SHADOW AGENTS UNDECLARED AGENTS

The ones the organisation never deployed, already deciding in its name

LEVEL	Organisation
DURATION	1h15 - 2h30
USE	Periodic census
TRACK	Toolkit

OBJECTIVE

Find the agents acting in the organisation's name with no mandate: the ones an employee plugged in, the ones a supplier switched on through an update, the ones an open connector lets write. An agent without a mandate binds the organisation all the same.

1 THE RULE · WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND HOW IT GETS IN

TOOL OR AGENT

A tool proposes and stops. An agent acts: it sends, it changes, it commits. The question is not whether it is clever, but whether it produces an act the organisation will have to answer for before a third party.

THE FOUR WAYS IN

The team that builds its own assistant without declaring it. The employee who plugs a personal tool into their mailbox or documents. The supplier who switches on an agentic feature through an update. The provider who automates its own service, often through a connector that hands its agent a right to write.

2 TO BE FILLED IN

AGENT FOUND	HOW IT GOT IN	ACT IT PERFORMS	DECISION

3 CHECK WHEN RE-READING

THE MANDATE TEST

For each agent found, one question only: is there a named human who answers for what it does? If the answer is slow to come, the agent stops until the person is found.

WHAT FOLLOWS THE CENSUS

A kept agent is not a regularised agent until it has a mandate (ACF-13), a rated criticality (ACF-03) and a tested stop mechanism (ACF-07).

An undeclared agent becomes visible only at the first incident, and the incident always comes before the declaration.

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