

STARTING SMALL WITH AI WORKFLOWS

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Choose a manageable first project

Start with a repetitive task of minimal complexity. Define where it begins and ends, which information it needs, and what an acceptable result looks like. Record the current time, cost, and error rate so you have something meaningful to compare with the trial.

Possible projects include preparing a draft from approved source material, classifying incoming documents, or identifying differences between two records. Consider the consequences of mistakes as well as how easy the task appears. A short task can still be unsuitable for a first trial if an error could cause substantial harm.

Select the simplest suitable arrangement

Check whether an existing approved tool can meet the need before commissioning custom work. A solution may retrieve answers from an approved document collection, reconcile information from several sources, or carry out a defined sequence across applications. Retrieving relevant documents and using them to inform a generated answer is often called retrieval-augmented generation, or RAG.

The software connecting a model to its tools and controlling its actions is sometimes called a harness. Whatever the terminology, define what the system can read, what it can change, and when it must stop for review. Preserve a recoverable copy before changes and provide a route for exceptions.

Measure the whole process

Test normal work and difficult cases with people who know the task. Include the time spent preparing information, reviewing results, correcting errors, and resolving exceptions. A fast answer may not save time overall.

Set acceptance criteria before expanding. Keep the trial limited until results justify broader use, and retain a way to return to the existing process. Custom integration should follow an established business need and tested value. Management should know what improved, what still requires oversight, and who owns the process after deployment.

We're here to help and have structured services to address each of these areas individually or as part of a coordinated plan. To discuss what deserves attention first, contact your Sandbox Technologies Account Manager or Consulting CIO.

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