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This playbook assumes the reader has read *MuSIC — The Enterprise Decision Control Plane for AI* and the *Enterprise Decision Layer Reference Architecture*. Those documents explain **why** the category exists and **what** it is. This document explains **how** an enterprise adopts it.

It is an enterprise transformation playbook, not product or deployment documentation. It is written for the leaders accountable for the transformation — the CIO, Chief AI Officer, COO, enterprise architecture, the transformation office, the PMO, and the consulting and integration partners who will execute alongside them.

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Chapter 1 — Executive Summary

Enterprises have spent two years deploying AI. They now run agents from Microsoft, Salesforce, ServiceNow, SAP, and their own teams. The investment is real and the local results are real. What is missing is coordination: the enterprise has many agents and no shared way to govern the decisions those agents make. This playbook is the methodology for closing that gap — for evolving from isolated AI initiatives into a governed Enterprise Decision Layer.

What changes

The transformation is not primarily a technology project. It is a shift in how the enterprise treats decisions: from a by-product of individual systems to a managed, reusable, governed asset. The end state is one decision runtime above the existing estate, a portfolio of reusable Operational Domains, policy governed from a single source of truth, and a tamper-evident record of every decision.

Figure 1.1 — What the Transformation Changes

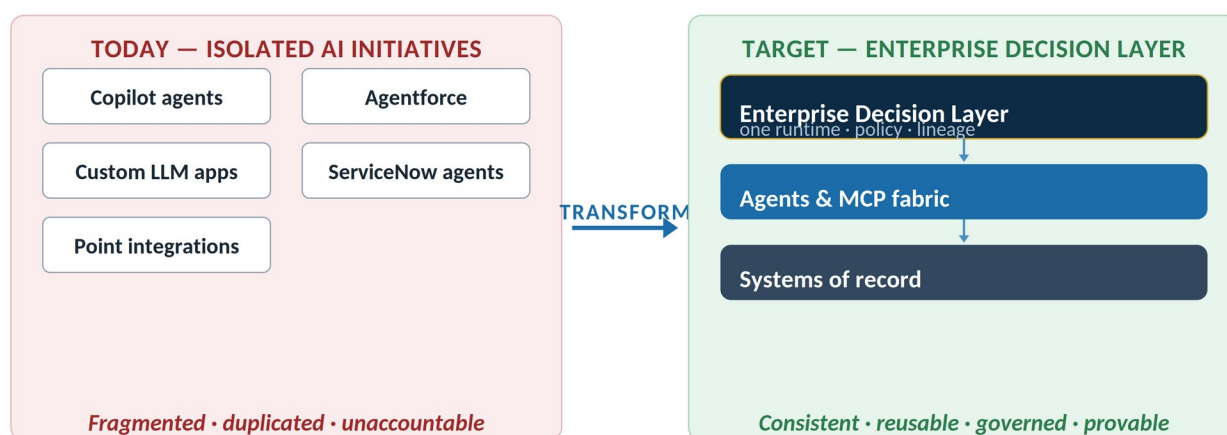


Figure 1.1 — From isolated AI initiatives to a governed Enterprise Decision Layer.

Why enterprises fail

Most enterprise AI programs stall for predictable reasons. They lead with technology rather than decisions and build infrastructure no business owns. They attempt enterprise-wide rollouts with no proven pilot. They copy policy into each system, guaranteeing the drift they set out to eliminate. And they treat the operating model — roles, governance, run discipline — as an afterthought, so early wins decay. Chapter 14 catalogs these anti-patterns in detail.

Why Decision Layers succeed

Programs that succeed invert each of those failures. They start from a high-value decision, prove it in one Operational Domain, and earn the right to scale. They centralize policy and propagate it by reference. They stand up the operating model — Decision Owners, Architects, Engineers, and a DecisionOps function — from the first pilot. And they instrument everything with lineage from day one, so value is provable rather than asserted.

Figure 1.2 — Five Transformation Principles

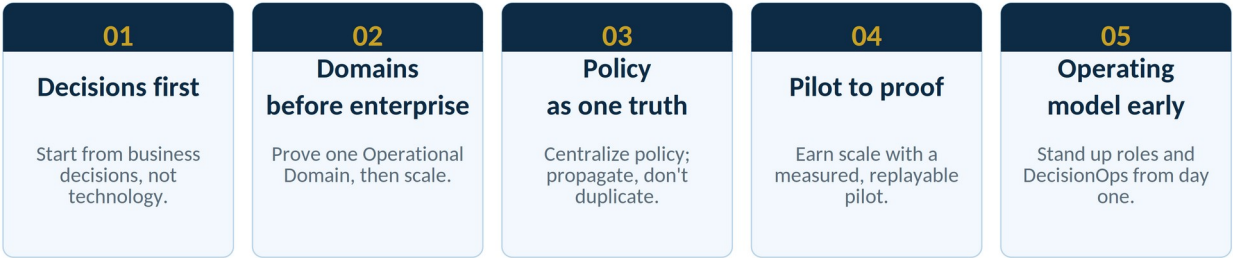


Figure 1.2 — The five principles that distinguish successful transformations.

How to use this playbook

The chapters follow the natural sequence of a transformation: assess the current state (Ch.2), inventory and prioritize decisions (Ch.3), discover Operational Domains (Ch.4), develop Decision Maps and engineer policy (Ch.5–6), then execute through a phased roadmap (Ch.7) with the technology, organization, and run discipline to sustain it (Ch.8–10). Chapters 11–15 cover migration, KPIs, the operating model, anti-patterns, and the multi-year roadmap. Reusable templates are provided in the appendix.

Chapter 2 — Current-State Assessment

Every transformation begins with an honest baseline. The objective of the current-state assessment is to locate the enterprise on the decision maturity curve and to identify the constraints that will shape the critical path. It should take two to four weeks and produce a single composite picture, not a stack of disconnected audits.

Figure 2.1 — Enterprise Decision Maturity Model



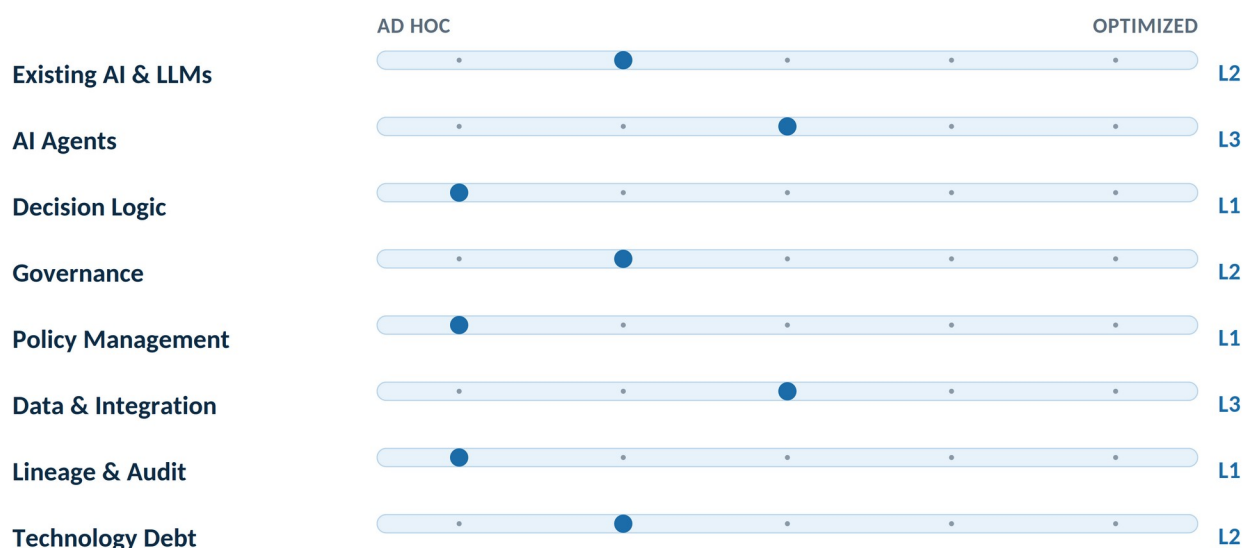
Most enterprises are arriving at L4 today. The transformation target is L5 → L6.

