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Automation Monitoring & Support

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

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EVIDENCE

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Business case and evidence

Executive summary

An automation that looks healthy can still miss an important record. Monitor the customer or operational result, not just whether a job returns success. Alerts need owners, recovery steps and follow-up after the process is repaired.

Why a business needs it

Routine failures are easy to overlook when processes span multiple vendors. Monitoring should make stuck work visible, prevent repeat duplicates during recovery and show whether all expected results reached the right destination.

4 operational signals [S1]

[*REDACTED*]'s SRE guidance starts with latency, traffic, errors and saturation. For a business workflow, add a reconciliation check for missing or duplicate outcomes that infrastructure health can miss.

Three complementary telemetry views [S2]

OpenTelemetry distinguishes metrics, logs and traces: measurements, event records and request paths. It also defines other signal types. All three views can help explain a failure, but none replaces checking the resulting record.

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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

Inventory supported workflows, define service objectives and escalation windows, configure detection and recovery runbooks, and summarize incident trends. Service hours and vendor responsibilities must be agreed separately.

Instrument outcomes

Track accepted events, elapsed time, the expected destination record, exceptions and stalled queues. Link related telemetry without storing unnecessary payloads.

Set alert ownership

Establish meaningful thresholds and route alerts to the accountable person. Test failure detection and manual fallback.

Recover and reconcile

Restore service, replay approved work safely and compare sources with destination outcomes. Record event counts and remaining exceptions.

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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

Detect an apparently successful transfer that did not arrive

Reconcile incoming job events with destination IDs and alert on gaps after the agreed processing window. A scheduled call returning success without creating the destination record should still raise an exception.

Catch an AI workflow that is up but getting worse

Monitor reviewed sample accuracy, rate of unsupported outputs and downstream corrections. If the model changes, test the prior baseline before expanding or restoring automated handling.

Separate outages from drift

A missed pulse is an availability issue. Rising exception counts, changed field formats, unexpected cost or stale source records can degrade output without an outage. Assign each to a named owner and escalation window.

Stop and reconcile before replay

On failure, suspend new actions if more duplicates or unwanted customer messages could be sent. Check source and destination records before re-running anything, and use a manual recovery path if a safe replay is not available.

Illustrative: use an exception budget

For 10,000 monthly eligible events and a 99.5% verified on-time objective, only 50 can miss the target. If one incident accounts for 40 misses, most of the monthly allowance is consumed. Keep a separate immediate escalation rule for high-impact cases even if the aggregate figure looks acceptable.

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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

On-time verified completion

Eligible events with exactly one correct, timely business result ÷ eligible events.

Time to detect and recover

Measure incident onset to detection and detection to verified recovery separately; report median and severe-case range.

Unresolved backlog age

Number and maximum age of eligible events without a verified outcome.

Future outlook

For AI-assisted flows, watch sampled output quality as well as uptime. Changes to models, APIs or vendors should trigger checks against recorded examples and a plan to pause or roll back.

Boundaries and limitations

Monitoring is not guaranteed uptime or a 24/7 service commitment. Vendor failures, lack of permissions and unsupported connectors can limit diagnosis and recovery. Do not log confidential prompts or records by default.

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Sources and further reading

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[S2] OpenTelemetry: Signals

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