

A BEGINNER FIELD GUIDE

Give AI a job. Keep the judgment.

How agents turn a clear goal
into work you can use.

YOU

Set the goal



YOUR AGENT

Work through
the steps

You choose the access.
You decide what is ready.

For your day, your work, or a small service.

Start with a clear job.

Try: three posts for your business.

RESULT

Three short posts I can review.

CONTEXT

Use my approved facts and examples.

LIMITS

Draft only. Ask before sharing.

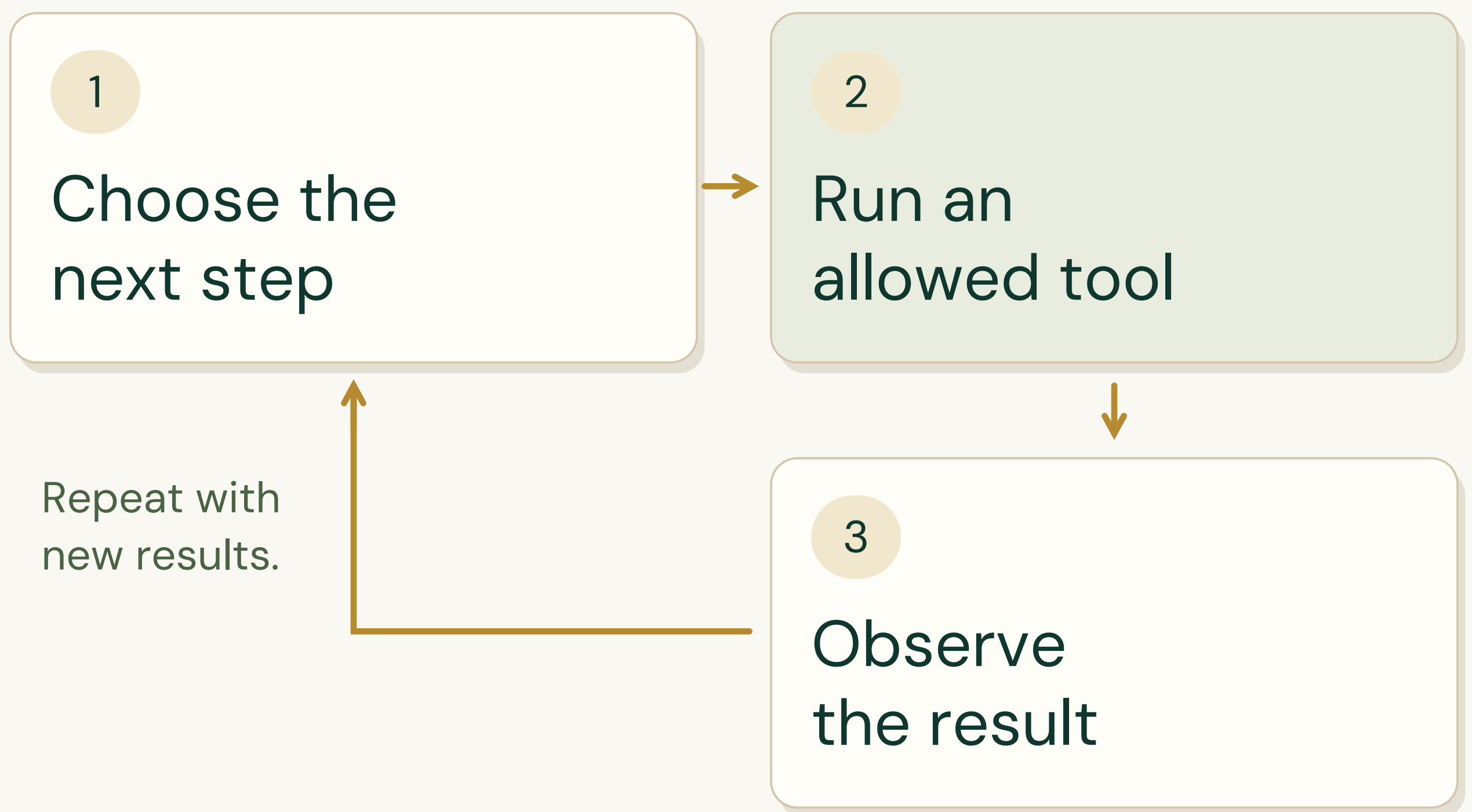
DONE MEANS

Every claim has a source.

Choose a task you know how to check.

An agent works in a loop.

It can take a step, finish, or ask you.



FINISH, PAUSE, OR ASK YOU

Stop when done, blocked, or at a limit.

Ask before actions needing your approval.

The harness runs the work.

The software around the model coordinates context, tool use, and progress.

HARNESS

Model

Proposes the next step.

Context

Brief, files, prior results.

Tools

Run allowed actions.

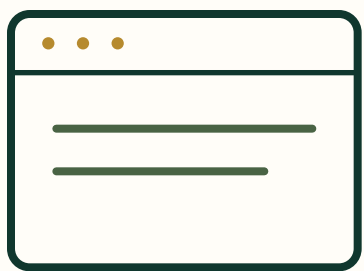
A good setup manages:

Permissions • Progress • Checks
Time and cost limits • Stop rules

Some harnesses are built into apps.
Others are custom systems.

Give it access. Add know-how.

Tools



Browser or app actions:
read, click, type, save.

Skills



Reusable instructions
for doing a task.

MCP

One standard for connecting
AI apps to tools and data.

PLUGIN

A package that may bundle
skills, tools, and connections.

Add only what the task needs.

Know what you are paying for.

INFERENCE

The trained model runs on your current input to produce an output.

TOKENS

Small units the model processes: words, parts of words, or punctuation.

Long context and repeated steps can add cost. Set a budget. Track cost per useful result.

Try a real workflow.

Turn one client interview into three posts.

1

Read the approved notes.

AI



2

Draft posts with source links.

AI



3

Review facts, tone, and consent.

YOU



4

Publish only after approval.

TOOL



5

Check the live result.

YOU + AI

Give helpers clear handoffs.

Subagents handle smaller jobs.

A handoff passes responsibility to another agent.

ONE SHARED BRIEF

Goal + sources + limits + definition of done

Researcher

Find and cite
useful facts.



Writer

Build a draft
from the facts.



Checker

Flag gaps and
uncertainty.

Pass the brief, sources, progress,
and next action with the work.

You still verify important results.

Start with the work you do.

GENERAL ASSISTANT

Plan your week. Summarize meeting notes.

BROWSER AGENT

Collect site details. Work through forms.

CODING AGENT

Change a website. Run checks on the change.

WORKFLOW AUTOMATION

Repeat agreed steps on a schedule.

Use a tool you already have.
Begin with one task you can check.

Make one task repeatable.

COPY THIS BRIEF

Help me create [result].

Use [approved sources].

You may [allowed actions].

Pause before [approval point].

Finished means [checks passed].

Build the skill. Then offer a small service you can deliver and verify reliably.

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