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AI Strategic Initiative Review Kit

A pragmatic framework to align, resource, and realize AI initiatives.

Empowers leadership to evaluate, resource, and govern AI initiatives with evidence.

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Initiative Alignment Review

Assess current AI initiatives for strategic fit and readiness. Identify gaps in alignment, resourcing, and governance.

Key move Schedule a 2-hour monthly review with executive sponsor to force accountability.

PRACTICAL CHECKLIST

- 01** Clarify each initiative's primary objective and expected business value.
- 02** Verify executive sponsor and accountable owner for outcomes.
- 03** Assess current progress against stated milestones and timelines.
- 04** Evaluate data readiness, access, and quality supporting the initiative.
- 05** Identify regulatory, ethical, and security considerations impacting deployment.
- 06** List key dependencies and critical path activities threatening schedule.
- 07** Define success metrics and the reporting cadence to track progress.

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Resource Fit & Governance

Assess whether funding, talent, and data are sufficient to reach milestones. Outline governing practices to enable rapid decision-making.

Key move Maintain a living RACI and budget linked to outcomes.

PRACTICAL CHECKLIST

- 01** Map required roles, skills, and owners for each initiative.
- 02** Validate budget cadence, funding availability, and contingency plans.
- 03** Verify data availability, lineage, and access controls for AI use.
- 04** Establish a clear decision rights matrix for fast approvals.
- 05** Define risk thresholds, escalation paths, and issue-resolution processes.
- 06** Set cadence for stakeholder updates and steering committee reviews.
- 07** Secure ethical, legal, and compliance guardrails aligned to policy.

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Measurement, Adoption & Risk

Define success metrics and data quality requirements. Plan adoption steps that teams can test weekly.

Key move Pilot weekly experiments and record results to keep momentum.

PRACTICAL CHECKLIST

- 01** Define KPI set per initiative with explicit targets.
- 02** Align executive dashboards and reporting cadence with milestones.
- 03** Specify data quality checks, availability, and refresh frequency.
- 04** Pilot small, weekly experiments to validate value before scale.
- 05** Outline change management actions and stakeholder engagement steps.
- 06** Set predefined risk thresholds and escalation procedures.
- 07** Document decisions, lessons, and iteration plans for learning.

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ABOUT THE CREATOR

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I build AI systems that combine distributed architecture, retrieval, knowledge graphs, security, and practical workflow design. My focus is AI that can be used repeatedly by real teams: understandable, reliable, and grounded in the work people already do.

EXPERTISE

- Principal systems architecture and applied AI engineering
- Production-grade AI systems, agentic workflows, RAG, and knowledge graphs
- Full-stack workflow applications across AWS, Google Cloud, Azure, on-premise, and hybrid environments
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