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**Agents: From Framework to Fieldwork** 



## Introduction

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## **Learning Objectives**

- 1. How can frameworks be applied to Al governance?
- 2. What steps can you take to reduce the risk associated with AI systems?
- 3. What is agentic AI?
- 4. How can I use agentic AI?
- 5. How can I begin piloting agentic systems?



- 1. Al Governance & Risk
- 2. Automation & Agents
- 3. What Is an Agent?
- 4. Examples of Agents
- 5. Frameworks & Fieldwork
- 6. Conclusion



1 Al Governance





# PROCESS & GOVERNANCE

Implementing AI successfully in an enterprise setting requires a structured AI process and a solid AI governance framework to ensure the technology is trustworthy, aligned with business goals, and compliant with ethical and legal standards. AI governance ensures AI is used responsibly, ethically, and compliantly, with clear oversight and control.

- Oversight
- → Data Governance
- Risk Management & Compliance
- → Ethical Guidelines & Principles
- → Monitoring & Reporting



Audit AI systems for compliance with relevant regulations, effectiveness, and potential risks,

providing recommendations for improvements.

test access controls to

used by AI Systems.

protect sensitive information

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upcoming regulations.

## **Purpose of Al Governance**

Al governance refers to the frameworks, policies, and guidelines that ensure artificial intelligence (AI) technologies are developed and used ethically and responsibly. Al governance is essential for ensuring that AI technologies are used in a way that benefits society while minimizing potential negative impacts.

### **Accountability**

- Clearly articulate business objectives and goals for implementing Al
- Establish clear data management policies and procedures
- Identifying potential risks associated with AI system, including technical, operational, and ethic
- Implementing strategies to mitigate risks and reduce their potential impact

## Transparency & Explainability

- Maintain detailed records of AI models, data sources, decision-making workflows, and system modification
- Regularly informing stakeholders, management, and employees about Al practices, associated risks, and benefits
- Offer training and educational resources to employees to enhance their grasp of AI systems and their implications

### **Ethics & Fairness**

- Formulate and incorporate ethical guidelines and principles into Al development/use processes
- Perform periodic assessments to detect and address any biases within Al systems
- Encourage diverse perspective within Al development teams to foster fairness and diminish biases



## Case Study – OpenEvidence

## Al health-care startup OpenEvidence OpenEvidence raises funding from Sequoia at \$1 billion valuation

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#### KEY POINTS

- Al startup OpenEvidence is raising a fresh round of capital from Sequola to scale its chatbot for doctors.
- OpenEvidence is an Al copilot for physicians that helps them make better decisions at the point of care. The company claims it's already being used by a quarter of doctors in the U.S.
- The new \$75 million cash injection, which has not been previously reported, values OpenEvidence at \$1 billion, the two companies told CNBC.



Medical technology, All technology is utilized by doctors for diagnosing increasing the accuracy of patient treatments. Medical research and development innovation technology to improve patient health.

headache, sore throat, cough, sore chest, yellow mucus, congestion

Expanded question: What could be the possible diagnosis for symptoms including headache, sore throat, cough, sore chest, yellow mucus, and congestion?

#### Most Likely Diagnoses:

- 1. **Common Cold**: The symptoms of headache, sore throat, cough, sore chest, yellow mucus, and congestion are consistent with the common cold, a benign, self-limited viral illness. The American College of Physicians and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that the common cold can present with these symptoms and typically resolves without the need for antibiotics.<sup>[1]</sup>
- 2. **Acute Bronchitis**: Acute bronchitis, characterized by an acute cough and inflammation of the trachea and lower airways, can present with cough, sore chest, and yellow mucus. The American College of Chest Physicians emphasizes that acute bronchitis is a common clinical condition and is usually self-limiting.<sup>[2]</sup>
- 3. **Acute Rhinosinusitis**: The presence of yellow mucus, congestion, and headache suggests acute rhinosinusitis. The American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery states that acute rhinosinusitis is diagnosed with purulent nasal drainage and nasal obstruction or facial pain.<sup>[3]</sup>
- 4. **Influenza**: Influenza can present with headache, sore throat, cough, and congestion. The CDC notes that influenza typically has an abrupt onset and can include these symptoms along with fever and malaise. [4]
- 5. **Allergic Rhinitis**: Allergic rhinitis can cause nasal congestion, rhinorrhea, and postnasal drainage, which may lead to a sore throat and cough. The American Academy of Family Physicians highlights that allergic rhinitis is associated with these symptoms and often occurs in response to allergens. <sup>[5]</sup>

#### Most Important Not to Miss Diagnoses:

1. **Pneumonia**: Pneumonia should be considered, especially if there is fever, productive cough, and pleuritic chest pain. The American College of Chest Physicians recommends considering pneumonia in patients with acute cough and suggests using clinical judgment and possibly chest radiographs to rule

