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Priority Snapshot

Stalled projects - Find out what's wrong

Priority Snapshot · A proprietary AI Tool - For Managers with a Project that is Stuck or Falling Short

Before you fund the fix, find the right problem.

Fixes are easier than ever to buy: software, AI tools, training, another hire. Knowing which one will help a late or underperforming project is the hard part, and money often gets spent on someone's theory. If it's wrong, the money is wasted and the project keeps slipping. **The Priority Snapshot is a proprietary AI online investigation that finds out what is really holding the project back, before you spend.**

What people usually do, and where it falls short

Ask the team. Useful if they have time, but the people closest to the work often share the same assumption.

Hire a consultant. Thorough, but slow and expensive for a single project.

Ask ChatGPT. Fast, but it only knows what you tell it, and it can't check the facts.

What *good* looks like: you hear from the people who did the work, the facts are checked, every likely cause is tested, and you end with a clear decision.

How it works

1. **You describe the project**
   Three short questions: what the work is, what it was meant to deliver, and what is happening instead.
2. **It asks the right questions**
   One at a time, it asks for a fact, figure or record, and says why it matters. You answer when it suits you.
3. **It brings in your colleagues**
   Add up to 8 people who know parts of the work. Each answers one question online in 15–30 minutes, with no account or meeting. Reminders are automatic.
4. **You get a written report**
   It weighs the possible causes against the facts collected and tells you what the evidence shows.

What you get

- ✓ The most likely cause, backed by the facts, and the causes it ruled out
- ✓ Up to three next steps, each saying who does it, what to measure and when to check
- ✓ A point at which to stop, so you don't keep paying for a fix that isn't working

Best for

A manager or sponsor responsible for an important project or process that is late or not delivering, especially when several teams are involved or people disagree on the cause.

An example. In a sample case, a marketing team's campaigns slowed from two weeks to five, and the manager planned to hire a project manager or buy training. The Snapshot found approvals sat with the director for 9 days and legal reviewed work only on Thursdays, so the fix was the approval route. The company is invented; the report is unedited.

Good to know. A new, AI-assisted method designed by Jim Wilde. If a report fails its own quality checks, we fix it free or give you another Snapshot.

Bring one stalled project.

US$495 per investigation · done online, no meetings · **site license available for companies**

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Decision Review

Business case - Know before you commit

Decision Review · A proprietary AI Tool - For Anyone About to Approve a Big Spending Decision

Check the business case before you sign.

Before a company spends serious money, someone writes a business case saying why it's worth it. AI now makes these quick to write and convincing to read, but not more accurate. **Decision Review is an online check of a business case before you approve the money. It tells you whether the numbers and claims hold up, and what to do.**

What people usually do, and where it falls short

Rely on the approvals already done. Each team checks its own part. Nobody checks whether the whole plan will deliver.

Ask a colleague or adviser. It takes their time, and they may share the proposal's assumptions.

Ask ChatGPT. It can't prove its quotes are real or its sums are right, and it answers differently each time.

What *good* looks like: every big decision gets the same thorough check, with proof you can verify, a clear answer, and a follow-up on whether it paid off.

How it works

1 Upload what you already have

The proposal, budget or spreadsheet, in PDF, Word, Excel or PowerPoint, plus one line saying what you are deciding.

2 It checks the case

It re-adds every total, confirms every quoted figure really appears in your files, and looks for costs, risks and work the case left out.

3 You get a clear answer

A first answer in 5 to 10 minutes, then a full review, with proof for every problem so your finance team can check it.

4 It follows up

At 30 and 90 days it asks what actually happened, so you learn whether the promised savings arrived.

The answer you get

One of five plain recommendations, never "it depends":

- ✓ Go ahead
- ✓ Go ahead with changes
- ✓ Test it on a small scale first
- ✓ Get specific evidence first
- ✓ Don't go ahead

Best for

Finance and operations leaders, project sponsors and business owners approving new software, equipment, a supplier, automation or the next phase of a project.

How well does it check? In a test, we planted 8 errors in a 7-document business case. The document check found all 8, every time we ran it, each with proof.

Good to know. We don't write business cases or sell solutions, and the price never depends on the answer. A new method designed by Jim Wilde, not yet proven on client results. You make the final decision.

Bring one big decision.

Free: 3 document checks · **$29:** 10 checks with fixes · **$99:** 3 full reviews · **site license available**

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Reviewing AI Work

AI-drafted work - Check before you sign

Reviewing AI Work · A proprietary AI Tool - Training for People Who Sign Off on AI-Written Work · Pilot

AI writes the report. You still have to decide if it's right.

> More and more reports, forecasts and recommendations are now drafted by AI. They read smoothly, which makes their mistakes hard to spot, yet a person still signs off and answers for them. **Reviewing AI Work is online practice that teaches people how to check AI-written work before they rely on it.**

What people usually do, and where it falls short

Require a sign-off. It makes someone responsible, but doesn't teach them how to check.

Send people on AI courses. They teach how to get answers from AI, not how to judge them.

Have another AI check it. It catches some errors, but a person still has to decide and answer for it.

What *good* looks like: in about 20 minutes, a reviewer can say whether the work is reliable enough to use, explain why, and say what to do next. That takes practice with feedback.

How it works

1 You get a realistic case

A short brief, a few supporting documents and an AI-written analysis, like a memo recommending that a company close a branch.

2 You check it

Using a simple five-step method, you decide whether to accept the document, fix it or escalate it, and what the business should do.

3 You see what you missed

You get a score and an explanation of what you missed.

About 30 minutes per case, 10 cases in all. Take it yourself or buy it for a team.

What makes it different

- ✓ It teaches checking, not how to use AI tools
- ✓ Some cases have nothing wrong, so you learn not to reject good work
- ✓ Sometimes the right answer is "I need more time or information"
- ✓ The final cases are done without AI help, so the score shows your own skill

Who it's for

Project and program managers, department heads, PMO leaders, analysts and consultants: anyone whose name goes on work that AI helped write.

> **Why it matters.** In a Harvard Business School study with Boston Consulting Group, 758 consultants were given a task the AI was bad at. Those who used AI were **19 percentage points less likely** to get the right answer than those who didn't.

Good to know. This is a pilot, built on published research, with no results of its own yet. It was designed by Jim Wilde. The first case is free.

Try the first case free.

An AI-written branch-closure memo is going to the CFO tomorrow under your name. Would you sign it?

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