Figure 2.1 — The Enterprise Decision Maturity Model. Most enterprises are at Level 4; the target is Level 5–6.

What to assess

Assess eight dimensions. For each, score the enterprise from 1 (ad hoc) to 5 (optimized), with evidence. The composite is less important than the shape: the lowest dimensions usually define the critical path.

Figure 2.2 — Current-State Assessment Dimensions



Score each dimension 1–5. The composite defines the starting point and the critical path.

Figure 2.2 — The eight assessment dimensions and an illustrative current-state profile.

Dimension	Assessment question	Level 5 looks like
Existing AI & LLMs	Where and how are models used today?	Governed, observable model usage across functions.
AI Agents	How many agents, from how many vendors?	Agents inventoried; behavior understood and bounded.
Decision Logic	Where does decision logic live?	Externalized into reusable, versioned maps.
Governance	Who is accountable for AI decisions?	Clear bodies, mandates, and decision rights.
Policy Management	How is policy defined and changed?	Single source of truth; inherited; propagated.
Data & Integration	How do systems and agents connect?	Standardized fabric (MCP); governed tool registry.
Lineage & Audit	Can you reconstruct a past decision?	Every decision recorded, replayable, verifiable.
Technology Debt	What constrains change today?	Debt known, quantified, and on a paydown path.

Assessment checklist

- ☐ Inventory all AI agents and LLM applications, by vendor and business owner.
- ☐ Identify the top decisions each agent influences or makes.
- ☐ Locate where decision logic and policy currently live (and how many copies exist).
- ☐ Map current integration patterns and data flows.
- ☐ Document governance bodies, decision rights, and audit capability today.
- ☐ Score each of the eight dimensions 1–5 with evidence; record the composite and the gaps.

Chapter 3 — Decision Inventory

The unit of this transformation is the decision — not the model, the agent, or the use case. Before designing anything, the enterprise must know which decisions it makes, who owns them, and which are worth governing first. The decision inventory is the foundational artifact of the program.

Figure 3.1 — Anatomy of an Enterprise Decision (Inventory Attributes)

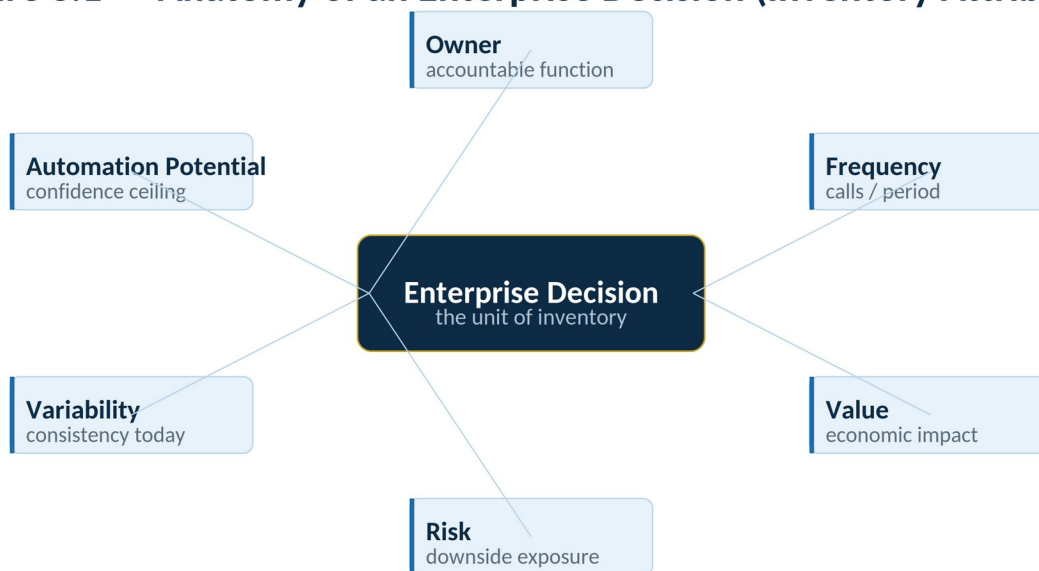


Figure 3.1 — The attributes captured for every decision in the inventory.

Attributes to capture

For each enterprise decision, capture six attributes. Together they make decisions comparable and prioritizable.

Attribute	Definition	Why it matters
Owner	The accountable business function.	No decision is governed without an owner.
Frequency	How often the decision is made.	High frequency multiplies the value of consistency.
Value	Economic impact per decision and in aggregate.	Prioritization is value-weighted.
Risk	Downside of an inconsistent or wrong decision.	High risk justifies governance even at low volume.
Variability	How inconsistently it is made today.	High variability signals fragmentation to fix.
Automation potential	Confidence ceiling for safe automation.	Sets the human-in-the-loop boundary.

Prioritizing the inventory

Plot decisions on value against automation potential. The goal of the first wave is not the hardest decision or the flashiest — it is the decision that best proves the model: high enough value to matter, high enough automation potential to show results, and a willing owner.

Figure 3.2 — Decision Prioritization Matrix

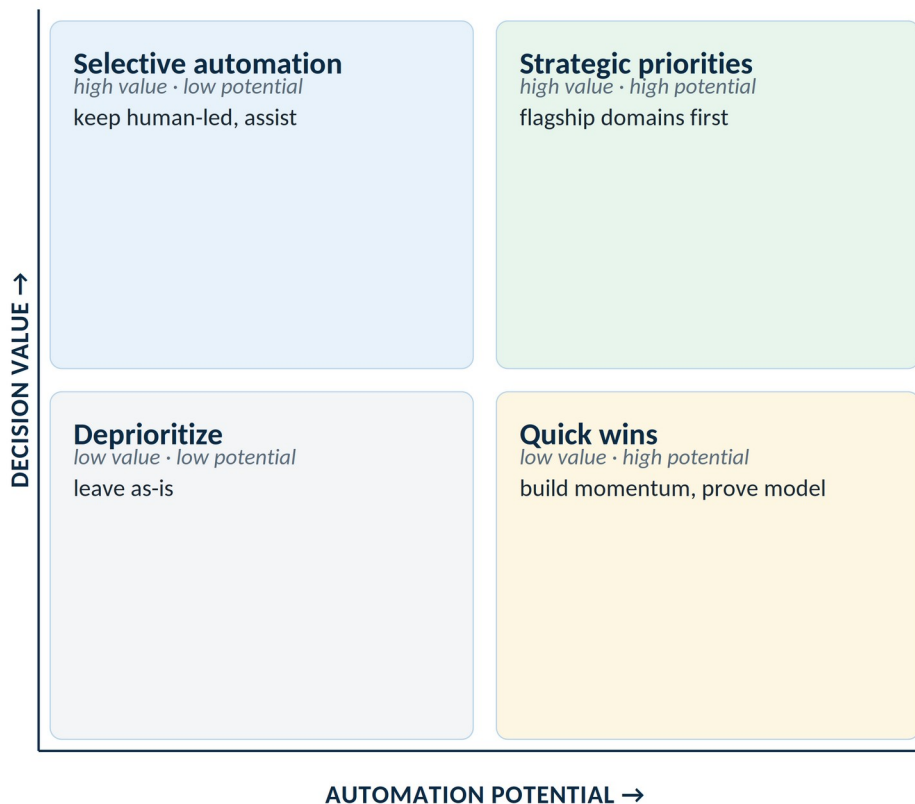


Figure 3.2 — Prioritizing decisions by value and automation potential.

