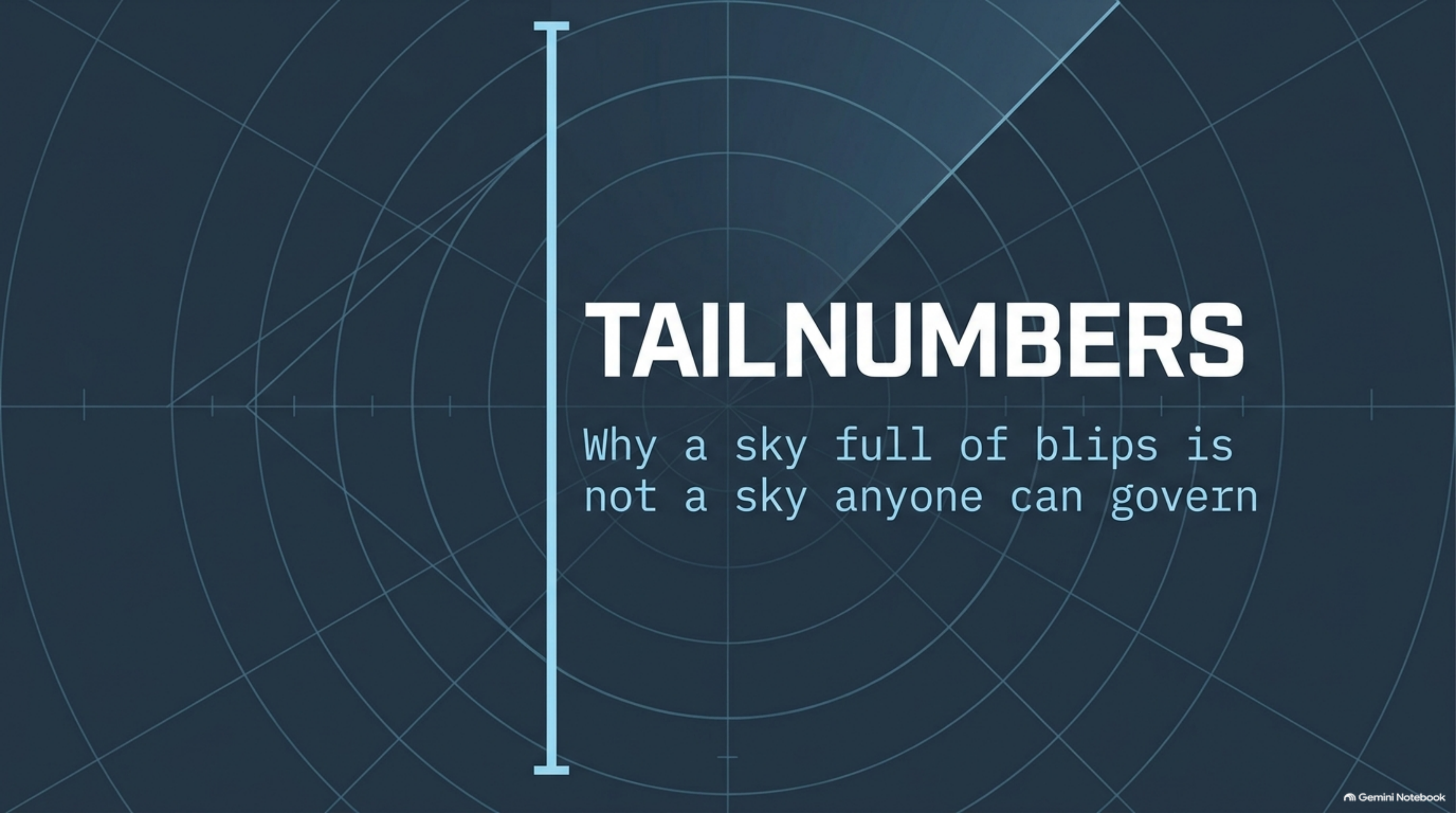


The background features a dark blue field with a series of concentric circles and radial lines, resembling a radar screen or a stylized globe. A prominent vertical light blue line with horizontal caps at the top and bottom is positioned on the left side of the frame.

TAILNUMBERS

Why a sky full of blips is
not a sky anyone can govern

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The screenshot displays a list of network connections in a table-like format. Each row contains a timestamp, a status indicator (green dot for success, orange dot for flagged), a description of the connection, a progress bar, and a checkmark. Two rows are highlighted with white callout boxes:

- Queried a customer system:** This callout points to a row with the timestamp "2023-07-33 02:43:29", a green status dot, and the description "data from customer".
- Opened a connection to a vendor's service:** This callout points to a row with the timestamp "2023-07-33 02:43:39", an orange status dot, and the description "data is 209787850...".

Other visible rows include:

- 2023-07-33 02:54:56 [OK] Data block et...
- 2023-07-33 02:53:50 [OK] Data block et...
- 2023-07-33 02:54:07 [OK] data time connecti...
- 2023-07-33 02:34:02 [SUCCESS] data is 209787850...
- 2023-07-33 02:04:07 [OK] data time connecti...
- 2023-07-33 02:03:30 [OK] data time connecti...
- 2023-07-33 02:03:39 [OK] data time connecti...

