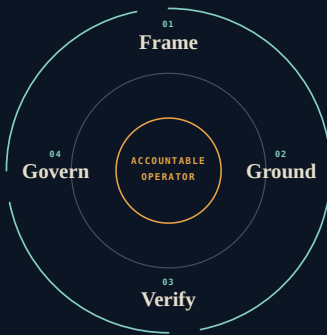


The AI is the instrument. You are the **operator**.

An AI Operator does more than produce prompts. An operator frames the work, supplies context, establishes boundaries, verifies results, and remains accountable for what happens next.



The disciplines are sequential in a first pass and continuous in practice. **Frame** decides what good looks like. **Ground** decides what the answer may rely on. **Verify** decides whether it holds. **Govern** decides who owns it, what it may touch, and when it stops.

Skip one and the others carry weight they were not built for. Grounding cannot rescue a badly framed question. Verification cannot rescue an ungoverned source.

A capable model without an accountable operator is unfinished work.

01 · FRAME

Frame

Define the problem, audience, purpose, decision, and quality standard before choosing the tool.

- Name the decision the output is meant to improve
- Describe the audience and what they already know
- State the form, length, and constraints the result must meet
- Decide in advance what would make the output unusable

What decision gets better because we did this?

02 · GROUND

Ground

Give authoritative sources control over fluent inference and make unsupported gaps visible.

- Give it the actual source material instead of trusting its memory
- Identify which sources count as authoritative, and who decided that
- Require the output to mark what it could not source
- Keep protected information out of unapproved environments

Where did this come from, and can we show it?

03 · VERIFY

Verify

Match review to consequence and use a qualified person who can recognize a plausible error.

- Scale the depth of review to what a wrong answer would cost
- Check names, dates, numbers, quotations, citations, and current claims
- Use a reviewer with the standing and knowledge to overrule the system
- Treat a confident tone as neutral evidence, not reassurance

Who is qualified to catch this being wrong?

04 · GOVERN

Govern

Define ownership, information boundaries, monitoring, correction, and the authority to stop.

- Name the person accountable for output that leaves the building
- Set which uses are permitted and which decisions stay off limits
- Log incidents, correct errors, and reassess periodically
- Keep a stop mechanism that is more than a sentence in a document

Who owns this, and how do we stop it?