## Al Controls – GOVERN, MAP, MEASURE, & MANAGE.



GOVERN 1	1 Policies, processes, procedures, and practices across the organization related to the mapping,	
	measuring, and managing of AI risks are in place, transparent, and implemented effectively.	
GOVERN 2	Accountability structures are in place so that the appropriate teams and individuals are empowered,	
	responsible, and trained for mapping, measuring, and managing AI risks.	
GOVERN 3	Workforce diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility processes are prioritized in the mapping,	
	measuring, and managing of AI risks throughout the lifecycle.	
GOVERN 4	Organizational teams are committed to a culture that considers and communicates AI risk.	
GOVERN 5	Processes are in place for robust engagement with relevant AI actors.	
GOVERN 6	Policies and procedures are in place to address AI risks and benefits arising from third-party software	
	and data and other supply chain issues.	
MAP 1	Context is established and understood.	
MAP 2	Categorization of the AI system is performed.	
MAP 3	3 Al capabilities, targeted usage, goals, and expected benefits and costs compared with appropri	
	benchmarks are understood.	
MAP 4	Risks and benefits are mapped for all components of the AI system including third-party software and	
	data.	
MAP 5	Impacts to individuals, groups, communities, organizations, and society are characterized.	
MEASURE 1	Appropriate methods and metrics are identified and applied.	
MEASURE 2	Al systems are evaluated for trustworthy characteristics.	
MEASURE 3	Mechanisms for tracking identified AI risks over time are in place.	
MEASURE 4	Feedback about efficacy of measurement is gathered and assessed.	
MANAGE 1	<b>AI risks</b> based on assessments and other analytical output from the <b>MAP</b> and <b>MEASURE</b> functions a	
	prioritized, responded to, and managed.	
MANAGE 2	2 Strategies to maximize AI benefits and minimize negative impacts are planned, prepared, implement	
	documented, and informed by input from relevant AI actors.	
MANAGE 3	Al risks and benefits from third-party entities are managed.	
MANAGE 4	Risk treatments, including response and recovery, and communication plans for the identified and	
	measured AI risks are documented and monitored regularly.	

## OpenEvidence – Sample Control Evaluation

- **GOVERN 1.1:** <u>Legal and regulatory</u> requirements involving AI are understood, managed, and documented.
- **GOVERN 1.2:** The characteristics of **trustworthy** Al are integrated into organizational policies, processes, procedures, and practices.
- **GOVERN 4.1:** Organizational <u>policies and practices</u> are in place to foster a critical thinking and safety-first mindset in the design, development, deployment, and uses of AI systems to minimize potential negative impacts.
- **GOVERN 6.1:** Policies and procedures are in place that address <u>AI risks associated with third-party entities</u>, including risks of infringement of a third-party's intellectual property or other rights.
- MAP 1.4: The <u>business value</u> or context of business use has been clearly defined or—in the case of assessing existing AI systems—<u>re-evaluated</u>.
- **MAP 3.1**: Potential <u>benefits</u> of intended AI system functionality and performance are examined and documented.
- MAP 4.2: Internal risk controls for components of the AI system, including third-party AI technologies, are identified and documented.
- **MEASURE 2.2:** Evaluations involving <u>human subjects</u> meet applicable requirements (including human subject protection) and are representative of the relevant population.
- **MEASURE 3.1:** Approaches, personnel, and documentation are in place to regularly identify and <u>track existing, unanticipated, and emergent AI risks</u> based on factors such as intended and actual performance in deployed contexts.
- MANAGE 1.1: A determination is made as to whether the <u>AI system achieves its intended purposes and stated objectives</u> and whether its development or deployment should proceed.
- MANAGE 3.1: Al risks and benefits from third-party resources are regularly monitored, and risk controls are applied and documented.

## OpenEvidence – Risk Management

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### Risk

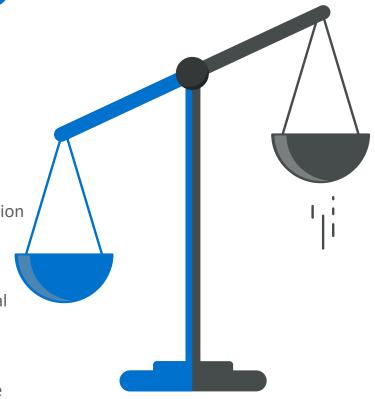


- OpenEvidence is an experimental technology demonstrator. OpenEvidence does not provide medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment.
- User questions and other inputs on OpenEvidence are not covered by HIPAA. It is the responsibility of the user to ensure questions do not contain protected health information (PHI) or any information that violates the privacy of any person.
- Risk of over-reliance on tools like OpenEvidence, which could diminish critical thinking skills essential for clinical practice.
- Inconsistencies or errors in Al-generated results emphasize the need for human oversight to ensure accurate interpretation and adaptability to complex scenarios.



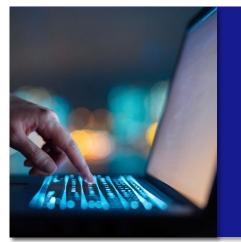
#### **Benefits**

- OpenEvidence is what we always imagined when we used to talk about someone finally solving medical search.
- Aim to improve the accessibility and synthesis of medical literature.
- Used to make more evidenced-based decisions and improve patient outcomes.
- The platform facilitates quick access to clinically relevant content, enabling medical students to integrate learning with practice.
- Tool for medical education and clinical care, equipping future healthcare professionals to navigate an increasingly Al-integrated healthcare environment with precision and confidence.



