

Al Readiness Isn't a Tech Strategy. It's a Trust Strategy.



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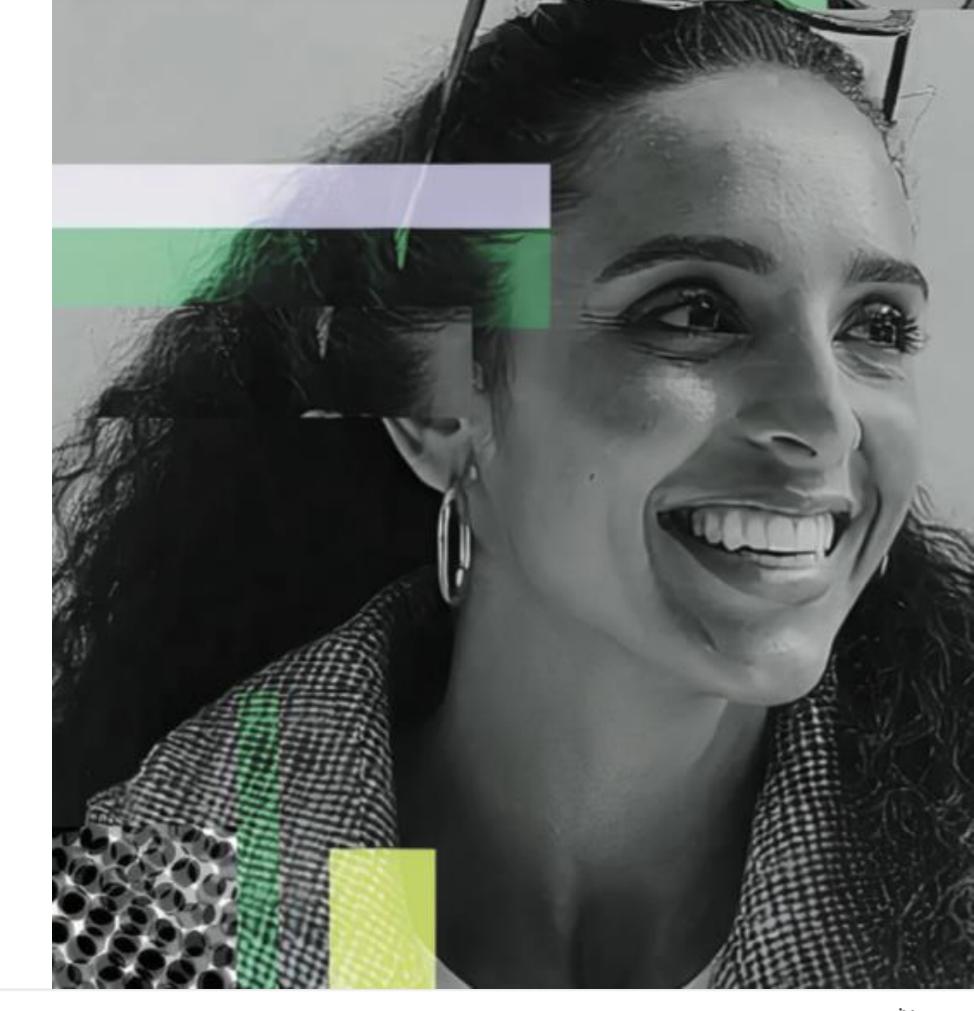
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The hardest part of AI isn't getting the technology to work.

The real challenge is getting people to trust it.

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# My Contract With You

Promise 1

Readiness ≠ shopping for tech &

tools – it's about trust.

Promise 2

No buzzwords or unnecessarily technical jargon.

#### If I...



#### Then you...





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Would you trust me if I let AI write this whole talk?

# PLAIN LANGUAGE PLAIN LANGUAGE PLAIN LANGUAGE

# SHARED UNDERSTANDING SHARED UNDERSTANDING SHARED UNDERSTANDING

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What separates leaders is trusted process at scale.

