

The AWS Access Request Service (Phase-1) enables employees to request temporary AWS access using natural language. The system uses an LLM to reduce incomplete requests by suggesting services/actions and asking a single follow-up question when mandatory details (such as resource ARNs) are missing. All access requests follow a strict approval workflow and generate IAM policies and AWS CLI commands without automatic execution.

2.2 Core Components

2.2.1 Access Request API

- Entry point for all access requests
- Authenticated via existing SSO
- Accepts request reason and AWS account
- Orchestrates LLM calls and approval flow

2.2.2 LLM Assist Module

- Interprets request reason
- Suggests AWS services and action groups
- Determines if follow-up information is required
- Asks only one follow-up question at a time
- Produces deterministic JSON output

2.2.3 Access Request Store

- Persists access request data
- Maintains request lifecycle status
- Serves as the system's source of truth

2.2.4 Approval Workflow

- Manager approval for business validation
- DevOps approval for technical validation
- Manual execution of generated CLI commands

2.2.5 IAM Policy & CLI Generator

- Generates IAM policy JSON
- Generates AWS CLI command text
- Does not execute commands (Phase-1 constraint)

2.2.6 Audit Logging

- Captures all system events
- Immutable record for governance and compliance

3. Low Level Design (LLD)

3.1 Request Creation Flow

1. Employee submits an access request with a reason.
 2. Access Request API invokes LLM Assist Module.
 3. LLM suggests AWS services and action groups.
 4. If required information is missing:
 - LLM returns needFollowup = true
 - System asks a single follow-up question.
 5. User responds to follow-up.
 6. LLM re-evaluates and finalizes suggestions.
 7. Access request is stored with status CREATED.
 8. Audit log entry is recorded.
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3.2 Approval Flow

Manager Approval

- Reviews request intent
- Approves or rejects with reason
- Status updated accordingly

DevOps Approval

- Reviews access scope and generated CLI
 - Approves or rejects
 - On approval, policy and CLI command are generated
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3.3 IAM Policy Generation Flow

- Inputs:
 - AWS services
 - IAM actions
 - Resource ARNs
 - Outputs:
 - IAM policy JSON
 - AWS CLI command (text only)
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Database Design (Phase-1)

4.1 Entity Overview

Table Name	Purpose
users	Employee, Manager, DevOps identities
services	Allowed AWS services
action_groups	Logical permission groups
aws_actions	IAM actions per group
access_requests	Core request data
approvals	Manager & DevOps decisions
Audit_logs	Governance and audit trail
Suggestion follow up	To give the follow up question

5. DBMS Tables & SQL DDL

5.1 user: -NOT REQ(INSTEAD OF USER ID USE EMAIL)

```
CREATE TABLE access_requests (  
  id BIGINT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
  
  requester_email VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,  
  aws_account ENUM('ZINKA','DIVUM') NOT NULL,  
  
  reason TEXT NOT NULL,  
  services JSON NOT NULL,  
  resource_arns JSON,  
  
  status ENUM(
```

```
'CREATED',
'MANAGER_APPROVED',
'DEVOPS_APPROVED',
'ACCESS_GRANTED',
'REJECTED'
) NOT NULL,

duration_hours INT DEFAULT 24,
created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);
```

5.2 services

```
CREATE TABLE services (
  id BIGINT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
  service_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL
);
```

5.3 action_groups

```
CREATE TABLE action_groups (
  id BIGINT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
  service_id BIGINT NOT NULL,
  Description VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
  group_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
  FOREIGN KEY (service_id) REFERENCES services(id)
);
```

5.4 aws_actions

Changes made :
Action_groups

```
CREATE TABLE action_groups (  
  id BIGINT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
  service_id BIGINT NOT NULL,  
  group_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL  
);
```

aws_actions:

```
CREATE TABLE aws_actions (  
  id BIGINT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
  aws_action VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL UNIQUE  
);
```

junction table

```
CREATE TABLE action_group_actions (  
  action_group_id BIGINT NOT NULL,  
  aws_action_id BIGINT NOT NULL,  
  PRIMARY KEY (action_group_id, aws_action_id),  
  FOREIGN KEY (action_group_id) REFERENCES action_groups(id),  
  FOREIGN KEY (aws_action_id) REFERENCES aws_actions(id)  
);
```

5.5 access_requests

```
CREATE TABLE access_requests (  
  id BIGINT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
  
  requester_id BIGINT NOT NULL,  
  aws_account ENUM('ZINKA','DIVUM') NOT NULL,  
  reason TEXT NOT NULL,  
  
  services JSON NOT NULL,  
  resource_arns JSON,  
  
  status ENUM(  
    'CREATED',
```

```

'MANAGER_REJECTD',
'DEVOPS_REJECTED',
'ACCESS_GRANTED',

) NOT NULL,

-- MANAGER APPROVAL
manager_approver_id BIGINT,

-- DEVOPS APPROVAL
devops_approver_id BIGINT,

duration_hours INT DEFAULT 24,
created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,

FOREIGN KEY (requester_id) REFERENCES users(id),
FOREIGN KEY (manager_approver_id) REFERENCES users(id),
FOREIGN KEY (devops_approver_id) REFERENCES users(id)
);

