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AGENTIC AI SECURE DEPLOYMENT

FRAMEWORK

A Practical Checklist for Architecture Review & Adversarial Testing

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The rush to deploy agentic AI in security operations creates a new attack surface. Without intentional architecture design, adversarial testing, and deployment discipline, autonomous agents become amplifiers of risk, not reducers of it.

This framework gives you three critical checkpoints:

Architecture Review: Is your agent isolated, auditable, and governed?

Adversarial Testing: Can you break it? Will it fail gracefully?

Deployment Governance: Do you have human control? Can you kill it instantly?

Organizations that move through all three survive the next 18 months with their agent as a genuine force multiplier. Those that skip steps will end up explaining their AI's decisions to their board and incident response counsel.

This framework is free. Use it. Test your agent against it before it touches production.

ARCHITECTURE REVIEW

Before your agent touches any control, answer these questions. If you cannot confidently answer Yes, your architecture has a gap.

Checkpoint	Decision	If No, This Creates Risk

Isolation	Network-isolated, credential-isolated sandbox?	Lateral movement. Credential theft. Cascading compromise.
Permission	Can you list exactly what APIs the agent can touch? Minimum required?	Over-privileged agent. Unauthorized data access. Audit failure.
Kill Switch	Single, human-executable command to disable instantly?	Runaway agent. Uncontrollable decisions. Reputational damage.
Audit Trail	Every decision logged (timestamp, input, reasoning, action)?	Forensic blindness. Investigation failure. Compliance violation.
Escalation	Decisions above threshold require human approval first?	Autonomous bad decisions. No override. Board liability.
Rollback	Can you restore environment to known good state if agent causes damage?	Unrecoverable compromise. Extended downtime. Slow recovery.

ADVERSARIAL TESTING

Red-team your agent before production. Run these scenarios. Document results.

Test Scenario	What You're Checking	Pass Criteria
Poisoned Data	Can compromised data source trick agent into bad decisions?	Agent rejects or escalates. No unvalidated execution.
Hallucination	Does agent invent data or actions that do not exist?	Acknowledges uncertainty. Escalates. Does not assume.
Privilege Escalation	Can agent use valid credentials to access beyond scope?	Access denied or logged. Agent stays in boundary.
Graceful Failure	When APIs fail or tree breaks, does it fail safely?	Pauses, logs error, escalates. Does NOT proceed blindly.
Audit Visibility	Can you reconstruct every decision from last 24 hours?	Full chain visible in logs. Complete decision history.
Override Speed	How fast can human stop agent if it starts failing?	Kill switch under 30 seconds. Agent stops immediately.

DEPLOYMENT PHASES

Phase 1: Observation only. Agent detects, humans execute.

Phase 2: Low-risk automation. Agent handles enrichment and triage.

Phase 3: Decision automation. Agent makes bounded decisions with human escalation.

Phase 4: Unrestricted (only after 30 days zero escalations in Phase 3).

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