### Hidden Al Risk

The use of AI presents additional third-party, legal, compliance, & reputational risks when being used or relied upon unknowingly.

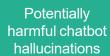


Shadow AI: The unauthorized use of AI tools & products that are not IT-approved





Use of Al-driven tools unknowingly breaching a client contract







Al-driven tools being used in other parts of the business (marketing, customer experience, etc.) but not being considered for model definition





## Mitigating Al Risk

Although the use of Al can present novel & complex risks, institutions can safeguard their users, data, & reputations with a robust risk mitigation strategy. Below are some examples of ways to mitigate Al risk.

### **Third Party**

- Review contracts with third-party vendors
- Stay informed about new features & model components of third-party models
- Ensure contracts contain clauses that protect the institution's data
- Understand third-party data sourcing, storage, & retention

### Operational / IT

- Consider a thorough review & approval process for all Al-driven tools, products, & partnerships
- Consider implementing internal controls & limitations for users
- Implement a rigorous training process to inform users about information security in the age of Al
- Maintain robust documentation of data dictionaries & lineage

### Governance

- Re-review all Al-driven tools & products for model definition & enhance model risk management
- Develop an agreed-upon framework with clearly defined leadership, roles, & responsibilities
- Consider second-line governance oversight to ensure first-line adherence to policies & frameworks
- Monitor all model inputs & outputs, & perform regular testing to detect potential bias or unwanted outcomes



<sup>\*</sup>Note: The mitigation strategies shown are among the most important but are not an exhaustive list.

## Implementing Al Governance

Implementing AI governance involves several key steps to ensure that AI systems are developed and used ethically and responsibly. By following these best practices, organizations can create a robust AI governance structure that fosters responsible AI development and use.

#### **Centralized Framework**

- Analyze the existing Al governance procedures & evaluate the current framework for Al governance.
- Review roles & responsibilities across Al landscape.

#### **Data Governance**

- Review the available documentation to evaluate data governance & quality, including lineage & traceability.
- Interview key stakeholders to understand the process for data collection, storage, access, monitoring, & disposal.

#### **Operational Strategy**

- Examine the structure & responsibilities of the governance or steering committee, if any.
- Evaluate AI strategic roadmap, including development of policies & socialization to the organization.

### **Third-Party Risk Management**

- Evaluate third-party, open-source models & tools within the inventory & identify key risks.
- Assess third-party vendors for reliability & reputability.
- Review contracts with third-party vendors to identify potential data & privacy risks.

















### **Model Risk Cartography**

- Review model identification & determination criteria & identify areas to enhance model determination to apply to Al models.
- Evaluate the model &/or Al use case inventory & the risk assessment criteria.

### **Organizational Coverage**

- Evaluate approach across overarching AI framework to encapsulate across the organization.
- Review Al process guides & evaluate existing process across the Al development lifecycle.

#### **IT Risk & Compliance**

 Analyze Al IT Lifecycle for soundness of controls, including technical operations, cloud governance, internal & external data base integration,, cybersecurity, maintenance, etc.

### **Regulatory Compliance**

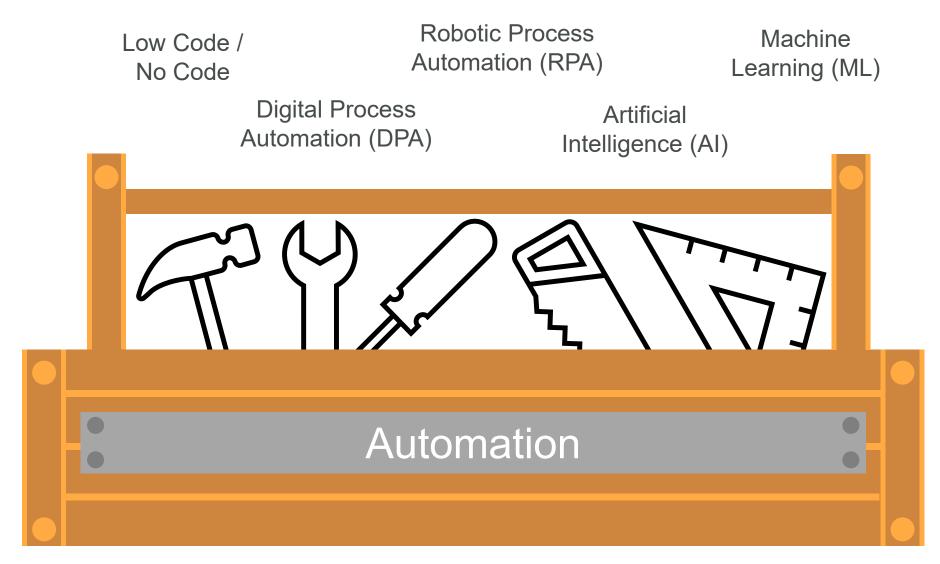
 Assess existing AI governance process to ensure adherence to regulatory & legal requirements inclusive of reporting & monitoring AI models. 2