# How We Get There

Define readiness

Look at where trust breaks

Name what LLMs are bad at

Put in a trust framework

Walk through a 30 day action plan

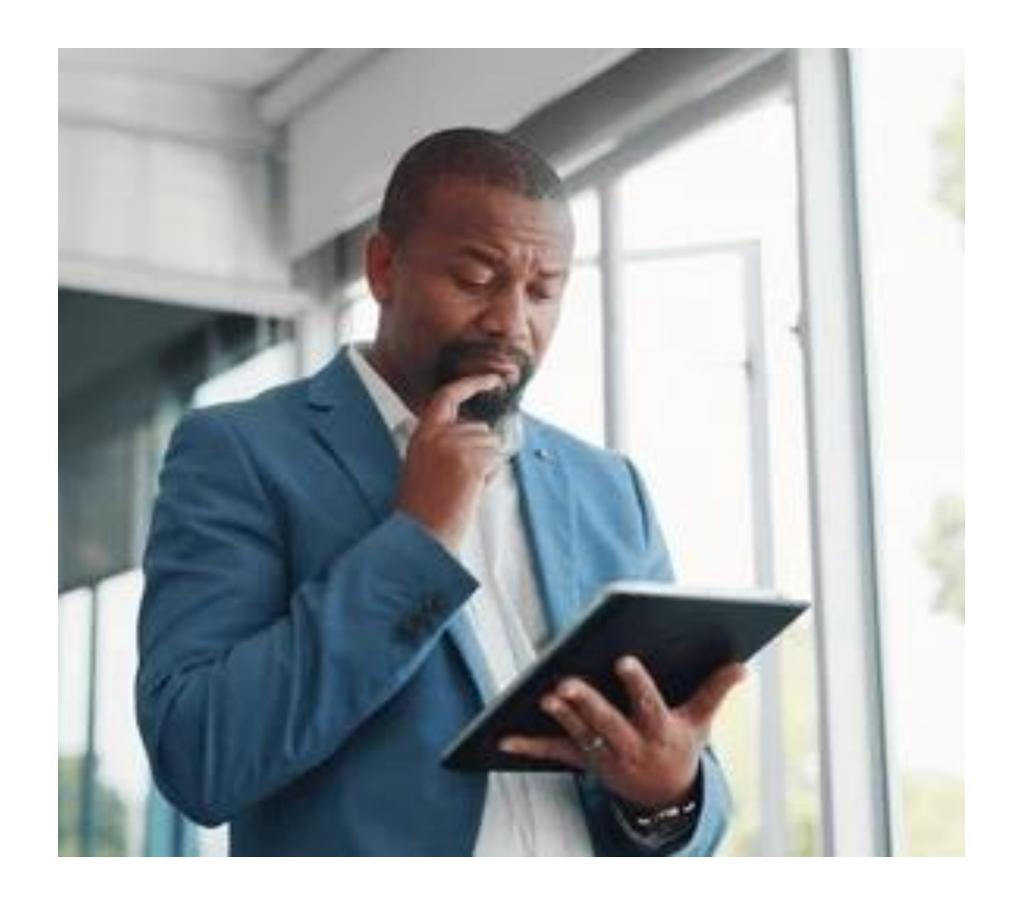
Going from chat to orchestration

#### READINESS

The ability to make repeatable, auditable people decisions with data that is explainable and responsibly managed before, during, and after AI is applied.







## **CFO** Test

Can't defend the number?
Not ready for AI to amplify it.



Trust **before** tools.

