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Generative AI for Knowledge Work Playbook (Co-Pilots, Content, Coding)

A rollout method for deploying AI co-pilots across knowledge-worker teams that actually changes daily workflows instead of sitting unused.

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Overview

Deploy generative AI co-pilots for content, coding, and analysis with a task-first rollout method that lifts adoption past the 20% plateau most enterprises get stuck at.

How long before we should expect to see adoption improve?

A well-run pilot on a properly tiered, high-value task typically shows a visible time-saved result within two weeks, because you're targeting a task people already do often and dislike. Function-wide adoption above 60% weekly active use typically takes 4-6 weeks after the pilot, driven by the live demos and named power-user support more than by the tool itself.

Should every task go through the same trust tier?

No — tiering by task, not by tool or by team, is the entire point. The same co-pilot might be Green for brainstorming internal ideas and Red for drafting anything that becomes a signed client deliverable. Tiering by tool alone either over-restricts low-stakes uses or under-reviews high-stakes ones.

What's the biggest driver of failed co-pilot rollouts?

Announcing the tool without a curated task list and working prompts. Employees rarely discover high-value use cases unprompted in the first few weeks, get an underwhelming result from a vague first attempt, and quietly stop using it — which is why the task inventory step comes before any license is widely distributed.

How do we handle coding co-pilots differently from content co-pilots?

The Task-Tool-Trust structure is the same, but engineering tasks typically need a Red tier by default for anything touching production or security-sensitive code, with code review and automated testing standing in as the checklist rather than a manual document review.

How do we keep quality from degrading as usage scales?

Sample-audit Yellow and Red outputs monthly against the review checklist, and treat a rising failure rate as a signal to retrain on the prompt library or tighten the checklist — not to blame individual users.

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