Automation & Agents



### You Have a Toolbox

### **Use the Right Tool for the Job**





### Agentic Al

### **Levels of Autonomy**

Full Fully autonomous AI with human-level intelligence or beyond in open-ended Aspirationa contexts, e.g., Act as a human **Autonomy** High Operates with almost complete autonomy, e.g., Self-Improving, creates new procedures for changing environments **Autonomy Partial** Plans and executes multistep tasks autonomously for well-defined Autonomy use cases, e.g., Invoice Reconciliation, Triage email with Al Reality **Machine Learning** The system can make constrained decisions using Machine - Assisted Learning models, e.g., Extract content from .pdf, sentiment analysis Follows pre-defined rules or scripts to perform tasks, e.g., **Rules Based** RPA for data entry, Low Code application for data capture



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What Is an Agent?



### Agentic Al

### What Is an Agent?

An Al system that acts with a degree of autonomy to accomplish goals. It plans and executes multistep tasks (often using tools or external data), maintains context, and may adapt its strategy based on what it learns, automating work that may otherwise require human intelligence and effort.

### **Agent Characteristics**

- Goal Pursuit follow and execute a sequence of actions based on context
- Reasoning make decisions based on context
- Memory retain memory within the flow
- Tool use and integration interact with tools or APIs to execute an action
- Incorporates AI and non-AI pieces

### **Complex Agents**

- Autonomous Security Operations Analyst
  - Monitors security events on a network
  - Triggers incident response playbook steps
  - Invokes human intervention
- Healthcare Revenue Cycle
  - Insurance verification
  - Billing
- Procurement Agent
  - Navigates vendor contracts
  - Compares pricing
  - Executes within budget rules

### Simple Agents

- Copilot Agents NOT to be confused with Copilot Studio
- Telephone routing
- Voice Agents/Chatbots
- Expense Processing
- Sales Enablement
- Scheduling Agent



### Agentic Al

### Why Are Pilots Important?

**Piloting agentic AI** now lets us discover what truly works (and what fails) in our workflows while **managing risk** through controlled environments. The firms that run **disciplined pilots**, capture what **scales**, and retire what doesn't will be far better positioned when AI shifts from "**option to enhance performance**" to "**need to operate**" over the next 2–3 years.

### **Gartner**

"... up to **40%** of enterprise applications will include integrated task-specific agents by 2026, up from less than **5%** today."

### Google

"... **52%** of executives report their organization is actively using AI agents, with **39%** reporting their company has launched more than ten."

"74% of executives report achieving ROI within the first year ... 56% of executives say AI has led to business growth"

### Cloudera

"... top concerns in adopting AI, respondents pointed to data privacy concerns - **53%**, followed by integration with existing systems - **40%** and high implementation costs - **39%**"

#### What do Pilots unlock?

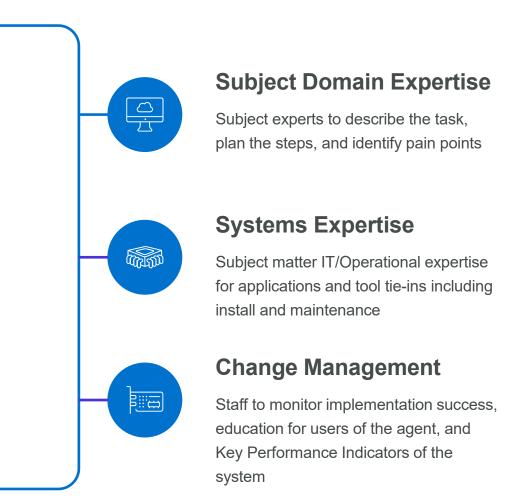
- De-Risked Learning: Validate value, failure, and control gaps
- Fast Signal on ROI: Prove measurable benefits
- Muscle Memory: Upskill teams on agent design, prompts, TEVV, and change management
- Governance in Practice: Exercise data access, permissions, and human in the loop controls aligned with relevant frameworks

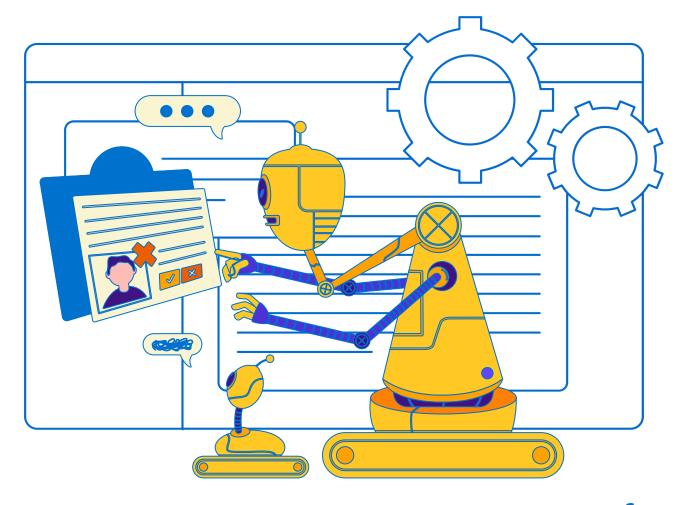


### Implementing Agentic Al

### **Overcoming Challenges to Implementation**

The right blend of IT, System, and Experts can make all the difference.







