

DECISION TRACE

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Extract the reusable decision logic hidden inside examples, conversations or completed work.

WHAT IT IS

DECISION TRACE turns a history of examples, revisions and outcomes into an observable decision playbook. It looks for signals, chosen actions, rejected alternatives, recurring heuristics and exceptions.

It does not pretend to read hidden thoughts or private reasoning. The formula works from what can actually be observed in the material, making the resulting rules easier to test and audit.

BEST FOR

Before/after examples, accepted and rejected versions, revision histories, support conversations, tickets, annotations, postmortems and bodies of work where expertise is visible in repeated choices.

WHAT YOU GIVE IT

Evidence that contains decisions and, ideally, outcomes: what was changed, accepted, rejected or repeated. A domain label can be added when the material lacks context.

WHAT IT RETURNS

Decision events, recurring conditional rules, exceptions, order of operations and unresolved rationale, each marked by evidence strength so hypotheses are not confused with established practice.

HOW TO USE IT

1. Provide multiple examples whenever possible so recurring behavior can be distinguished from one-off choices.
2. Include outcomes or acceptance signals when available; they make extracted rules substantially stronger.
3. Test the resulting playbook on a fresh case and refine only the rules that survive new evidence.

GOOD FIT IF...

Choose this formula when the knowledge exists in practice - "this is how we do it" - but has never been turned into a repeatable system.

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