

## MODEL FIT

# Model vs Workflow Fit Checklist

A worksheet for deciding whether the model, workflow, context, and review path actually fit.

**WHAT THIS TEMPLATE HELPS YOU DECIDE**

Shift the evaluation from model capability alone to the full operating system required for useful AI-supported work.

**BEST FOR**

- Teams comparing models or AI platforms
- Operators worried about overbuying model capability
- Leaders who need workflow-fit language for technical choices

**OUTPUTS**

- A model-fit rationale
- Workflow constraints
- Implementation decision inputs

## STEP 1

# Frame the operating need

Start with the workflow, decision, owner, and business pressure. The template is useful only when it is grounded in a real operating moment.

## Operating frame

**Workflow being evaluated**

Name the specific workflow rather than the general AI category.

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**Model capability required**

Reasoning, summarization, classification, extraction, generation, voice, or tool use.

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**Operating constraint**

Latency, privacy, cost, accuracy, review burden, integration, or reliability.

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## Readiness check

- The workflow need is defined before model selection
- The context sources are available and governable
- The model output can be validated or reviewed
- Tool calls or deterministic services handle operational state
- Cost and latency fit the expected usage pattern

## STEP 2

# Map the architecture questions

Use this page to separate the parts of the system that need design before anyone jumps to tools, prompts, or implementation details.

## Design map

<b>Capability fit</b>	What must the model be good at for this workflow? _____
<b>Context fit</b>	What does the model need to know, and where does that context come from? _____
<b>Validation fit</b>	How will the system detect weak, unsupported, or risky outputs? _____
<b>Economic fit</b>	Does the model cost match the value and frequency of the workflow? _____
<b>Operational fit</b>	Can the model be used inside the required permissions, UI, and approval path? _____

Model selection should be a consequence of workflow architecture, not a substitute for it.

STEP 3

# Turn the answers into a brief

A strong brief makes the next decision easier: proceed, defer, redesign, govern, or assess more deeply before implementation.

## Decision brief

<b>Recommended model class</b>	What level of model capability is justified by the workflow? _____
<b>Do not use AI for</b>	Which parts should remain deterministic, manual, or tool-based? _____
<b>Required controls</b>	Which validation, review, or fallback controls must surround the model? _____
<b>Decision</b>	Proceed, test, defer, or redesign the workflow? _____

### Evaluate models through the workflow they must serve.

IntelliSync helps organizations choose model patterns by decision need, context integrity, governance, and operating constraints.

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