

Keep the creature’s identity; make its promises travel

A roadmap holds the image of the whole. Each slice removes one uncertainty and leaves a reviewable result; the cold handoff carries the image and next cut to someone who was not in the room.

How work becomes organised		
Stage	Artifact that travels	Workshop example
Purpose	Brief and visible non-goals.	A bird’s sound path; a rider’s identity constraints.
Intermediate model	Graph, schema, proxy, rig or beat sheet.	Vantara legal intent; MOLT song/plate association.
Receiving contract	Small interface and a real consumer.	TALON StageBeat; AV-core vectors/emitted copies.
Proof boundary	Measured check plus exact human review.	Editor import; owner watches the named cut.
Cold handoff	State, exact version/checks, decisions and one next slice.	A fresh session can pick up without the previous chat.

Can a fresh session pick it up?

From the canonical record and linked files, locate the branch and local-only state, reproduce a relevant check, then restate the next slice before editing. This is a proposed pickup test, not a completed fleet-wide drill.

Principles: purpose before surface; facts separate from suggestions; rules before improvisation; one useful slice; the real receiving surface; a cold-ready handoff.

Ranks are context, not value. The recorded owner-scope registry has 2 Apex, 17 emerging and 1 unranked repo. It is not a fresh audit, an IP score or a reason to start seventeen roadmaps.

Registry snapshot 13 October 2026; excludes Apollo and school analytics. Principles are editorial synthesis; operational adoption requires evidence.

Edition 13 October 2026. Source evidence is dated; screenshots illustrate surfaces, not comprehensive product tests. See the edition pack’s source notes.