

CAPSTONE GOVERNANCE TEMPLATE

Capstone Execution and Defense Plan

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USE THIS RESOURCE WHEN

- Use it to plan and defend one coherent capstone candidate from scope through final decision.
- Ownership, evidence, or decision authority must be explicit.
- Another person must be able to review or reproduce the result.



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How to use it

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HOW TO USE IT

- 1 Identify the exact subject and baseline before filling the working sections.
- 2 Separate verified facts from assumptions and unresolved questions.
- 3 Link evidence to the candidate, build, version, or decision it actually supports.
- 4 Record an accountable decision, owner, and next trigger before closing the document.

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1. Promise and scope

Project / player promise

Be specific. Name the source, evidence, owner, and decision where applicable.

Success criteria and mandatory constraints

Be specific. Name the source, evidence, owner, and decision where applicable.

In scope / out of scope

Be specific. Name the source, evidence, owner, and decision where applicable.

System boundaries, owners, and invariants

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2. Execution plan

Milestones — outcome / dependency / evidence / decision gate

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Recovery baseline / checkpoint plan

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AI use — task / brief / protected surfaces / human reviewer

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Implementation order and safe intermediate states

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3. Validation and risk

Validation matrix

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Evidence plan

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Stop / rollback conditions

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3. Validation and risk — continued

Residual risks / uncertainty / owner

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Final decision record

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4. Defense record

Why this scope?

Be specific. Name the source, evidence, owner, and decision where applicable.

Why these owners and boundaries?

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Which AI changes were accepted, revised, or rejected — and why?

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4. Defense record — continued

What evidence demonstrates success?

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What remains risky or unsupported?

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