

GOLD STANDARD DEVELOPMENT CYCLE – ARTIFACT
STRUCTURE

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II	CONSTITUTION	Inviolable principles first	Constitutional Rules
III	ARCHITECTURE	Structure precedes substance	C4 Diagrams, ADRs
IV	SPECIFICATION	Contracts define truth	API Specs, ICDs
V	IMPLEMENTATION	Code is the artifact	Source Code
VI	VALIDATION	Untested code is untrustworthy	Test Suite
VII	INTEGRATION	Boundaries hide failures	Integration Report
VIII	VERIFICATION	Trust but verify	Audit Report
IX	RECONCILIATION	Variance is inevitable	Variance Register
X	REMEDIATION	Systematic correction	Remediation Log
XI	CERTIFICATION	Launch demands confirmation	Certification Report
XII	OPERATION	Stewardship begins at release	Operational Runbook

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