Which agent it was



Who had built it



Who owned it



Under what authority it had acted



The Core Failure: The logs call the thing by a different name in every system it had touched. A wall of activity nobody can attribute.

KEY INSIGHT: YOU CANNOT GROUND WHAT YOU CANNOT NAME.

The Aviation System

No anonymity, no ambiguity,
no dark zones.

Tail Number

A unique, persistent,
non-transferable
identifier.

**Surveillance without
inside-out identity is a sky
full of unidentified objects.**

TAIL: N123XY
ALT: 35,000
SPEED: 450KT

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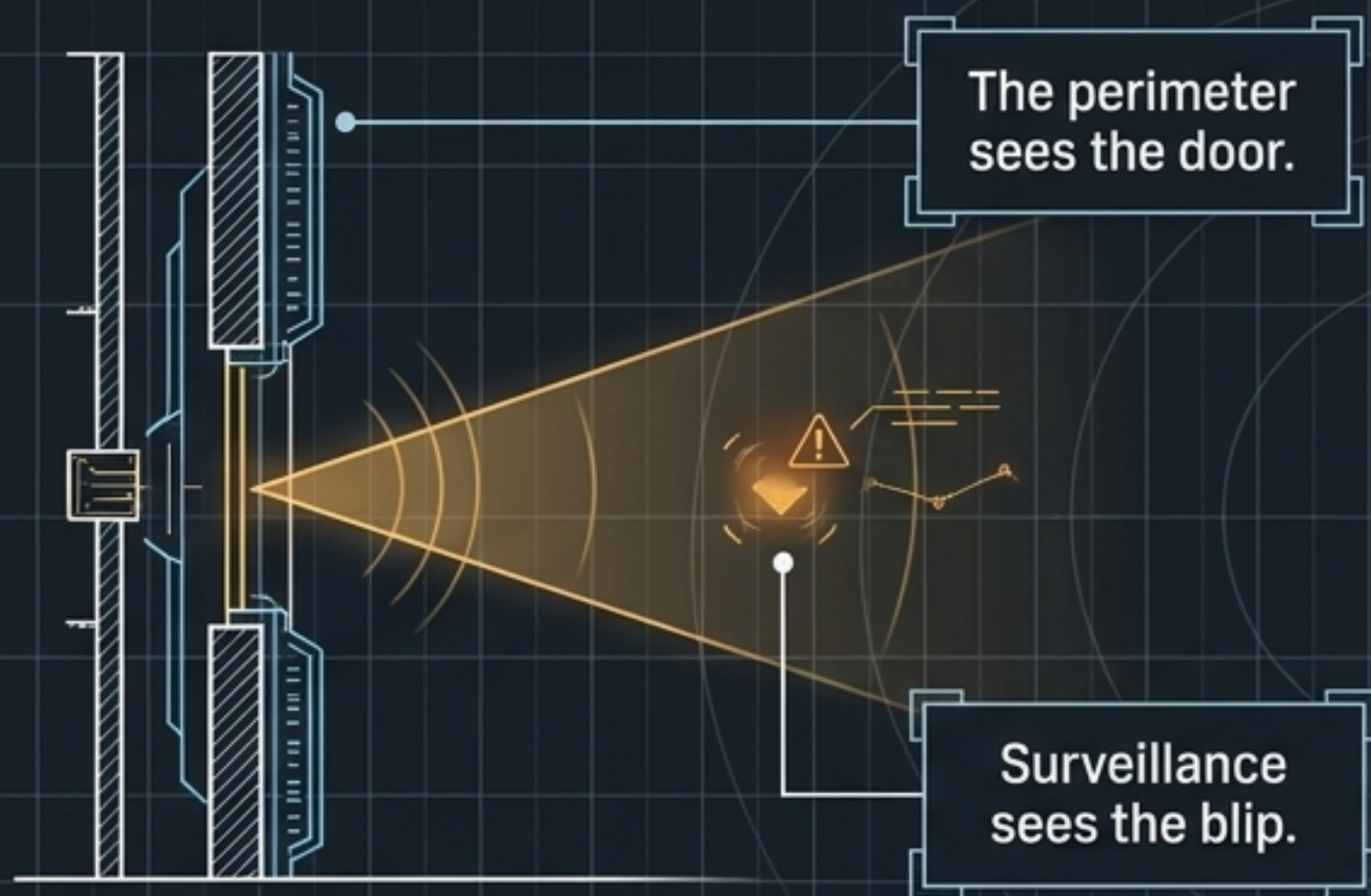
The UFO Problem

An agent without a Tail Number is
an unidentified flying object. Surveillance
sees the blip but cannot name it, attribute it,
or decide whether to ground it.