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Examples of Agents



## Creating an Agent Copilot Studio

### **Expletive Check**

**Problem:** People on my team from time to time got a little passionate and cursed.

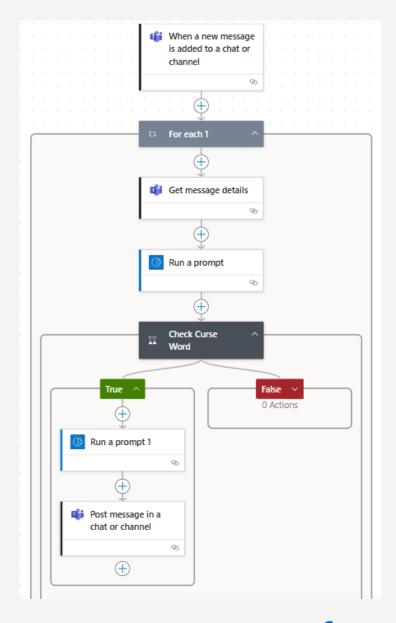
**Solution:** Build an agent that would read the chat, identify curse words, and lightly admonish the individual.

### Components

- Group chat trigger
- Loops and if statements
- Teams integration and API interaction
- ChatGPT (through Copilot) integration
- Copilot Studio

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Bypassing prompt filtering
- Triggers
- Teams integration
- Logs and Metrics





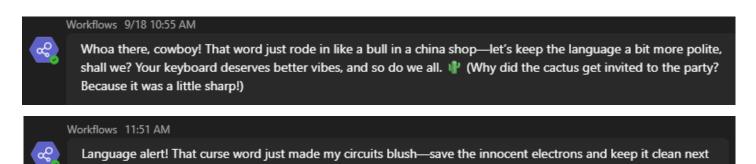
## Creating an Agent Copilot Studio

### **Expletive Check**

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### **Outcomes**

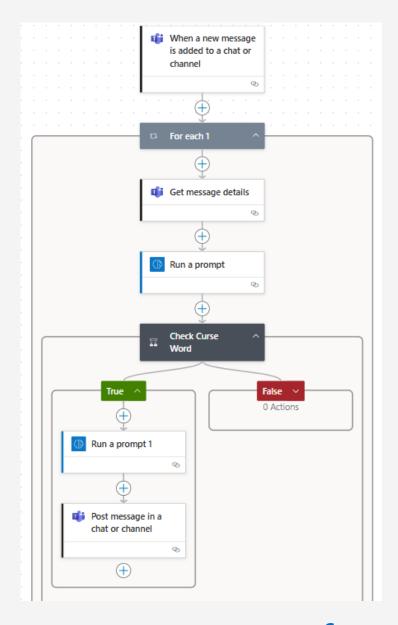
- It worked well enough, but the Al responses weren't varied
- It worked on morse code, multiple languages, but not on text files or wordart (as pictured below)
- It made people mute the chat because automated AI responses can be annoying



time, okay? They all believed in you before you swore... don't let 'em down 🐂 (the llama is silently judging).