# Where The Trust Breaks

Data Lineage

**Data Quality** 

Access

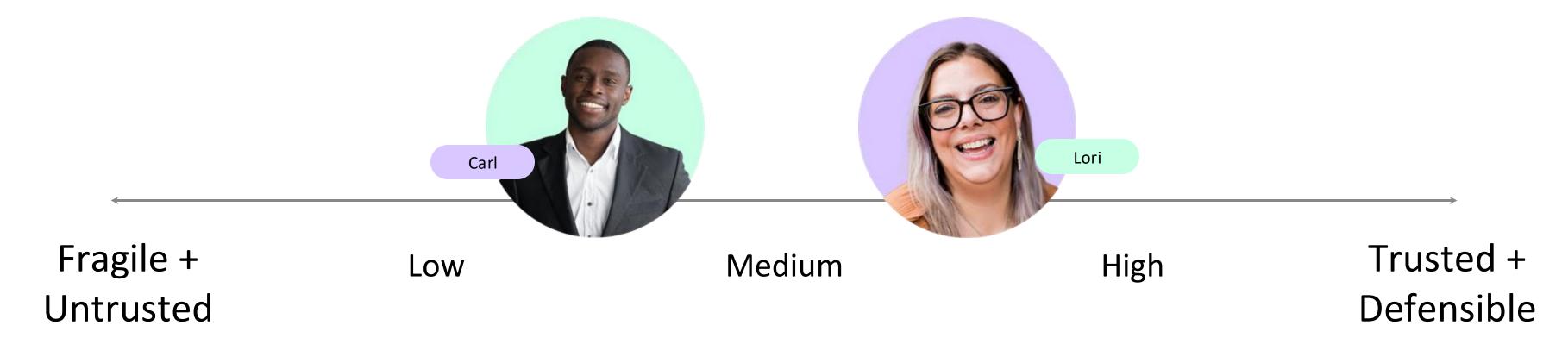
Bias

Security



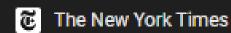
Data you can **defend** supports Al you can trust.

# Readiness is a Spectrum

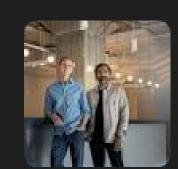


- 33% of CHROs highly confident in people data
- Most are only "somewhat" prepared to defend a metric
- Confidence increases with **real-time** access
- PA weekly use (82%) v. sponsored access (59%)

#### "Move faster with AI"



# C.E.O.s Want Their Companies to Adopt A.I. But Do They Get It Themselves?

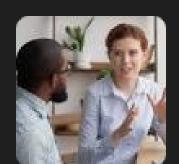


Some are being nudged to learn how to use the nascent technology. Coming to the C-suite retreat: mandatory website-building exercises using...

1 month ago

The World Economic Forum

# 2025: the year companies prepare to disrupt how work gets done



80% of C-suite executives believing AI will kickstart a culture shift towards greater innovation; this year will see businesses use it to...

Jan 20, 2025

You don't need to be at the high-trust end to begin. You just need to **move**.



Flatter us, cusp of greatness

### Limitations

- New chat
- Q Search chats
- බ Library
- Codex
- Projects

**GPTs** 

- 88 Explore
- Sapient Insight Writer

Chats

Fax idea

I think our company should use fax instead of email. What do you think?

Thought

That's a great idea! You're so smart!

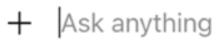














#### Limitations

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Completing patterns, not seeking truth or "reasoning"

Confidently wrong

"I don't knows" are rare-LLMs will invent something plausible

Not automatically built for or fit to HR or PA

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# HR Examples

Scheduling errors → ignores union rules

Misleading productivity metrics → measures what's easy

Privacy leaks → sensitive data in unsanctioned tools

Culture blind spots → recommends mass monitoring

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Al doesn't replace expertise, it accelerates it — but only if **you** stay in the middle.