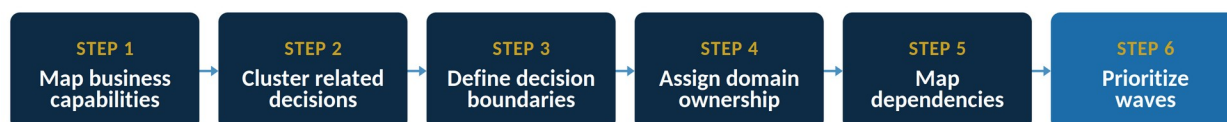
Selection guidance for the first decision

Choose a decision that is **frequent, economically meaningful, made inconsistently today, and owned by a sponsor who wants the win**. Avoid the highest-risk regulatory decision for the pilot; prove the mechanism first, then earn the right to govern the decisions that matter most.

Chapter 4 — Operational Domain Discovery

Decisions are not governed one at a time forever. They are organized into Operational Domains — bounded contexts that package related decisions, their policies, maps, agents, tools, and lineage into a reusable, ownable unit. Domain discovery turns the decision inventory into the program's unit of delivery.

Figure 4.1 — Operational Domain Discovery Process



Discovery is top-down (capabilities) and bottom-up (existing decisions), reconciled into bounded domains.

Figure 4.1 — The domain discovery process: top-down capabilities meet bottom-up decisions.

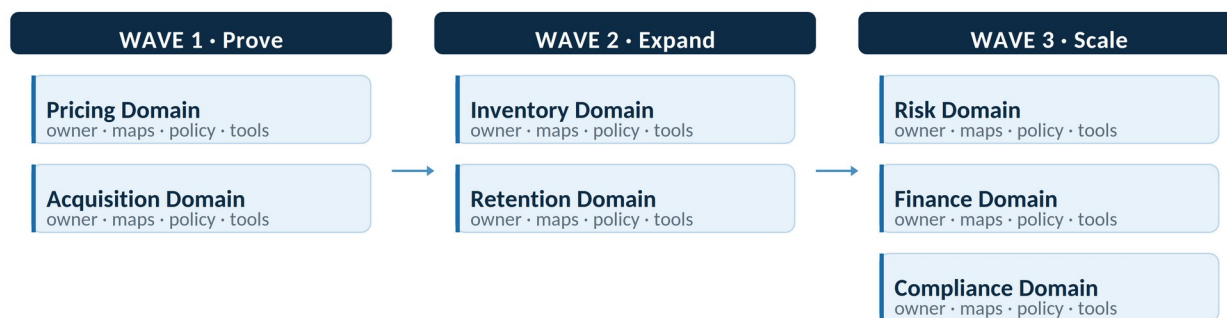
How to discover domains

Work from both directions. Top-down, map the enterprise's business capabilities. Bottom-up, cluster the inventoried decisions by the knowledge, policy, and data they share. Where a capability and a decision cluster align, you have a candidate domain. Define its boundary by the decisions it owns, assign a single accountable owner, and map its dependencies on other domains and systems.

Prioritizing domains into waves

Sequence domains into adoption waves by value, readiness, and dependency. Early domains should be high-value, self-contained, and sponsored. Crucially, early domains produce reusable assets — maps, policies, agents — that lower the cost of later waves.

Figure 4.2 — Domain Dependency Map & Adoption Waves



Sequence by value, readiness, and dependency. Earlier domains supply reusable assets to later waves.

Figure 4.2 — Domains sequenced into adoption waves, earlier domains feeding later ones.

Domain discovery checklist

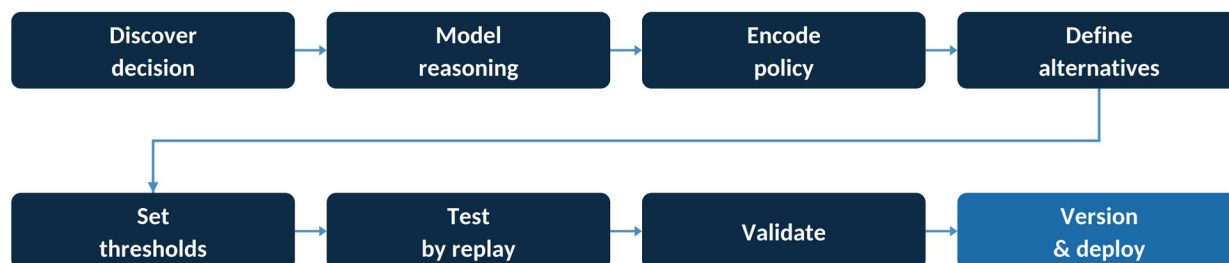
- ☐ Map business capabilities for the in-scope part of the enterprise.
- ☐ Cluster inventoried decisions by shared policy, knowledge, and data.

- ☐ Reconcile capabilities and clusters into candidate domains with clear boundaries.
- ☐ Assign a single accountable owner to each domain.
- ☐ Map inter-domain and system dependencies.
- ☐ Sequence domains into waves; confirm Wave 1 is high-value and self-contained.

Chapter 5 — Decision Map Development

A Decision Map is the reusable encoding of how the enterprise reasons toward a decision. Developing one is a disciplined activity with a defined workflow and explicit validation gates — closer to engineering a tested component than to documenting a process.

Figure 5.1 — Decision Map Development Workflow



A map is not done when it runs — it is done when its behavior is reproducible under replay.

Figure 5.1 — The Decision Map development workflow.

The development workflow

Begin by discovering the decision with its owner: the evidence it relies on, the policies that apply, the alternatives that must be considered, the confidence required, and the conditions for human approval. Model that reasoning as a decision graph, encode the policy by reference to the policy layer, define alternatives and thresholds, and then — critically — test by replay before promotion.

Validation gates

A map is not finished when it runs; it is finished when its behavior is reproducible. Promotion is gated: unit reasoning tests, policy conformance, replay regression against recorded decisions, and a shadow or canary period beside production before full promotion. Rollback is a version pointer change.

