

The Direction Record

Show how the builder directed, checked, changed, and understood the work

BUILDER EXPLANATION

CHECK RECORD

PROMPT TRAIL

BUILD BRIEF

A practical guide to capturing prompt trails, decision notes, check records, and understanding evidence without exposing unrelated personal information.

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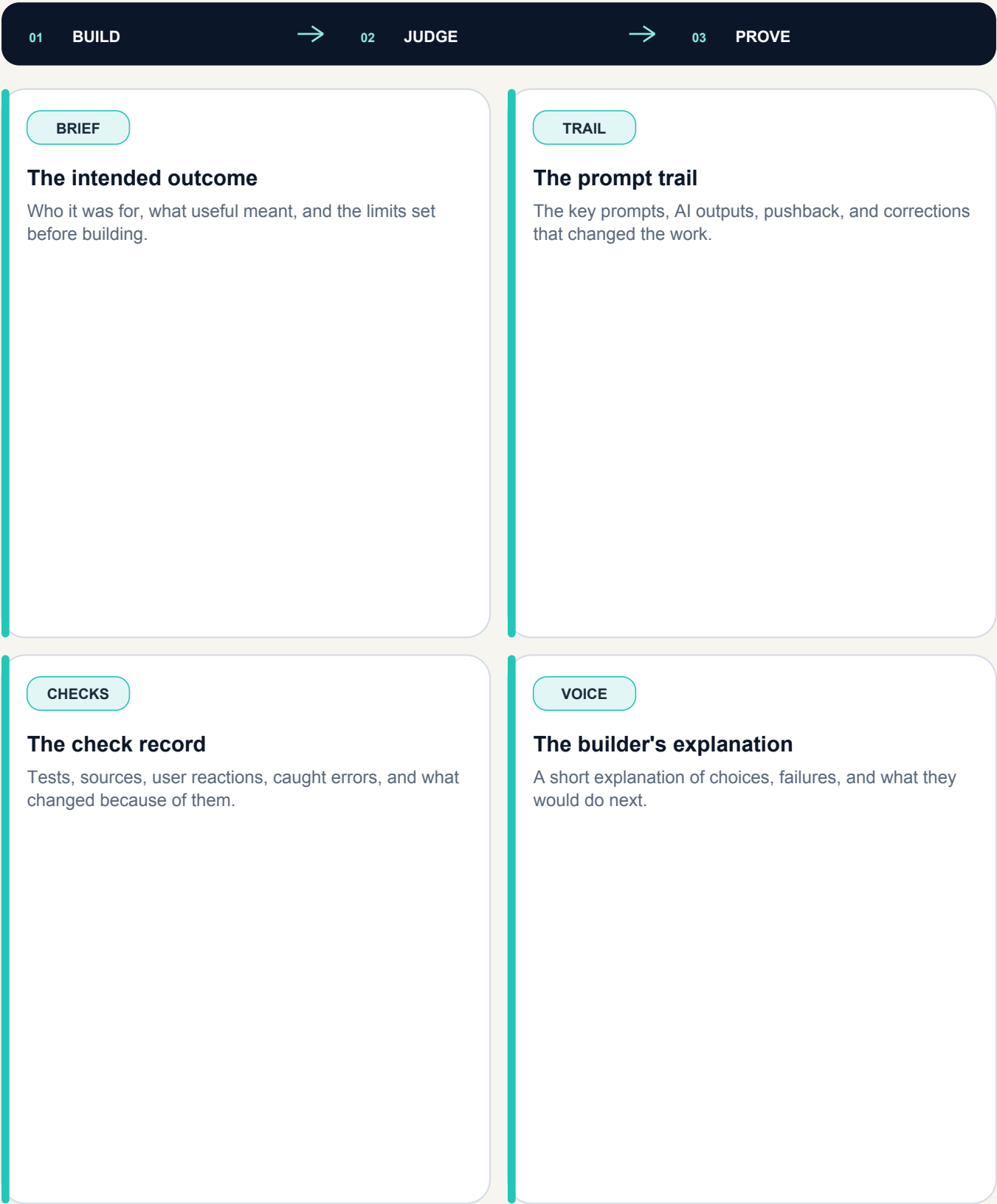
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[Accessible web guide: reinventu.work/resources/field-kit/direction-record](https://reinventu.work/resources/field-kit/direction-record)

The four-part record

A finished artifact shows what exists. The direction record shows who understood and steered it.



Field note: Stronger evidence is not more screenshots. It is a clear chain from goal to decision to check to ship.

Capture the prompt trail

Save only the exchanges that materially directed the build.

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MARK**Flag turning points**

When a prompt changes direction, fixes an error, or creates a useful decision, mark it immediately.

EXPORT**Use the provider's current export or print option**

A PDF, text export, or clear screenshots can work. Interface names change, so use the provider's live help if needed.

TRIM**Remove unrelated material**

Keep the build trail. Remove private chats, unrelated projects, names, account details, and other people's information.

LABEL**Add a one-line reason**

For each turning point, say what changed and why the builder accepted, rejected, or revised it.

Field note: Never share passwords, tokens, private account screens, or another person's confidential material.

FIELD PANEL 03 / FRAMEWORK

Write the decision notes

A direction record becomes meaningful when the builder's judgment is visible between AI outputs.

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DECISION

What did I choose?

Name the route, scope, wording, design, tool, or boundary selected.

REASON

Why this route?

Connect the choice to the user, finish line, evidence, or constraint.

ALTERNATIVE

What did I reject?

Name one plausible alternative and the tradeoff that made it weaker here.

CHANGE

What would change my mind?

State the test, user reaction, or new information that would trigger a rethink.

COPY, ADAPT, DIRECT

Ask me to explain one build decision in my own words. Challenge me on the strongest alternative, the evidence I used, and what result would make me choose a different direction. Do not supply my explanation.

Build the check record

Every important output needs a check that another person can understand.

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ACCURACY**Is it true or technically correct?**

Open primary sources, recalculate, inspect code, or compare with a known case.

USEFULNESS**Does it solve the real need?**

Ask the named user to try it and describe where they got stuck.

SAFETY**Can it cause harm or expose data?**

Try strange inputs, remove private data, check permissions, and keep a human approval point.

FIT**Is it clear and appropriate for the audience?**

Test on the intended device and ask someone in the audience to explain what they think it does.

Field note: Record the failed check too. Catching an error is evidence of judgment.

FIELD PANEL 05 / CHECKLIST

Pass the interrogation

The builder should be able to explain the work without an AI window open.

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WHY

Why this build and this user?

Explain the need in plain language.

BREAK

What broke first?

Describe a real failure and how it was isolated.

CHECK

How do you know it works?

Name the test and evidence, not a feeling.

AI

What did AI do and what did you do?

State the division honestly and specifically.

NEXT

What would you change next?

Show that the builder can see beyond the finished version.

Field note: If an explanation is unclear, return to the build and investigate. The aim is understanding, not a rehearsed script.