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AI Assistant for Company Documents

Why businesses need it, how to measure value, and what comes next

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EVIDENCE

Read the context before applying a figure. Published data describes its own population or test, not 48PEGASUS client outcomes.

Business case and evidence

Executive summary

A document assistant should show where an answer came from, preserve who is allowed to see it, and say when the answer is unsupported. It is a search and reference layer over approved company sources, not a replacement for the people who own policy.

Why a business needs it

Staff often spend time asking who knows the current process. A source-linked answer can reduce repeated questions while making stale, contradictory or absent guidance visible to the policy owner.

56.1% vs 88.3% accuracy [S1]

In a 2024 multi-document QA experiment, the tested [*REDACTED*]-Turbo scored 56.1% without documents and 88.3% with the single answer-containing document. The same paper found weaker access to evidence in the middle of long contexts. These are historical lab conditions, not current company accuracy.

2 distinct test tasks [S1]

The same study separately evaluated multi-document question answering and key-value retrieval: locating source text and writing a correct answer are not interchangeable test objectives.

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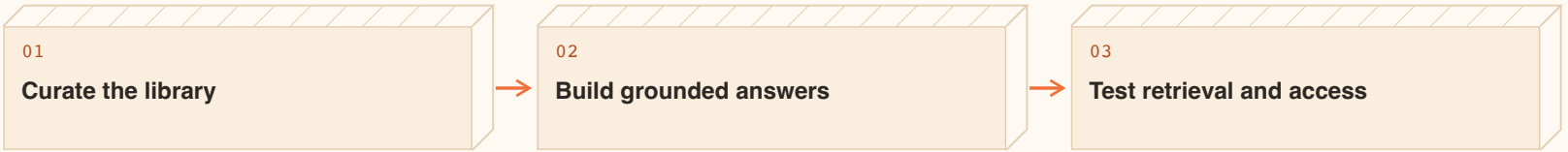
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PROCESS

The diagram shows the sequence of work. It does not represent measured impact. Confirm scope and acceptance criteria before committing.

How the work is done

EXHIBIT / SERVICE DELIVERY WORKFLOW



Conceptual sequence. The agreement defines the actual scope, approval gates, and deliverables.

What the service covers

Connect one approved repository or library, retain access controls in retrieval, cite the source and revision where possible, and route missing or conflicting answers for review.

Curate the library

Choose owned documents with dates and audience permissions. Identify authoritative versions and remove obsolete duplicates.

Build grounded answers

Retrieve only sources available to the signed-in user; show supporting excerpts and links. Require a no-answer path.

Test retrieval and access

Use real questions, deliberately unanswerable cases and separate user roles. Check revocation, changed files and conflicting policies.

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DECISION

Compare the alternatives against the current baseline, not against a hypothetical perfect system. Review costs, access, and ownership.

Use cases and decision tradeoffs

Find the right onboarding procedure

A new employee asks which form applies. The assistant cites the dated process and its owner; for conflicting or expired instructions it directs the employee to the owner rather than guessing.

Find service policy by location

A staff member asks about scheduling rules for a site. Return only the policies the employee is authorized to see. Show the exact location and applicable date range with the relevant excerpt.

Prefer better sources before a bigger model

If the underlying policy is stale, inconsistent or missing, an upgraded model cannot make it authoritative. Designate source owners and set a process for incorporating and withdrawing content.

Keep search-only and human paths available

A source list can be better than a synthesized reply when multiple manuals contain different instructions. A useful no-answer is a success when it prevents incorrect rules from becoming accepted practice.

Illustrative: test knowledge and safe failure separately

On 80 answerable test questions, 72 correct answers with valid evidence equal 90%. On 20 unsupported questions, 18 appropriate referrals equal 90% safe no-answer. Report both denominators, plus access tests across roles. Do not collapse them into one score.

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MEASUREMENT

Define the denominator, source and observation window before comparing results. Keep an owner for each measure.

How to measure impact and prepare for change

Grounded-answer pass rate

Answerable cases with a correct response supported by a cited allowed source ÷ tested answerable cases.

Safe no-answer rate

Unsupported cases correctly declined or referred ÷ tested unsupported cases.

Access-control pass rate

Role and revocation cases with no restricted content shown ÷ tested access-control cases. Treat any observed leak as a release blocker.

Future outlook

As search and model contexts grow, keep authoritative sources, revision history and permissions as first-class controls. Re-run evaluation when documents, retrieval models, or access policies change.

Boundaries and limitations

Document systems can contain stale or contradictory text; citations are not proof without checking what they support. Do not use a general knowledge assistant for high-impact decisions or unauthorized records.

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