LATE NIGHT DEVELOPMENT

FIELD NOTES

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AI Coding Tool Operating Model

Use AI agents as fast junior systems with tools, not as accountable peers.

Scope -> Permissions -> Patch -> Verify -> Review

START WITH SCOPE

- Name the goal
- List in-scope files
- Mark risky areas
- Define done

SET TOOL ACCESS

- Read before edit
- Approve shell commands
- Protect secrets
- Pause on deploys

REVIEW LIKE CODE

- Read the diff
- Check behavior changes
- Find missing tests
- Question confidence

TRUST MODEL

- Low risk: explain
- Medium: draft tests
- High: auth, data, infra
- Human owns merge

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