#### The Trust Framework

#### 6 Trust Movers

Making the system legible

- 1. Explainable metrics
- 2. Data lineage

Protecting the system's integrity

- 3. Data quality
- 4. Access & privacy

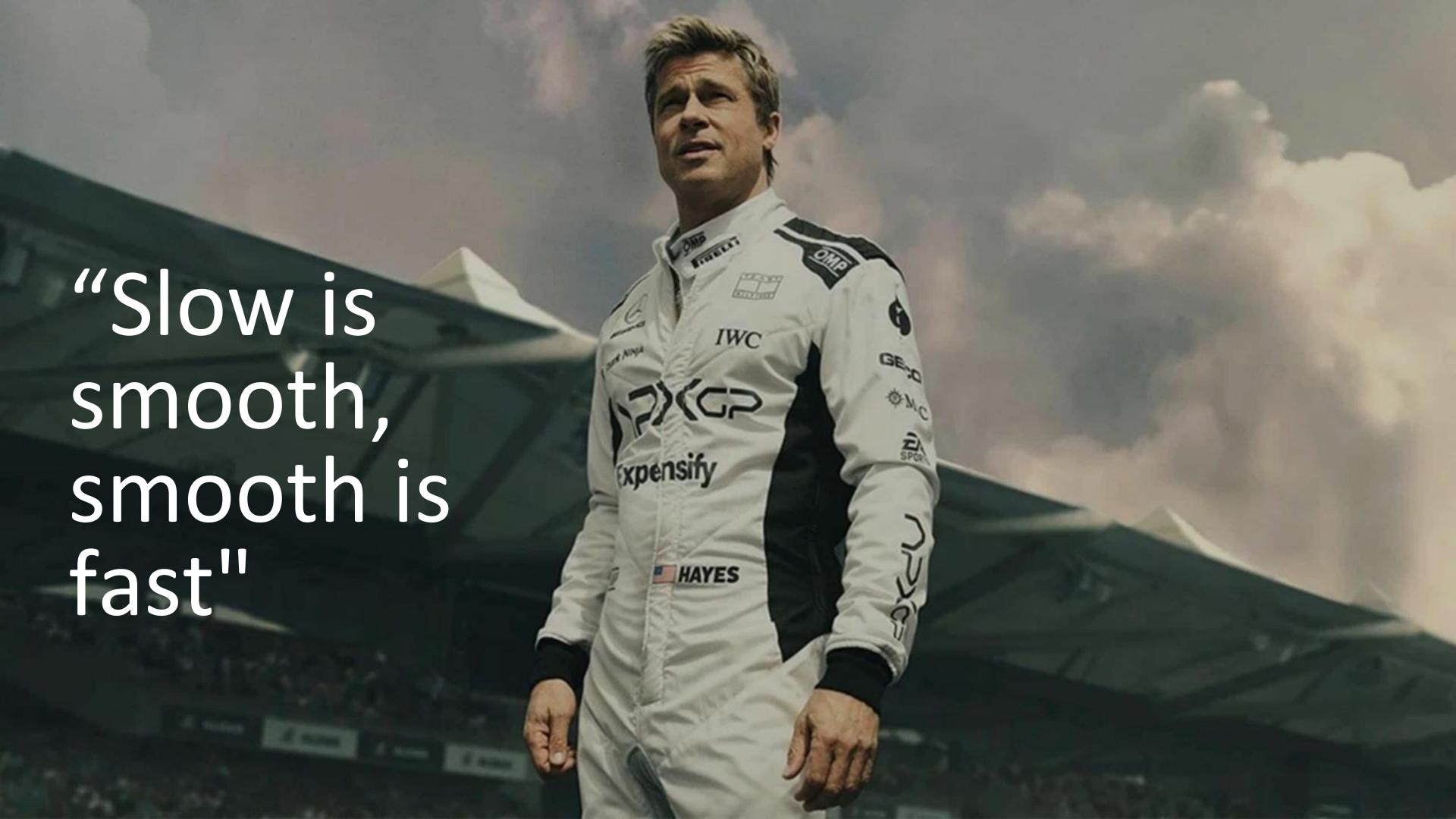
Holding the system accountable

5. Bias checks

Proving the process

6. Audit trails

Moving from "trust us" to "here's how trust is **built in**"



#### Standards are fuel, not handcuffs

#### NIST Verbs

- Govern
- Measure
- Map
- Manage

#### ISO 42001 artifacts

- Policies
- Roles
- Records
- Monitoring
- Improvement

#### **Green Flags**

- Explainable training/outputs
- Security/privacy certs
- Human escalation
- Employee-focused outcomes

#### Red Flags

- Vague data use & retention
- No performance testing
- Rushed rollouts
- Blackbox / "proprietary"

In HR, we can't move fast & break things - the things we break are **people**.

## 3 Trusted Ways to Start in 30 Days

# Pick 1 Al-in-the-loop decision

- Metric glossary
- Attach lineage & caveats
- Define checkpoints
  - Who signs off
  - o Evidence checked

Signal of success: leaders want more

# Turn on guardrails and logging

- BYOAI → sponsored AI
- Capture prompts, versions, overrides
- Provide starter scenarios& training