Figure 5.2 — Decision Map Validation Gates

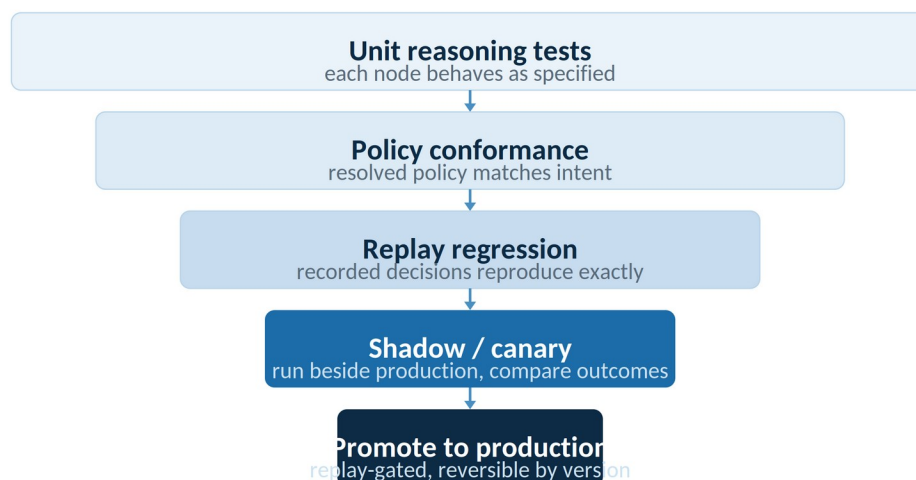


Figure 5.2 — The validation gates a map passes before reaching production.

Decision Map quality bar

Every reasoning step is explicit and testable.

Policy is referenced, never hard-coded into the map.

Alternatives and confidence thresholds are defined, not implicit.

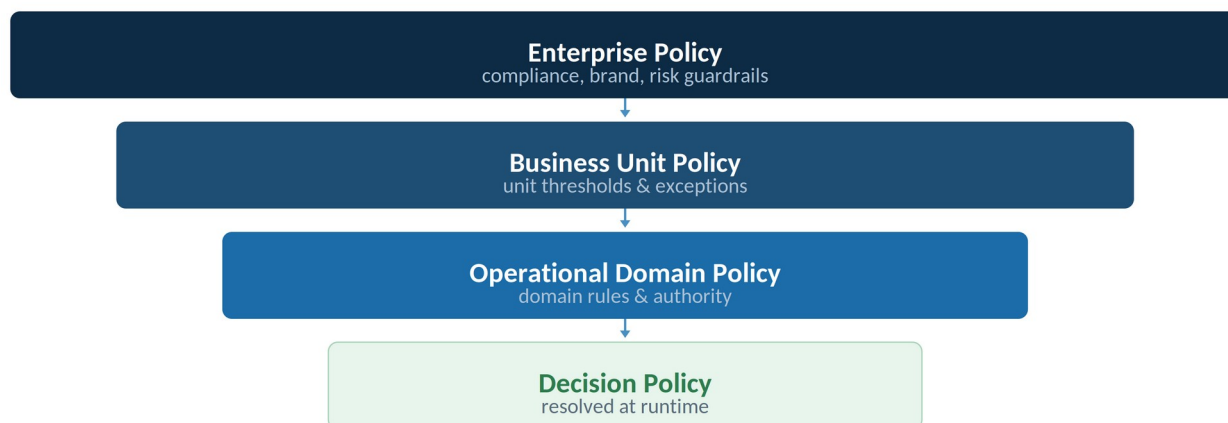
Recorded decisions replay to identical outcomes except where change is intended.

The map is versioned; promotion and rollback are pointer changes.

Chapter 6 — Policy Engineering

Policy is the single source of truth for how the enterprise is permitted to decide. The most common failure in enterprise AI is policy implemented separately in every system, which guarantees drift. Policy engineering treats policy as a hierarchical, inherited, versioned asset — authored once and propagated by reference.

Figure 6.1 — The Policy Hierarchy



Each level inherits and may tighten — never loosen. The effective policy is the resolved composition of the chain.

Figure 6.1 — The policy hierarchy: each level inherits and may tighten, never loosen.

The hierarchy

Enterprise policy sets global guardrails — compliance, brand, risk appetite. Business-unit policy refines it for local context. Operational-domain policy encodes domain-specific rules and authority. The effective policy at any decision is the resolved composition of the chain, with the most restrictive applicable constraint winning. A lower level may tighten an inherited constraint but never loosen it.

Approval matrix and lifecycle

Authority is expressed as an approval matrix: who may approve what, under which conditions. Policy itself moves through a managed lifecycle — authored, reviewed, approved, published, monitored, and revised — with every version recorded so the exact policy in force for any past decision is recoverable.

Figure 6.2 — Approval Matrix & Policy Lifecycle

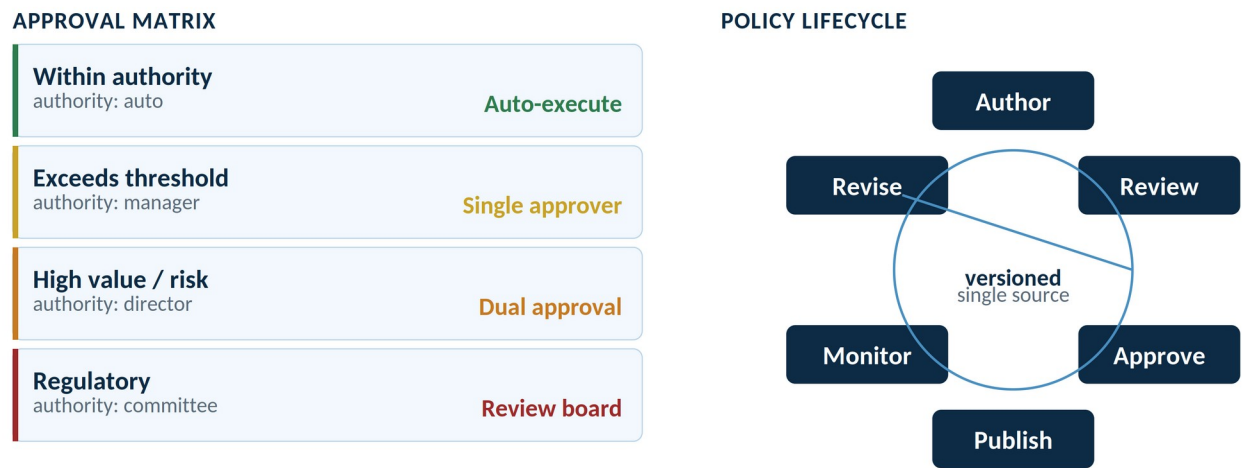


Figure 6.2 — The approval matrix and the policy lifecycle.

Condition	Authority required	Outcome
Within defined authority	None (automated)	Auto-execute under policy.
Exceeds standard threshold	Manager	Single-approver sign-off.
High value or elevated risk	Director	Dual approval required.
Regulatory or reputational	Review board / committee	Formal review before execution.

Chapter 7 — Implementation Roadmap

The transformation proceeds in five phases, each with explicit entry and exit gates. The discipline of the roadmap is restraint: value is proven before scope expands. An enterprise that tries to skip from pilot to enterprise rollout almost always fails.

Figure 7.1 — Five-Phase Implementation Roadmap



Each phase has explicit entry and exit gates. Value is proven before scope expands.

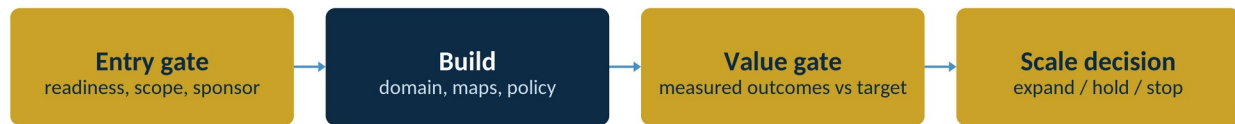
Figure 7.1 — The five-phase implementation roadmap.

