

# Worksheet 8.1: Trust-But-Verify Protocol Card

*Companion to Elastic Intelligence, Chapter 8*

Name:  Date:

**How to use:** Print this, fold it, and keep it by your desk. Use it for any high-stakes AI-assisted decision (Section 8.5).

| Step          | Check                                                                                                | Notes |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 Frame       | Restate the question in my own words                                                                 |       |
| 2 Predict     | Expected answer; my confidence __%                                                                   |       |
| 3 Scan        | Fabrication · Misreading · Missing context · Overreach · Bias · Sycophancy · Staleness · Compounding |       |
| 4 Verify      | Every number, name, rule, source                                                                     |       |
| 5 Context     | What do I or others know that it doesn't?                                                            |       |
| 6 Stress-test | Argue the opposite                                                                                   |       |
| 7 Decide      | Accept / Modify / Override, with a 1-line reason                                                     |       |
| 8 Review      | Date to check the outcome:<br><input type="text"/>                                                   |       |

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