```

5.7 audit_logs

```

CREATE TABLE audit_logs (
  id BIGINT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
  access_request_id BIGINT NOT NULL,
  event_type VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
  event_data JSON,
  created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
  FOREIGN KEY (access_request_id) REFERENCES access_requests(id)
);

```

5.8 follow up

```

CREATE TABLE followup_questions (
  id BIGINT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,

```

```
access_request_id BIGINT NOT NULL,

question TEXT NOT NULL,
answer TEXT,

status ENUM(
    'ASKED',
    'ANSWERED',
    'INVALID'
) NOT NULL DEFAULT 'ASKED',

created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
answered_at TIMESTAMP,

FOREIGN KEY (access_request_id)
REFERENCES access_requests(id)
);
```

6. LLM Design

6.1 LLM Input JSON

```
{
  "reason": "Need access to upload, download, and delete logs in S3",
  "allowedServices": ["S3"],
  "allowedActionGroups": {
    "S3": [
      "READ_OBJECTS",
      "UPLOAD_OBJECTS",
      "DELETE_OBJECTS",
      "LIST_BUCKET",
      "MANAGE_BUCKET"
    ]
  }
}
```



```
}
```

6.2 Standard Action Groups (S3)

```
{  
  "S3": {  
    "READ_OBJECTS": [  
      "s3:GetObject",  
      "s3:GetObjectVersion"  
    ],  
    "UPLOAD_OBJECTS": [  
      "s3:PutObject",  
      "s3:CreateMultipartUpload",  
      "s3:UploadPart",  
      "s3:CompleteMultipartUpload",  
      "s3:AbortMultipartUpload"  
    ],  
    "DELETE_OBJECTS": [  
      "s3:DeleteObject",  
      "s3:DeleteObjectVersion"  
    ],  
    "LIST_BUCKET": [  
      "s3:ListBucket"  
    ],  
    "MANAGE_BUCKET": [  
      "s3:CreateBucket",  
      "s3:DeleteBucket",  
      "s3:GetBucketPolicy",  
      "s3:PutBucketPolicy",  
      "s3:GetBucketVersioning",  
      "s3:PutBucketVersioning"  
    ]  
  }  
}
```

6.3 LLM Output JSON (Follow-up Required)

```
{
  "needFollowup": true,
  "followupQuestion": "Please provide the S3 bucket ARN(s) and optional object prefix.",
  "services": ["S3"],
  "actionGroups": [
    "READ_OBJECTS",
    "UPLOAD_OBJECTS",
    "DELETE_OBJECTS",
    "LIST_BUCKET"
  ]
}
```

6.4 LLM Output JSON (Complete)

```
{
  "needFollowup": false,
  "services": ["S3"],
  "actionGroups": [
    "READ_OBJECTS",
    "UPLOAD_OBJECTS",
    "DELETE_OBJECTS",
    "LIST_BUCKET"
  ],
  "resolvedResources": {
    "S3": {
      "bucketArn": "arn:aws:s3:::logs-bucket",
      "objectArn": "arn:aws:s3:::logs-bucket/logs/*"
    }
  }
}
```

Changes made

call LLM

IF follow-up needed:

store question in followup_questions

return followupQuestion to FE

Pseudo code

```
llmResponse = callLLM(reason)
```

```
if llmResponse.needFollowup == true:
```

```
    insert into followup_questions (  
        access_request_id,  
        question,  
        status  
    ) values (  
        requestId,  
        llmResponse.followupQuestion,  
        'ASKED'  
    )
```

7. IAM Policy & CLI Output (From Action Groups)

7.1 Generated IAM Policy JSON

```
{  
  "Version": "2012-10-17",  
  "Statement": [  
    {  
      "Sid": "ListLogsBucket",  
      "Effect": "Allow",  
      "Action": [  
        "s3:ListBucket"  
      ],  
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::logs-bucket"  
    },  
    {  
      "Sid": "ReadWriteDeleteLogs",  
      "Effect": "Allow",
```

```
"Action": [
  "s3:GetObject",
  "s3:GetObjectVersion",
  "s3:PutObject",
  "s3:CreateMultipartUpload",
  "s3:UploadPart",
  "s3:CompleteMultipartUpload",
  "s3:AbortMultipartUpload",
  "s3:DeleteObject",
  "s3:DeleteObjectVersion"
],
"Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::logs-bucket/logs/*"
}
]
```

7.2 AWS CLI Command (Generated)

```
aws iam create-policy \
  --policy-name TempS3LogsFullAccess_001 \
  --policy-document file://policy.json
```

8. Phase-1 Constraints

- No automatic AWS execution
 - No policy attachment
 - No revoke workflow
 - Manual DevOps execution only
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9. Phase-1 Completion Criteria

Phase-1 is considered complete when:

- Requests are fully structured using LLM assistance
 - Follow-up questions resolve missing data
 - Approvals are enforced
 - IAM policy & CLI are generated
 - All actions are auditable
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10. Conclusion

This design satisfies all Phase-1 PRD requirements while maintaining strong governance, deterministic LLM behavior, and extensibility for Phase-2 enhancements.