Phases and realistic timeline

Phase	Scope	Indicative duration	Exit criteria
1 • Pilot	One decision in one domain.	8-12 weeks	Decision live, replayable, value measured.
2 • Operational Domain	A full domain in production.	One quarter	Domain governed end-to-end; owner accountable.
3 • Department	Multiple domains in one BU.	Two quarters	Reuse demonstrated; operating rhythm in place.
4 • Enterprise	Cross-BU decision layer.	Year 2	Cross-vendor consistency; board accountability.
5 • Decision Economy	Reusable, compounding IP.	Year 3+	Decisions reused as assets; durable advantage.

Phase gates

Each phase boundary is a go / no-go gate owned by the governance board — not a status update. The gate tests measured outcomes against the targets set at entry and decides explicitly whether to expand, hold, or stop.

Figure 7.2 — Phase-Gate Governance

Gates are go/no-go checkpoints owned by the governance board — not status updates.

Figure 7.2 — Phase-gate governance.

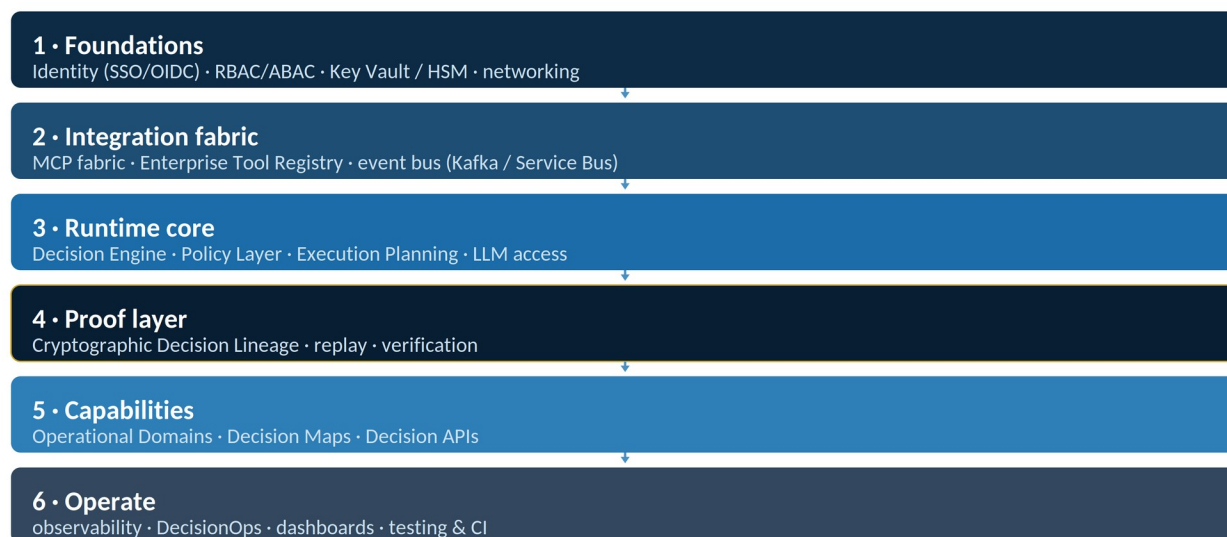
The discipline of the pilot

The pilot exists to prove the mechanism, not to deliver enterprise scale. Resist the pressure to broaden it. A small, measured, replayable pilot that proves value earns the mandate — and the budget — for everything that follows.

Chapter 8 — Technology Implementation

This chapter sequences the technical build. It is deliberately brief: the Reference Architecture document specifies the components in depth. The playbook's contribution is order — what to build first, and what each phase requires.

Figure 8.1 — Technology Implementation Sequence



Build bottom-up: foundations and fabric first, then runtime, proof, capabilities, and operations.

Figure 8.1 — The technology implementation sequence, built bottom-up.

Build sequence

Build foundations first: enterprise identity, RBAC and ABAC, key management (Key Vault / HSM), and private networking. Then the integration fabric — MCP, the Enterprise Tool Registry, and the event bus. Then the runtime core — Decision Engine, Policy Layer, Execution Planning, and governed LLM access. Then the proof layer (Cryptographic Decision Lineage), then the capabilities (Operational Domains, Decision Maps, Decision APIs), and finally the operational tooling that DecisionOps will run.

Deployment and testing

Decisions reach production through an automated, replay-gated pipeline: build, unit and policy tests, replay regression, staging, shadow or canary, then production. Promotion is automatic when gates pass; rollback is a version pointer change, never a redeploy. This is the technical foundation for the DecisionOps discipline defined in Chapter 10.

Figure 8.2 — Deployment & Testing Pipeline



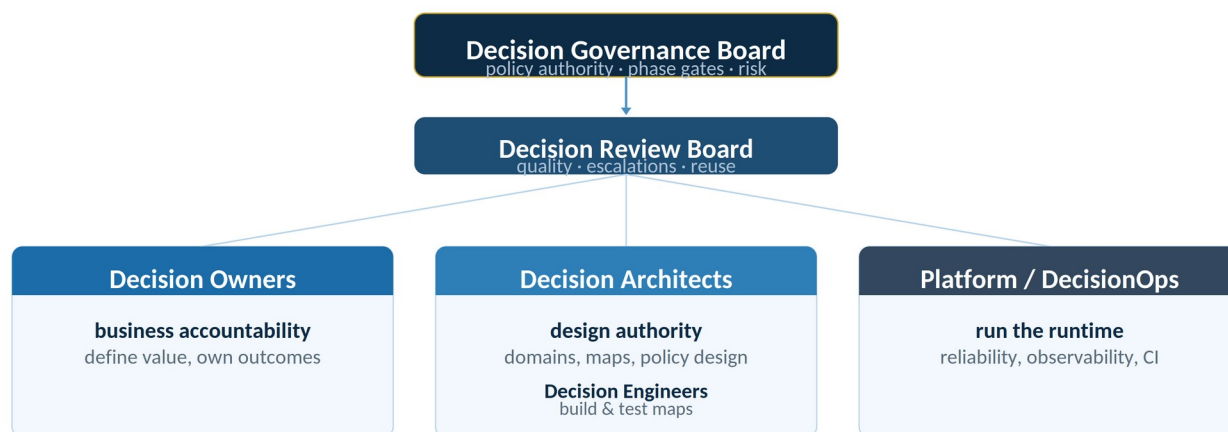
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Figure 8.2 — The deployment and testing pipeline.

Chapter 9 — Organizational Change

The decision layer introduces capabilities no current role owns. Treating decision-making as an owned, staffed function — rather than a side effect of projects — is what separates programs that endure from those that decay after the pilot. This chapter defines the new enterprise roles and how they fit together.

Figure 9.1 — The Enterprise Decision Organization



Decision-making becomes an owned, staffed capability — not a side effect of projects.

Figure 9.1 — The enterprise decision organization.

New enterprise roles

Role	Mandate	Accountable for
Decision Owner	Business accountability for a decision/domain.	Decision value, policy intent, outcomes.
Decision Architect	Design authority across domains.	Domain boundaries, map and policy design.
Decision Engineer	Build and test Decision Maps.	Map implementation, replay tests, quality.
Platform / DecisionOps	Run the runtime reliably.	Availability, observability, CI, incidents.
Decision Review Board	Operational oversight.	Decision quality, escalations, reuse.
Decision Governance Board	Strategic authority.	Policy, phase gates, risk, investment.

Decision rights (RACI)

Clear decision rights prevent the two failure modes of new operating models: everything escalates, or nothing is owned. The RACI below assigns responsibility across the core activities of the program.

