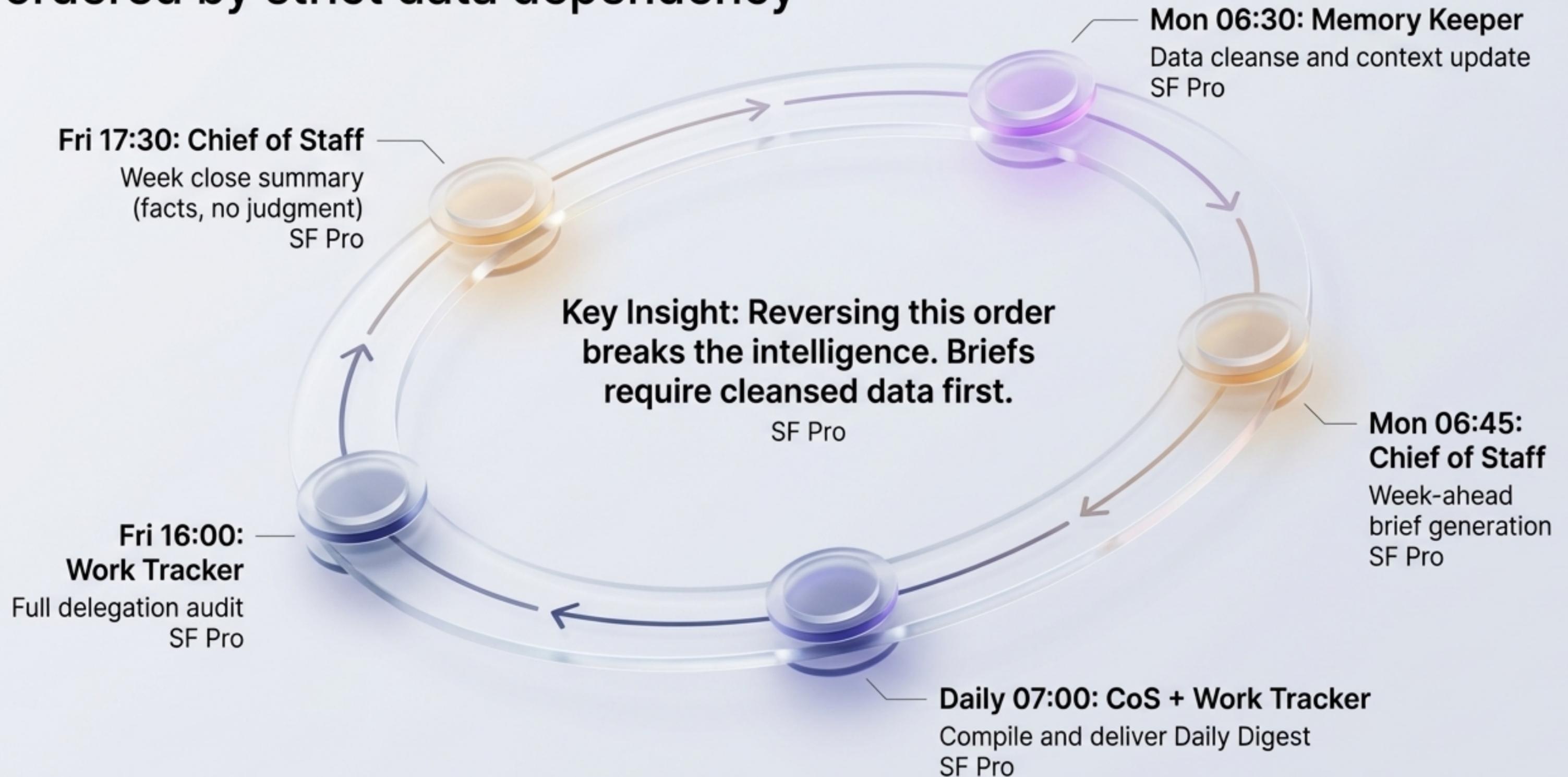
Prompts user to escalate to COO/VP after 14 days of stall.

Level 2: Direct Message

Explicit Slack/Email ping to user after 48 hours. "This is affecting downstream items."

Level 1: Yellow Flag

Surfaces in Daily Digest after missed check-in.

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The autonomous weekly cadence ordered by strict data dependency

Mon 06:30: Memory Keeper
Data cleanse and context update
SF Pro

Fri 17:30: Chief of Staff
Week close summary
(facts, no judgment)
SF Pro

Key Insight: Reversing this order breaks the intelligence. Briefs require cleansed data first.
SF Pro

**Mon 06:45:
Chief of Staff**
Week-ahead
brief generation
SF Pro

**Fri 16:00:
Work Tracker**
Full delegation audit
SF Pro

Daily 07:00: CoS + Work Tracker
Compile and deliver Daily Digest
SF Pro

Reclaim your context

The goal is not a better chatbot. The goal is an AI that actually knows where you work.

> Build your `work.local.md`. Establish the agents. Stop explaining your job, and start executing it.