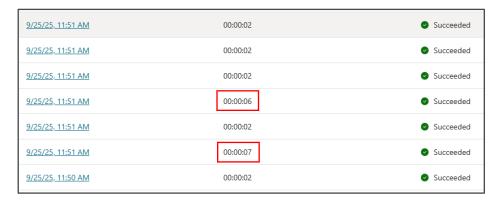


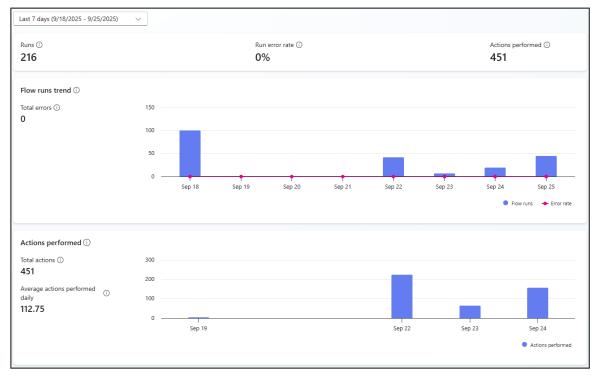


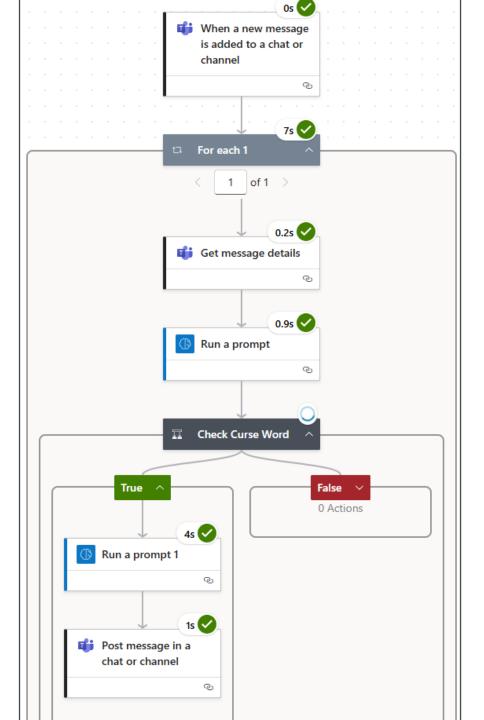




## Creating an Agent Copilot Studio – Logs







## Creating an Agent Copilot Studio

### Sensitive Data Checker

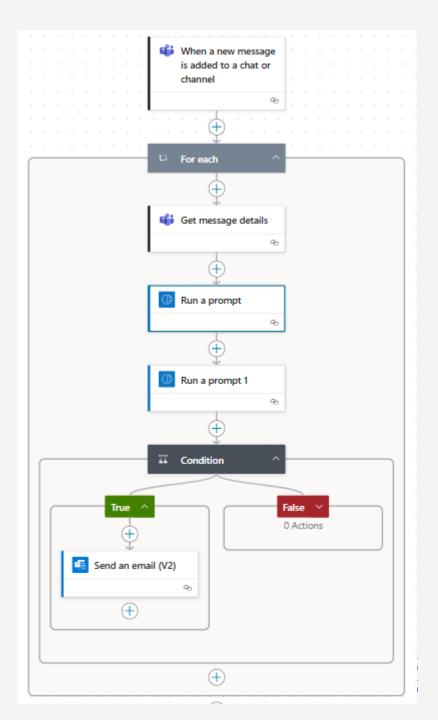
**Problem:** What if my team was sharing client information in a chat?

**Solution:** Build an agent that would read the chat, identify possibly sensitive information, and email me with details and recommended action.

### Components

- Group chat trigger
- Loops and if statements
- Teams integration
- Mail integration
- ChatGPT (through Copilot) integration
- Copilot Studio

### **GOALS** 1) Identify any PCI data: - Cardholder Data (CHD): Primary Account Number (PAN), Cardholder Name, Expiration Date, Service Code. - Sensitive Authentication Data (SAD): Track data (magstripe or chip equivalent), CVV/CVC/CID/CAV2, PIN/PIN block. SAD must never be stored post-authorization. 2) Identify personally identifiable information (PII) per NIST SP 800-122 (e.g., SSN, passport/driver's license, bank account/routing/IBAN, name, email, phone, physical address, date of birth, credentials/secrets). 3) Handle tricky/obfuscated presentations (see "Obfuscation & Evasion Handling"). 4) Classify severity, recommend an action, and output a redacted text that never exposes raw secrets.

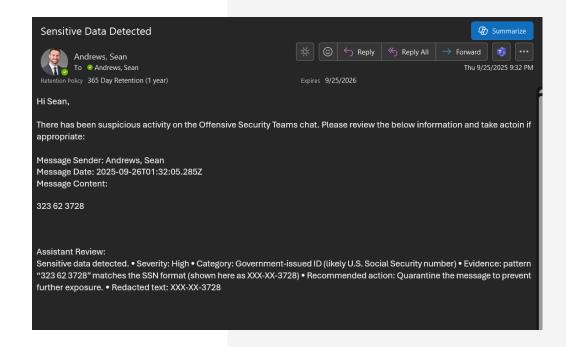


## Creating an Agent Copilot Studio

### Sensitive Data Checker

### **Future Improvements**

- Better prompting to understand context
  - Work with SME
  - Shift prompt to XML
- Establish confidence level metrics from prompts to evaluate presence of sensitive data
- Safeguards against prompt engineering attacks
- Track metrics of how often 1-10 is hit
- Tie into ticketing system to create ticket for SOC
- Add self-improvement into the prompt
- in-line remediation tips



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## Creating an Agent **n8n**

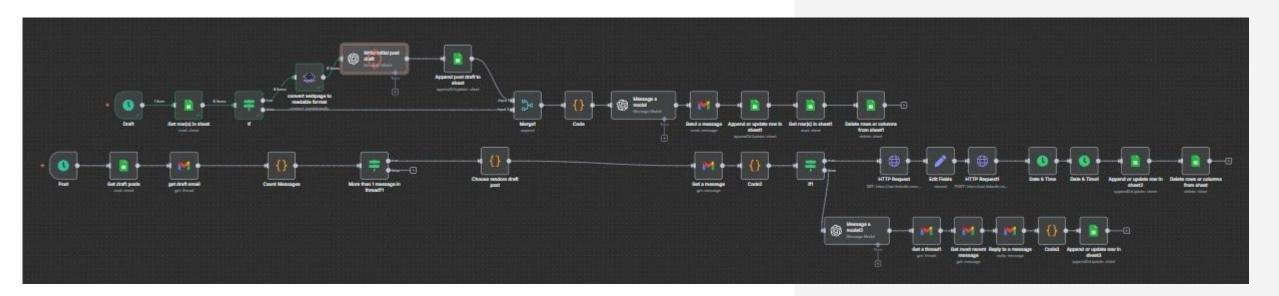
### LinkedIn Poster

**Problem:** I want to engage more people on LinkedIn and share interesting articles, but I don't have the time to craft the perfect post.