Figure 9.2 — Decision RACI

	Owner	Architect	Engineer	Platform	Gov. Board
Define decision value	A	C	I	I	C
Design Decision Map	C	A	R	I	I
Author policy	C	R	I	I	A
Build & test maps	I	C	A/R	C	I
Operate runtime	I	I	C	A/R	I
Approve scale / gate	C	C	I	I	A

R responsible · A accountable · C consulted · I informed

Figure 9.2 — Decision RACI across the core program activities.

Chapter 10 — DecisionOps

Running decisions in production is a discipline in its own right. DevOps industrialized the operation of code; MLOps did the same for models. DecisionOps is the equivalent discipline for governed decisions — and it is new. This chapter defines it.

DecisionOps is to decisions
what DevOps is to code and MLOps is to models.

Figure 10.1 — The DecisionOps Lifecycle

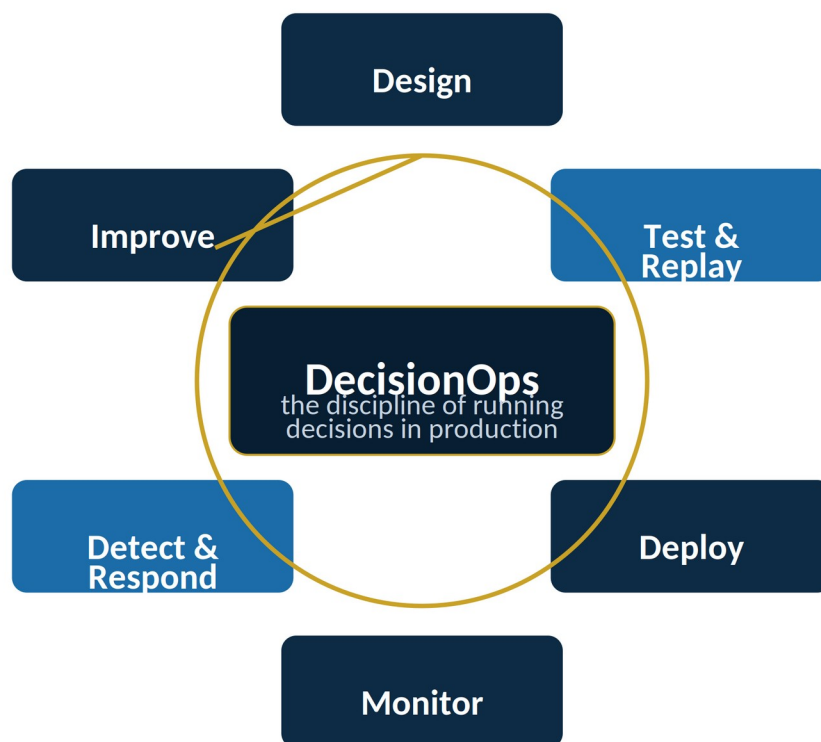


Figure 10.1 — The DecisionOps lifecycle.

Definition

DecisionOps is the practice of designing, deploying, monitoring, and continuously improving governed decisions at production scale. It owns the decision lifecycle end to end: deployment, observability, replay, testing, incident response, policy management, versioning, and the reliability and quality of decisions in production.

Capabilities

Figure 10.2 — DecisionOps Capabilities



DecisionOps is to decisions what DevOps is to code and MLOps is to models — a dedicated operating discipline.

Figure 10.2 — The capabilities a DecisionOps function operates.

Two capabilities are genuinely new relative to DevOps and MLOps. Replay — the ability to reconstruct any past decision exactly — turns incident response and testing from speculation into reconstruction. And Decision SRE — reliability engineering applied to decisions, with service-level objectives and error budgets — makes decision reliability a managed, measurable property rather than an assumption.

Reliability and quality

DecisionOps manages two families of signals. Reliability covers availability, decision latency, replay success, and the error budget that bounds acceptable failure. Quality covers confidence distribution, reversal rate, policy conformance, and behavioral drift. Together they constitute the operational health of the decision layer.

Figure 10.3 — Decision Reliability & Quality Framework



Figure 10.3 — The decision reliability and quality framework.

DecisionOps starting checklist

Define decision SLOs (availability, latency, replay success) and an error budget.

Instrument decision, policy, and agent telemetry into one observable surface.

Establish replay as the default tool for testing and incident response.

Run replay-gated CI for every map and policy change.

Define quality signals (reversal, drift, confidence) with alert thresholds.

Chapter 11 — Migration Patterns

Enterprises do not adopt a decision layer on a greenfield. They adopt it over a live estate of agents and systems that must keep running. The governing principle of migration is to wrap, not replace: existing agents and systems stay in place, and decisions are progressively routed through the layer.

Figure 11.1 — Migration Approach: Wrap, Don't Replace



Existing agents keep running. Decisions are progressively routed through the layer — no rip-and-replace, no big-bang cutover.

Figure 11.1 — Migration approach: wrap the estate, route decisions incrementally.

Pattern by platform

Each major platform has a low-disruption migration pattern. In every case the platform keeps doing what it does well — running agents, holding records — while the decision it expresses is governed by the layer.

Figure 11.2 — Platform Migration Patterns

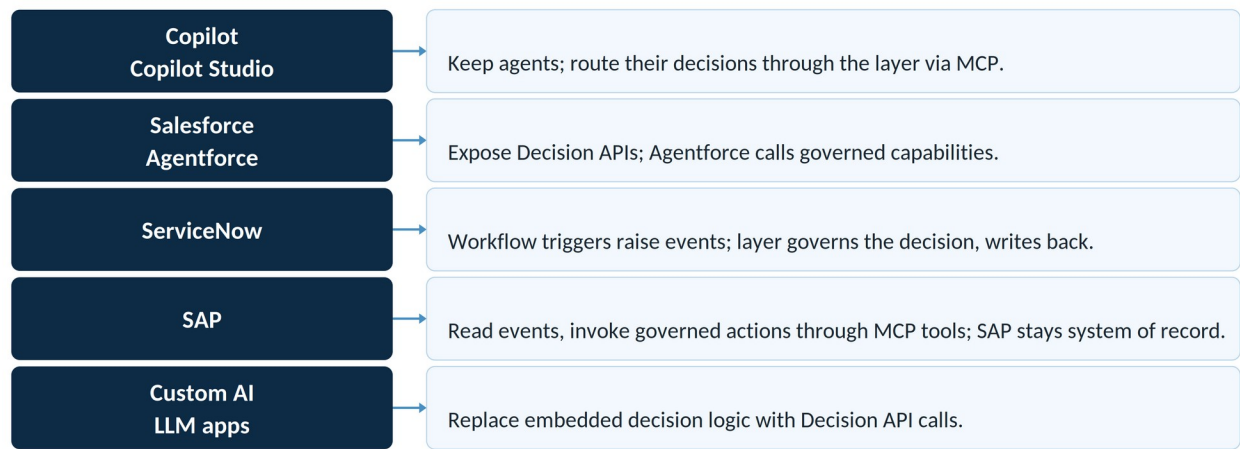


Figure 11.2 — Migration pattern by platform.

Platform	Migration pattern	First step
Copilot / Copilot Studio	Keep agents; route their decisions through the layer via MCP.	Wrap one high-value Copilot decision.
Salesforce / Agentforce	Expose Decision APIs; Agentforce calls governed capabilities.	Replace one in-flow decision with an API call.

