

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.

Model capability required

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

Operating constraint

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

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

Capability fit	What must the model be good at for this workflow?
Context fit	What does the model need to know, and where does that context come from?
Validation fit	How will the system detect weak, unsupported, or risky outputs?
Economic fit	Does the model cost match the value and frequency of the workflow?
Operational fit	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

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