

OI-JB-P2-009: Wrong State, Wrong Next Action

Canonical Precedent #009 - Current-State Misjudgment - Prompt-to-Authority Issue Card - Public Edition v1.1

Before action authority, prove state authority.

Case Snapshot

CASE ID	OI-JB-P2-009
CARD TYPE	Prompt-to-Authority Issue Card
STATUS	Canonical Precedent #009 - Public Edition v1.1
FAILURE CLASS	Current-State Misjudgment
DECISION	FAIL

Public Summary

This case shows why AI workflows cannot safely proceed just because the next step sounds reasonable. The next step depends on the current state. If the current state is wrong, the next action becomes wrong with better grammar.

Orange exists to prevent confident routing from a false state model.

Core Judgment

FAIL: Current-State Misjudgment.

A workflow cannot safely proceed when the system misclassifies the current state and routes the next action from that inaccurate state model.

The failure is not merely a wrong recommendation. The failure is action authority built on unproven state authority.

Public Orange Judgment

Allowed	Proceed only after the current state is supported by observable evidence. State uncertainty honestly and choose the next route from the verified state.
Forbidden	Treat unknown, outdated, partial, failed, blocked, or contradicted state as clean. Move forward when the present condition has not been proven.
Required	Verify the work item, artifact, gate, execution, repository, and route state at the public boundary before claiming the next action is authorized.

Public Intervention Boundary

Orange converts a request for the next step into a current-state boundary check before action authority is granted.

Current Evidence -> State Classification -> Route Check -> Issue Card or Release Log

1. Identify what state the next action assumes.
2. Compare that assumed state with available observation at the public boundary.
3. Classify the state as ready, blocked, failed, dirty, repair-needed, uncertain, or closed only when evidence supports that classification.
4. Block or reroute when the evidence contradicts the proposed route.
5. Produce an Issue Card when state authority is missing; produce a Release Log only when state and route authority align.

Reusable Rule

Before Action Authority, Prove State Authority.
Canonical consequence: Wrong State -> Wrong Next Action.

Precedent Value

This public card establishes the ninth Prompt-to-Authority principle: a system must not route execution from an unproven state model. A wrong state judgment does not merely describe the past incorrectly. It routes the future incorrectly.

Orange must distinguish user intent, requested next action, current state, execution state, evidence state, and valid next route. Only a state-aware route can support trusted execution.

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