01 / THE PRACTICAL PROBLEM

Keep the evidence behind the answer.

An agent can finish the analysis. The next agent or authorized reviewer still needs to see what it rested on.

The work continues after generation.

A recommendation may include supplied facts, model interpretation, arithmetic and unresolved questions. If those distinctions survive only inside the model narrative, a later team must reconstruct them from the original files. A changed model may not reproduce the original answer.

Residual risk: the basis can disappear while the answer keeps travelling.

The reconstruction job grows when agents, teams or engagements change. A retained record gives the next reviewer an inspectable starting point; it does not prove the conclusion correct.

HOW MCOS STRUCTURES THE WORK

L1	**Input transport**	Preserve supplied material, speaker turns and source context.
L2	**Deterministic extraction**	Type supported facts, calculation operands and stated requirements.
L3	**Model-assisted core**	Give agents scoped evidence views and apply specified checks.
L4	**Domain protocols**	Assemble qualified deliverables and retained engagement outputs.

MCOS means Management Consulting Operating System. Layer coverage and source bindings depend on the supported path. Sentinel is a separate application; its claim-use controls are not universal MCOS checks.

02 / A WORKED EXAMPLE

The math can be right. Keep the qualifications.

Fictional staffing example: an interview states eleven people cost about $54,000 each per year. The product is approximately $594,000 per year.

01
Supplied source
11 people; about $54,000 each / year

02
Retained operands
Headcount, rate, period and source links

03
Repeat the math
11 x $54,000 = $594,000 / year

What the demonstration actually showed

On 28 October 2026, a confined receiver imported one prepared synthetic graph with a separately supplied source companion. It recomputed the staffing product without a model. Nine declared checks passed; seven deliberately altered copies were rejected. Unsupported rows stayed quarantined and legacy unverified rows stayed unverified.

Correct arithmetic does not authorize a combined total.

A separate $210,000 figure had no stated period. It stayed unannualized. The combined total was withheld because no authority established that the lines did not overlap. A budget and a board threshold were not treated as costs.

Keep these boundaries with the result.

The deployed export matched the substantive payload already accepted by the receiver; the receiver was not rerun on the downloaded file. The export carries the operands, not $594,000 as an admitted product. The original hosted-run admission and the later receiver recomputation are separate evidence.

This was one synthetic case, with assistant-operated preparation and implementer-written checks. It establishes no verified payroll, achievable savings, universal accuracy or independently validated business outcome.

Underlying record: Consulting as Code, 28 October 2026, sections 4, 5.4 and 6. Export evidence: 28 October; KPA runs through 24 October. This brief is an edited explanation of that bounded evidence.

03 / OPERATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

The model can change. Keep the basis available.

Operational sovereignty starts with what the customer can retain, inspect and control after the original run ends.

01

Retain the engagement record

Keep recorded facts, relationships, source support, assumptions, interpretations and open questions within the path's documented coverage.

02

Repeat supported checks

Use the matching source companion, specified rules and a compatible receiver. The demonstration supplied the source separately; it was not automatically bundled with the export.

03

Preserve decisions and authority

Identify who may approve an action and what remains withheld. The retained basis supports inspection; it does not grant new permission to act.

04

Evaluate the next integration

Model choice, interfaces, source access and retesting require an explicit design. Retention does not make arbitrary models interchangeable.

Agree the scope before relying on the record.

Ask which fields and source bindings travel, which checks a receiver can repeat, who controls the source companion, and what rights apply to generated assets. Broader export and scaffold rights need explicit terms alignment.

The proprietary MCOS runtime remains separate. A deployment behind the customer's firewall and connecting a chosen model were design options, not demonstrated steps. Data residency, offline operation and operational readiness need their own acceptance review.

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