**PS-03 — Duplicate Guardian & Safe Merge**

**Intent:** Stop dupes; if they exist, merge without losing history.

**Flow**

1. On create/update, **Duplicate Guardian** scores fuzzy/phonetic matches across legal/DBA/AKA + IDs + country.
2. If likely duplicate, user sees side-by-side diff with **evidence chips** (which fields matched).
3. **Merge**: choose canonical fields; children (orders, licenses, alerts, docs) re-pointed; old record archived with redirect.
4. Post-merge, emit PartnerMerged event; re-screen canonical record.

**Acceptance**

* Merge preserves all related records; no orphan links.
* Archived record excluded from picklists but searchable for audit.

**Innovations:** Evidence chips; reversible merge trail; post-merge auto-rescreen.