

How we scope an AI project

Four decisions to make before anyone commits to a build.

01

Problem

Name one workflow, one owner, and the decision or action the system should improve. Avoid starting with a model or tool.

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Evidence

Collect 20-50 real inputs and known-good outcomes. These become the first eval set, not demo prompts written for the system.

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Constraints

Set the data boundary, integration surface, latency target, acceptable failure path, and cost-per-task budget.

04

Go / no-go

Define the metric that earns a pilot and the threshold that stops one. A useful scope makes both outcomes explicit.

A decision-ready scope contains

- A ranked use-case backlog with payoff and feasibility
- A system and data map, including what is missing
- An eval plan with quality, cost, and latency targets
- A first milestone with a fixed boundary and owner

Bring this to the first scoping conversation

One workflow owner. Three real examples. The metric that matters. Your data boundary.

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