Platform	Migration pattern	First step
ServiceNow	Workflow triggers raise events; layer governs and writes back.	Route one approval decision through the layer.
SAP	Consume events; invoke governed actions via MCP tools.	Govern one finance exception decision.
Custom AI / LLM apps	Replace embedded decision logic with Decision API calls.	Externalize one hard-coded decision.

No big-bang cutover

Migration is incremental and reversible. Each decision routed through the layer is independently valuable and independently reversible. There is never a moment when the enterprise must switch everything at once.

Chapter 12 — Enterprise KPIs

What gets measured gets governed. The transformation needs a KPI framework that proves consistency, reuse, quality, and economics — and that a board can read at a glance. This chapter defines the metrics and how to present them.

Figure 12.1 — Enterprise Decision KPI Framework

CONSISTENCY	REUSE & AUTOMATION	QUALITY	ECONOMICS
Policy consistency	Decision reuse	Decision quality	Decision latency
Operational drift	Automation rate	Confidence	Decision cost
Governance coverage	Approval rate	Replay rate	

Track all families on one scorecard. Consistency and reuse lead; quality and economics confirm.

Figure 12.1 — The enterprise decision KPI framework.

KPI definitions

KPI	Definition	Direction
Policy consistency	Share of decisions governed by current policy.	↑ toward 100%
Decision reuse	Avg. consumers per Decision Map / domain.	↑
Automation rate	Share of decisions executed without escalation.	↑ (within policy)
Decision quality	Inverse of reversal / override rate.	↑
Confidence	Health of the confidence distribution.	stable / healthy
Replay rate	Share of decisions reconstructable on demand.	↑ toward 100%
Approval rate	Share routed to human approval.	calibrated, not zero
Operational drift	Behavioral deviation from baseline.	↓
Governance coverage	Share of decisions under the layer.	↑ toward 100%
Decision latency	p95 time to a governed decision.	↓ to target
Decision cost	Fully-loaded cost per governed decision.	↓

Executive dashboard

Leadership should see the program on one screen: a small set of headline KPIs with trend, the volume of governed decisions over time, and the automated-versus-escalated mix with quality signals. The dashboard is built on the same lineage record that powers audit, so reporting and proof share one source.

Figure 12.2 — Executive Decision Dashboard

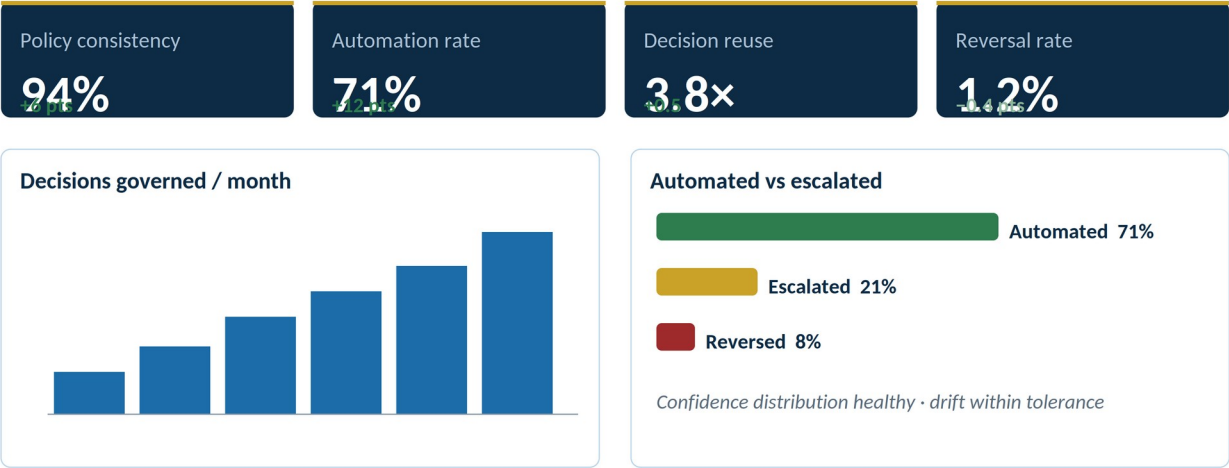


Figure 12.2 — The executive decision dashboard.

Chapter 13 — Operating Model

The operating model is the rhythm that keeps the decision layer healthy after the projects end. It is a cadence of reviews at three frequencies, each with a clear purpose, owner, and decision rights.

Figure 13.1 — Operating Rhythm



Figure 13.1 — The operating rhythm: monthly, quarterly, and annual reviews.

Cadence	Reviews	Primary decisions
Monthly	Decision quality, drift & reversal, incident retros, KPI scorecard.	Tune maps and thresholds; resolve incidents.
Quarterly	Policy review, Operational Domain review, phase gates, reuse & roadmap.	Promote/hold/stop; approve next wave.
Annual	Architecture review, maturity reassessment, investment, governance refresh.	Strategy, scaling, and structural change.

The operational decision lifecycle

Within the operating model, every governed decision moves through a managed lifecycle — proposed, designed, approved, deployed, monitored, reviewed, and eventually retired or revised. Decisions are managed like any enterprise asset, with owners and review points, not left to run unattended once shipped.

Figure 13.2 — The Operational Decision Lifecycle



Every governed decision moves through a managed lifecycle — owned, reviewed, and versioned like any enterprise asset.

Figure 13.2 — The operational decision lifecycle.

Chapter 14 — Implementation Anti-Patterns

Most failures are not novel. They recur across transformations, and they are avoidable. This chapter names the most common anti-patterns, explains why each fails, and gives the remedy. Reviewing this list at each phase gate is one of the cheapest risk controls available to the program.

Figure 14.1 — Implementation Anti-Patterns & Remedies

Big-bang enterprise rollout Stalls; no proof, no trust. Remedy Start with one domain pilot.	Technology before decisions Builds plumbing nobody uses. Remedy Inventory decisions first.
Policy copied per system Drift returns immediately. Remedy Centralize; propagate by reference.	No operating model Pilot succeeds, then decays. Remedy Stand up roles & DecisionOps early.
Boiling the ocean on maps Endless modeling, no value. Remedy Ship a thin map; iterate by replay.	Lineage as afterthought No replay, no audit, no trust. Remedy Record from the first decision.

Figure 14.1 — The common anti-patterns and their remedies.

Anti-pattern	Why it fails	Remedy
Big-bang enterprise rollout	No proof, no trust; the program stalls under its own weight.	Start with one domain pilot; earn scale at gates.
Technology before decisions	Builds infrastructure no business owns or uses.	Inventory and prioritize decisions first.
Policy copied per system	Drift returns the moment policy changes.	Centralize policy; propagate by reference.
No operating model	The pilot succeeds, then quietly decays.	Stand up roles and DecisionOps from day one.
Boiling the ocean on maps	Endless modeling; value never ships.	Ship a thin map; iterate under replay.
Lineage as an afterthought	No replay, no audit, no defensible proof.	Record from the very first decision.
Pilot with no exit criteria	“Success” is unprovable; scaling is a guess.	Define measurable exit criteria at entry.

Chapter 15 — Enterprise Roadmap

Viewed across years rather than phases, the transformation follows a recognizable arc. The first year builds the foundation and proves the model; by the fifth year, decisions have become reusable, provable intellectual property and a durable source of advantage.