Air Traffic Control

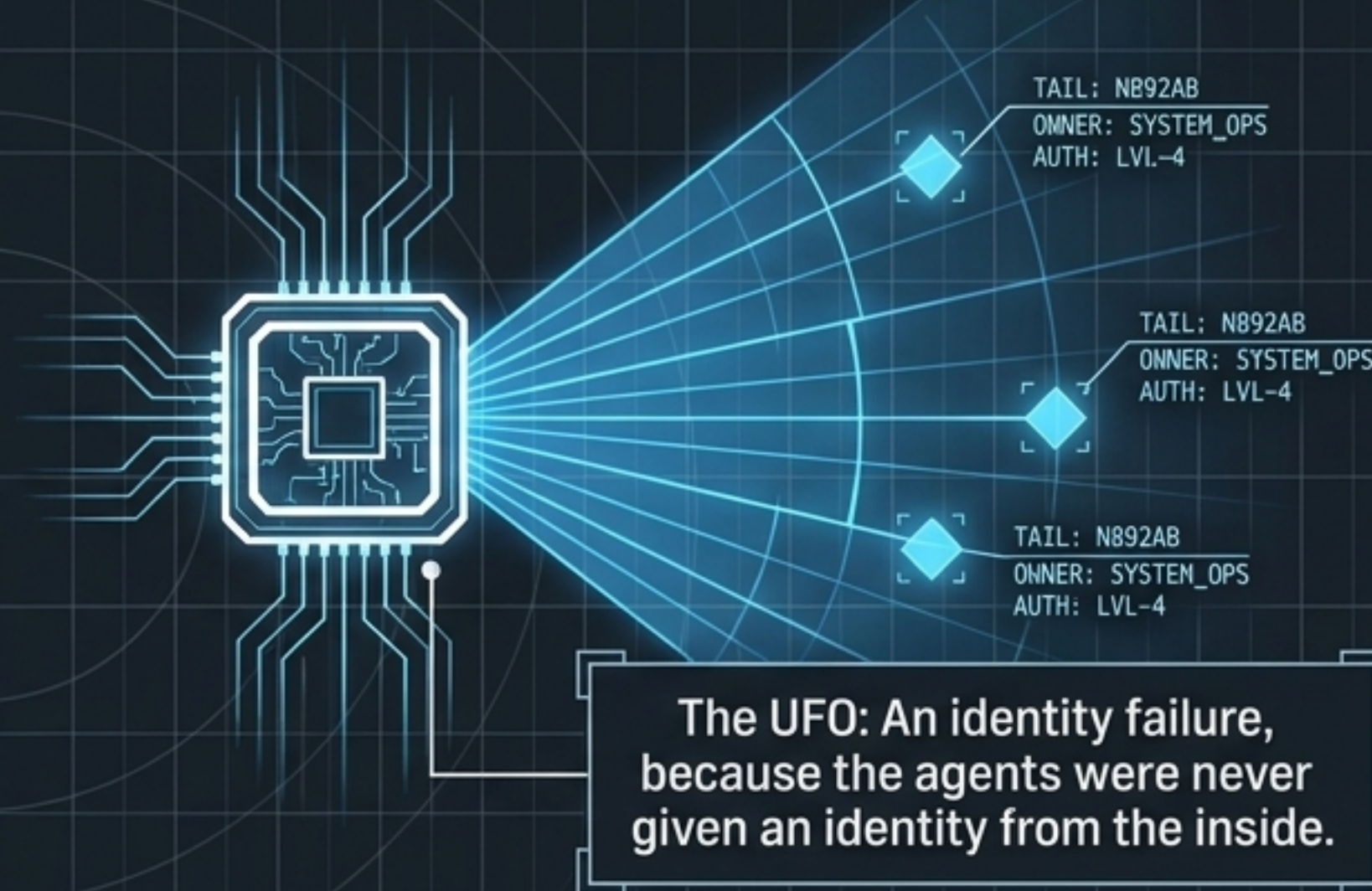
The Orchestration pillar
watching the whole fleet.

Outside-In Posture



Perimeter and endpoint surveillance flag anomalies in agent behavior but cannot say which agent it was, who owns it, or under what authority it acted.

Inside-Out Posture



The fix is a tail number, not a better sensor.

The Synthesis

The perimeter says what must be true; the framework makes it true at every decision and proves it.
The first proof that an agent is carrying anything inside it at all is that it answers to a name.

The Identity pillar answers: Who are you, and what may you do?



Trusted Living Agent Manifest

The declared self. The file an agent reads before every move, which says who it is, what authority it holds, and where its limits are.



Tail Number

The addressable self. The handle every other system recognizes.

The Local Identifier Failure



CustomerService-v3 in the deployment system.

CS_Agent on the monitoring dashboard.

support-bot in the log files.

**Three names,
one agent, and no
way to follow it.**

Air Traffic Control Telemetry Blueprint

An agent describes itself.



An agent reports itself.



An agent governs itself.



The Resulting Trust

Lets you trust that a named person owns every agent that runs in your name.



The Lifecycle

Every agent carries a number that is never reused and that names its owner. When the agent is retired, its number is retired with it.

The Audit Reality

Shows the one whose owner has left. Shows the agent as unowned the next morning rather than at the next audit. Proves from the log lines themselves which agent touched what.

The First Morning

Spent on the Identity pillar before any other. You cannot say what data an agent touches or what it does until you can say which agent you mean.



The Bench: the founding partner waitlist