**Solution:** Build an agent that would ingest a URL, read an article, and craft a post that fits my tone, goals, and engagement goals.

### Components

- Time-based trigger
- Loops and if statements
- Google Drive, Gmail, LinkedIn API, and Scrapegraph integration
- ChatGPT (or any generative AI) interaction
- Prompt Engineering
- Context Engineering
- n8n platform





## Creating an Agent **n8n**

### LinkedIn Poster

url	Post_Draft	Context
https://www.exponentialview.co/p/is-ai-a-bubble		A lot of voices have asked the question, is Al a bubble? Here are some compelling points to help you make your own decision. Its a valuable analysis of 1) what bubbles are, and 2) how the curent situation reflects
https://www.forbes.com/sites/joemckendrick/2025/05/28/ai-agents-deliver-productivity-but-thats-only-part-of-the-story/?utm_source=chatgpt.com		As agents continue to grow in scope and capability, we must examine how they affect the people inside the organization. How can we enable our employees and make work better?
https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-03015-6		Deepseek shook the Al Market when it was released. This is an interesting followup on the craze, giving us some numbers about how much training cost.
https://www.darkreading.com/application-security/-lies-in-the-loop-attack-aicoding-agents		Lies-in-the-loop shows the importance of Agent Security. Yes, they can help us be more productive, but how are we controlling user input and prompt injection protection?





### **Agent Walkthrough**

- I supply an article URL and context
- 2. A post draft is written
- 3. An email is sent to me with the post draft
- I approve or provide feedback on what I want changed about the post
- 5. Post is either sent to LinkedIn, or reworked based on my feedback
- 6. I review the post when I have a chance



## Creating an Agent In Practice

### 1. Define Inputs and Outputs

- Clarify what triggers the process
- Be specific about inputs and desired outputs

### 2. Build a system diagram

- Map how input becomes output
- Write steps (how you'd tell a human)
- Identify the APIs, tools, or other technologies required.
- Identify where generative input/output is required

### 3. Test with Case

- Create 3–5 test cases
- Walk through the logic manually
- Catch gaps before automating

### **TRIGGER**

- Drafting Loop: Every 3 days at 9am
- Publish Loop: Every 2 days at 11am

### **INPUTS**

 URL, Context, Approval from user, Email Thread ID, Status of post, Draft Post

### **OUTPUTS**

 Draft Post, Final Linkedin Post, Emails, status of post

### **HUMAN DESCRIPTION**

- "On schedule, check each row in the spreadsheet. If no draft exists ... send for approval; log everything"

### **PSEUDOCODE**

Read rows -> if draft\_post empty -> scrape url -> ... so on and so forth

### **APIs & TOOLS**

- ChatGPT, Linkedin, n8n, Scrapegraph

### **TEST CASE**

- Provide three to five urls of articles to post
- Walk through the logic and try to find flaws
- \* This will be paramount in enterprise automation



## Creating an Agent In Practice

### 4. Design AI interactions

- Focus on prompt & context engineering
- Prompts = instructions
- Context = resources provided to prompts
- Bring in domain expert where needed to write prompts and build context

### **PROMPTS**

- Posts: 80–130 words, include URL, one short quote max, 3–5 hashtags...
- Revision: incorporate reviewers additions…

### CONTEXT

- article text, title, source, author...

### **EXPERT**

Consider your tone as a professional.
 How can you push the same tone through prompting?

### 5. Build the flow

- Use low-code tools
  - Copilot Studio
  - Buildship
  - Replit
  - n8n
- Don't rely on "black box" one-click builds, build modular and decoupled
- You will iterate

### **TOOL**

- N8n
- ChatGPT for specific code generation

### **MODULAR**

- Decouple different pieces
- Document well

#### **ITERATE**

- test, fail, redo, succeed

### 6. Formalize and Review

- Turn flow on, monitor outputs
- Audit and track metrics
  - Cost per run
  - Tokens per run
  - Human time saved
  - Mental cost saved
  - User feedback

### **METRICS**

- Cost/run (LLM + scrape)
- Token/run
- Approval Conversion rate
- Avg revision cycles
- Time to publish
- Error rates
- Time saved