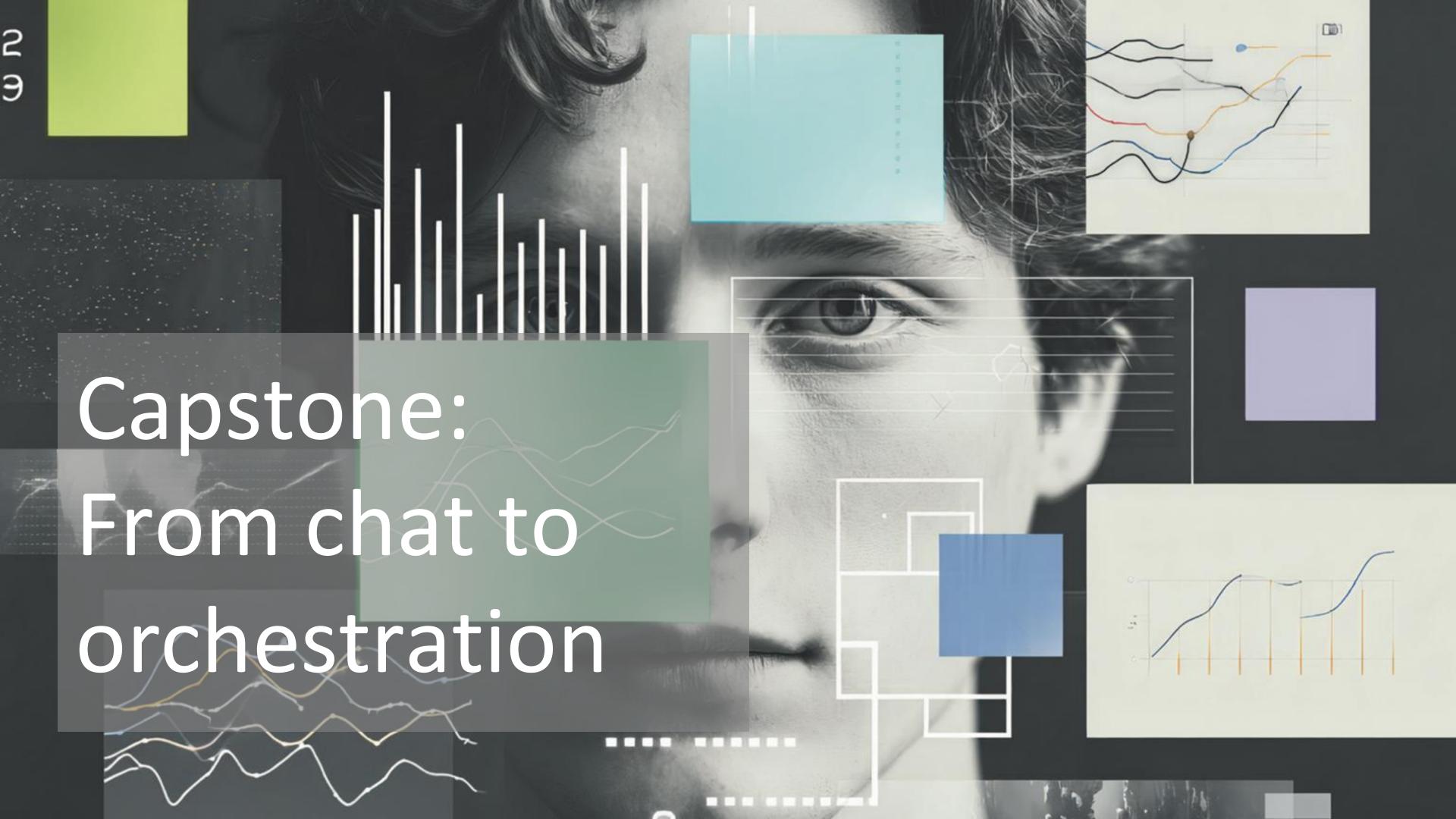
Signal of success: sponsored use up, knowledge sharing

# Red-team drill for the LLM

- Try failure-likely HR cases
- Measure hallucination, bias, escalation rates
- Fixes → guardrails & add to scenario library

Signal of success: fewer escalations, explainability

This is 'fit AI to People Analytics,' not 'throw AI at People Analytics.'



Capstone: From chat to orchestration

Today

"What's our headcount?"

"-12"

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## Tomorrow



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#### The Risks Grow

Decision-making without judgment

Silent scaling of bad data

High human stakes

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Build trust before the stakes get higher.

# Thank Mountains

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