

The AiGovOps Practitioner Manifesto

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This tale has a hero, and it is not us. The hero is the open standard that made runtime proof possible — **OVERT**, written and stewarded by Glacis Technologies — and the people who decided that a receipt anyone can verify beats a policy anyone can write. We are the community that carries it to everyone the market will not reach: the nonprofit, the county, the clinic, the classroom, the student. We implement it, teach it, and prove it, in the open and for free.

THE RULE

No direct model-to-tool path for consequential actions.

Before an AI system does anything that matters, it asks. A gate decides — *go ahead · only this far · wait for a person · no* — and leaves a signed receipt that holds no private content and that a stranger can verify offline, without an account and without trusting us.

THE FOUR GATES — THE SAME RULE AT FOUR MOMENTS

GATE	WHEN	MOVEMENT
☐ Pre-pend	before a single action runs	Get to Yes
☐ Policy	before a rule or a system ships	Get to Yes
☐ Operate	while it runs, in real time	Stay at Yes
☐ Audit	after — on demand, on incident	Recover to Yes

THE FIVE PARTS OF THE PRACTICE — AT EVERY LEVEL

Declare a rule · **Decide** an action · **Prove** it with a receipt · **Read** it in your own lens · **Return** it to the community.

THE LADDER — ONE HOUR OR LESS, WHATEVER YOUR SKILLS

LEVEL	YOU WILL	BUILT ON
☐ 100 Begin	gate one action and hold one receipt — nothing installed	Air Canada's chatbot
☐ 200 Retrofit	gate one agent of your own and put the rule in CI	the \$1 Chevy · Knight Capital
☐ 300 Hold	hold, budget and bind identity under real traffic; state a coverage number	Arup · Cigna PXDX · nH Predict
☐ 400 Prove	verify a stranger's evidence offline; host a Thursday	Robodebt · Toeslagenaffaire · Horizon

Every activity has a **plain-words path** and a **code path** to the same receipt. A level describes a *person's* practice, never a system's assurance — a system's assurance is its OVERT level and its gate coverage, claimed by that system's evidence.

THE PRACTITIONER'S CHECKLIST

- ☐ I can say the rule from memory, and say what "consequential" means for my system.
- ☐ I have written one gate in plain words and seen it as code.
- ☐ I have put one real action through a gate and kept the receipt.
- ☐ I have read a receipt in a lens that is not my own.
- ☐ I have shown a receipt to another person.
- ☐ I know which of the four gates my system is missing today.
- ☐ I have named the human who releases a hold, and how long a hold lives before it decays to no.
- ☐ I know my system's coverage number, or I know that I do not.
- ☐ I have verified evidence I did not make, on a machine that was not online.
- ☐ I have brought someone else to Thursday.

WHAT WE PROMISE

Everything conforms to OVERT, runs on your own machines, works without an internet connection, and costs nothing. Every mark you earn is a receipt on a public chain — the credential is evidence, not a certificate. Nobody sells you a badge.

Ship safe AI — never unsafe AI. Get to yes. Stay at yes. Recover to yes. Prove it in ten minutes. Then bring it, and be counted.