## Unlocking the Value of Agents How Do You Measure Value?

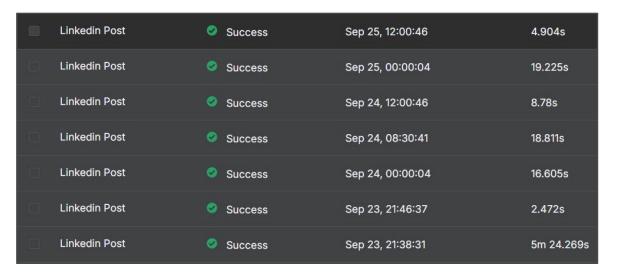
Quantifying the Success of Automation

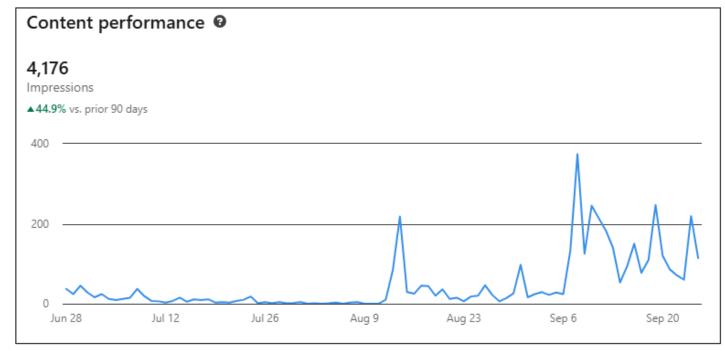


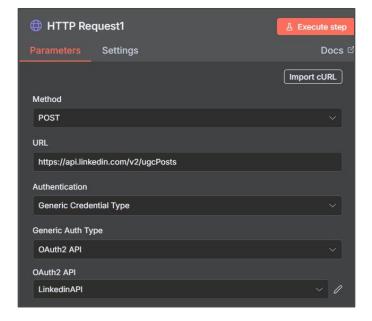


## Creating an Agent LinkedIn Bot Analytics











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Framework to Fieldwork



### Implementing AI & Automation

### Al Governance & Risk Management – Before Agentification







### Al Governance

Al Governance manages Al initiatives responsibly, enables compliance with regulations, and aligns Al usage with self-defined ethical standards.

- Policy Development
- Standards and Procedures
- Governance Structure
- Risk Management
- Transparency and Fairness
- Security Measures
- Ethical Alignment

## NIST AI Risk Management Framework

The NIST AI RMF enables secure and ethical implementation of AI technologies in compliance with regulatory standards.

- Applies customized guidelines to manage identified AI risks effectively.
- Aims to define and uphold the trustworthiness and security of Al technologies.
- Supports your organization in adherence to relevant regulations.
- Promotes responsible Al deployment practices that align with NIST standards.

### **AI IT Audit**

An Al IT Audit evaluates organization Al systems to ensure they are secure, compliant, and efficient through comprehensive evaluations and tailored recommendations.

- Evaluate Implementation of AI Models
- Data Handling Analysis
- Governance Review
- Recommendations for Improvement
- Stakeholder Assurance



### Al-Powered Accelerator

### Al Use Case Identification

Our Al Use Case Identification service is performed through Al-powered 30-minute voice agent interviews with key members of your organization. This tool surfaces actionable automation opportunities, current Al maturity assessment, and identifies the most impactful next steps.

This process captures operational pain points, evaluates where **Al agents and/or use cases can drive real value**, and distills findings into clear sections to summarize to stakeholders inside your organization: cultural, technical, and operational readiness. **You don't just receive ideas in a report; you receive strategic direction**.

Our goal is not to promote what is shiny and new. As part of Forvis Mazars' broader automation experience, we guide you through whether or not Al is the right fit. Our goal is not just acceleration; it is sustainable, smart transformation. With the right roadmap that is grounded in your organization's reality, you're not just adopting Al; you're succeeding with it.



#### **Readiness Score**

- Obtain a Readiness Score representing how prepared your organization is for Al-based automation
- Focus on cultural, technical, and use case-oriented perspectives
- Brief your executive team on a snapshot of the organization's Al Readiness posture



### Scalable & Obtainable Automation

- Pinpoint realistic opportunities for Al transformation
- Identify classic Al automation and Agentic automation use cases
- Acquire options for use cases with varying build complexity



## **Agentic Interview Based Discovery**

- Low effort, high impact conclusions
- Give your team the voice and agency to share their perspective and foster Al they both understand and trust
- Experience firsthand the capabilities of Artificial Intelligence through 30-minute voice agent interviews



### **Strategic Roadmap**

- Build a phased approach to foster Al capabilities internally
- Identify actionable insights to address points of growth in governance and cultural readiness
- Develop execution steps to reach automation and AI maturity goals





## **Key Takeaways**



**Start Now** 

Begin piloting agentic AI early. Capture the early benefit of learning how to succeed and how to fail, track KPIs



Govern

Implement strong governance practices across your organization that align with fairness, anti-bias, and transparency.



Educate

Enable your team to be successful by giving them the tools and education required to succeed.



Control

Our work environment is constantly changing; how do we balance the need to innovate with the need to manage risk?



## Questions



## **THANK YOU**

## FOR YOUR ATTENTION & PARTICIPATION

Although Al will undoubtedly change the way organizations operate, human intervention is required at every step of the Al lifecycle. Identifying & mitigating risk will always be the first step in giving institutions the confidence & security they need to use Al responsibly.



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