Figure 15.1 — Enterprise Maturity Roadmap

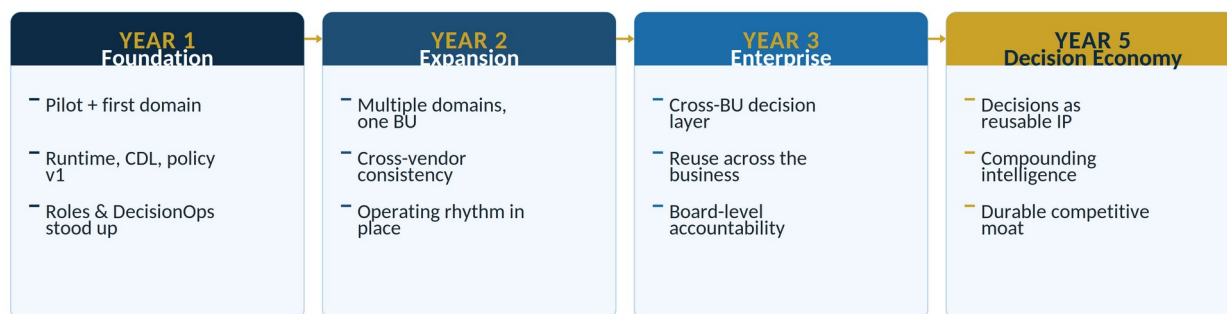


Figure 15.1 — The multi-year enterprise maturity roadmap.

How value compounds

The defining economic feature of this transformation is that value compounds. Early phases deliver direct returns — consistency, automation, lower cost on the governed decisions. But each Operational Domain, each Decision Map, and each policy is a reusable asset that lowers the cost and raises the value of the next. The curve bends upward as decisions become reusable IP.

Figure 15.2 — The Transformation Value Curve

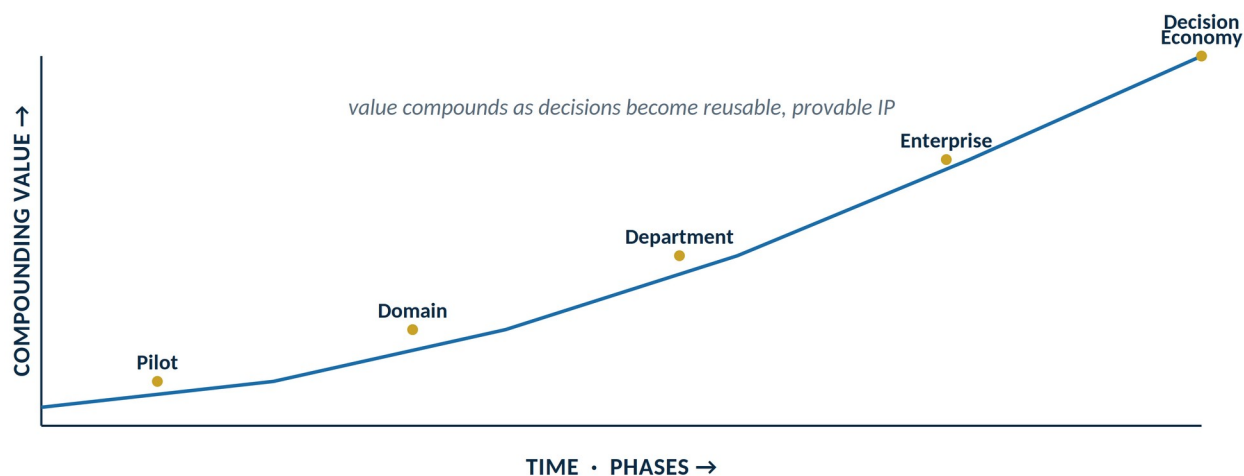


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**The category will exist regardless.
This playbook is how an enterprise comes to define it deliberately.**

From AI agents to an Enterprise Decision Layer. The path is assess, inventory, discover, design, govern, and operate — proven one domain at a time, scaled with discipline, and compounding for years. The enterprises that take it deliberately will own the decision infrastructure their competitors are still assembling by accident.

Appendix — Templates

The templates in this appendix are working artifacts. They are intended to be copied and used directly in a transformation program. Five are reproduced as fillable structures below; three (the Operational Domain Canvas, the Decision Map skeleton, and the Executive Scorecard) are shown as visual canvases.

Template 1 — Decision Inventory

Field	Example entry	Notes
Decision name	Authorize service-lane trade offer	Verb + object; the business decision.
Owner	VP, Acquisition	Accountable business function.
Frequency	~1.2M / year	Volume over a period.
Value	~\$1,000 / decision advantage	Per-decision and aggregate impact.
Risk	Medium (offer accuracy)	Downside of inconsistency.
Variability	High (six implementations today)	Consistency in current state.
Automation potential	High (clear evidence + policy)	Confidence ceiling for automation.
Wave / priority	Wave 1 / P1	From the prioritization matrix.

Template 2 — Operational Domain Canvas

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Domain name _____	Owner (accountable) _____
Decisions in scope • _____ • _____	Policies • _____ • _____
Decision Maps • _____ • _____	Agents & Songs • _____ • _____
MCP tool catalog • _____ • _____	Dependencies • _____ • _____
KPIs / targets • _____ • _____	Adoption wave Wave ____ • priority ____

A fillable canvas for defining an Operational Domain.

Template 3 — Decision Map Skeleton

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A starting skeleton for a Decision Map; each field becomes a recorded element in CDL.

Template 4 — Policy Definition

Field	Entry	Notes
Policy name	_____	Descriptive, unique.
Level	Enterprise / BU / Domain / Map	Position in the hierarchy.
Inherits from	_____	Parent policy reference.
Rule(s)	_____	Constraints; may only tighten parent.
Approval authority	_____	From the approval matrix.
Owner	_____	Accountable for the policy.
Version / effective date	v__ / _____	Recorded with every decision.

Template 5 — Governance Charter (outline)

A one-page charter for the Decision Governance Board. Populate each section before Phase 1.

- ☐ Purpose — why the board exists and what it governs.
- ☐ Scope — decisions, domains, and policies in the board's remit.
- ☐ Membership — named roles (CIO, CAIO, COO, risk, business owners).

- ☐ Decision rights — what the board approves, holds, and stops (phase gates, policy, investment).
- ☐ Cadence — meeting frequency and standing agenda.
- ☐ Escalation path — from Decision Review Board to Governance Board.
- ☐ KPIs reviewed — the headline scorecard the board owns.

Template 6 — Decision Review Checklist

Run this checklist at each Decision Review Board for any decision proposed for promotion or scale.

- ☐ Owner identified and accountable.
- ☐ Decision Map versioned and replay-tested.
- ☐ Effective policy resolved correctly from the hierarchy.
- ☐ Alternatives and confidence thresholds defined.
- ☐ Human-approval rule appropriate to value and risk.
- ☐ Lineage confirmed: decisions are recorded and replayable.
- ☐ KPIs in range (quality, drift, reversal, latency).
- ☐ Reuse considered: can this serve other domains or units?

Template 7 — Executive Scorecard

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Metric	Current	Target
Policy consistency	___%	≥ 95%
Automation rate	___%	target ___
Decision reuse	___×	≥ 3×
Decision quality (reversal)	___%	≤ 2%
Governance coverage	___%	100%
Decision latency (p95)	___ ms	target ___
Replay success	___%	100%
Decision cost	\$___	trend ↓

A board-level scorecard template with current values and targets.

Template 8 — Transformation Roadmap

Use the five-phase roadmap (Figure 7.1) and the multi-year roadmap (Figure 15.1) as the master planning artifacts. For each phase, record: scope, entry criteria, owner, timeline, exit criteria, and the measured value required to pass the gate. The roadmap is a living document, reviewed at every quarterly gate.

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