API : Changes asked -

1. Authentication (Common for all APIs)

- All APIs are authenticated via **SSO**
- User identity is derived from request headers (example):

X-User-Email: user@company.com

X-User-Role: EMPLOYEE | MANAGER | DEVOPS

2. Create Access Request API

Endpoint

POST /api/v1/access-requests

Purpose

- Accept initial access request
- Invoke LLM to suggest services/actions
- take answer
- update followup_questions
- continue flow

Request Body

```
{  
  
  "reason": "Need access to upload logs to S3",  
  
  "awsAccount": "ZINKA",  
  
  "services": ["S3"],  
  
  "actionGroups": [  
  
    "READ_OBJECTS"  
  
  ],  
  
  "resources": {  
  
    "bucketArn": "arn:aws:s3:::logs-bucket",  
  
    "objectArn": "arn:aws:s3:::logs-bucket/*"  
  
  }  
}
```

Response – Follow-up Required

```
{  
  "requestId": 101,  
  "needFollowup": true,  
  "followupQuestion": "Please provide the S3 bucket ARN(s).",  
  "services": ["S3"],  
  "actionGroups": [  
    "READ_OBJECTS",  
    "UPLOAD_OBJECTS"  
  ]  
}
```

When needFollowup = true, the system persists the follow-up question in the followup_questions entity for tracking and audit purposes. The question is returned in the API response for frontend display.

Response – No Follow-up Required

```
{  
  
  "requestId": 101,  
  
  "needFollowup": false,  
  
  "services": ["S3"],  
  
  "actionGroups": [  
  
    "READ_OBJECTS",  
    "UPLOAD_OBJECTS"  
  
  ],  
  
  "status": "CREATED"  
  
}
```

3. Submit Follow-up Answer API

Endpoint

POST /api/v1/access-requests/{requestId}/followup/{followup_id}

Purpose

- Accept user's response to LLM follow-up question
- Re-evaluate request completeness

Request Body

```
{  
  "answer": {  
    "S3": {  
      "bucketArn": "arn:aws:s3:::logs-bucket",  
      "objectArn": "arn:aws:s3:::logs-bucket/*"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Response

```
{  
  "requestId": 101,  
  "status": "CREATED",  
  "services": ["S3"],  
  "actionGroups": [  
    {  
      "actionGroup": "S3",  
      "action": "CreateBucket",  
      "parameters": {  
        "bucketName": "logs-bucket",  
        "createBucketConfiguration": {  
          "location": "us-east-1"  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

```
"READ_OBJECTS",  
"UPLOAD_OBJECTS"  
]  
}
```

Backend behaviour :

1. User submits follow-up answer
2. Backend updates followup_questions.answer
3. Backend calls LLM again with:
 - original reason
 - previous LLM context
 - structured follow-up answer
4. LLM returns final structured output
5. Backend updates:
 - access_requests.resource_arns
 - access_requests.services
 - access_requests.status = CREATED

4. Get Access Request Details API

Endpoint

GET /api/v1/access-requests/{requestId}

Purpose

- Fetch request details for UI display
- Used by Employee, Manager, and DevOps views

Response

```
{  
  
  "requestId": 101,  
  
  "requesterEmail": "user@company.com",  
  
  "awsAccount": "ZINKA",  
  
  "reason": "Need access to upload logs to S3",  
  
  "services": ["S3"],  
  
  "actionGroups": ["Upload Objects"],  
  
  "resourceArns": ["arn:aws:s3:::logs-bucket/*"],  
  
  "status": "CREATED",  
  
  "createdAt": "2026-01-19T10:30:00Z"  
}
```

5. Manager Approval API

Endpoint

POST /api/v1/access-requests/{requestId}/manager-approval

Purpose

- Manager approves or rejects request

Request Body

```
{  
  
  "decision": "APPROVED",  
  
  "reason": "Required for log processing"  
}
```

Response

```
{  
  
  "requestId": 101,  
  
  "status": "MANAGER_APPROVED"  
}
```

6. DevOps Approval API

Endpoint

POST /api/v1/access-requests/{requestId}/devops-approval

Purpose

- DevOps reviews and approves request
 - Triggers IAM policy + CLI generation
-

Request Body

```
{  
  "decision": "APPROVED",  
  "reason": "Scope looks correct"  
}
```

Response

```
{  
  "requestId": 101,  
  "status": "DEVOPS_APPROVED",  
  "iamPolicy": {  
    "Version": "2012-10-17",  
    "Statement": [  
      {  
        "Effect": "Allow",
```

```
"Action": ["s3:PutObject"],  
  
"Resource": ["arn:aws:s3:::logs-bucket/*"]  
  
}  
  
]  
  
},  
  
"awsCliCommand": "aws iam create-policy --policy-name TempS3Access_101  
--policy-document file://policy.json"  
  
}
```

7. Mark Access Granted API

Endpoint

POST /api/v1/access-requests/{requestId}/mark-granted

Purpose

- DevOps confirms manual execution of CLI command
-

Request Body

```
{}
```

Response

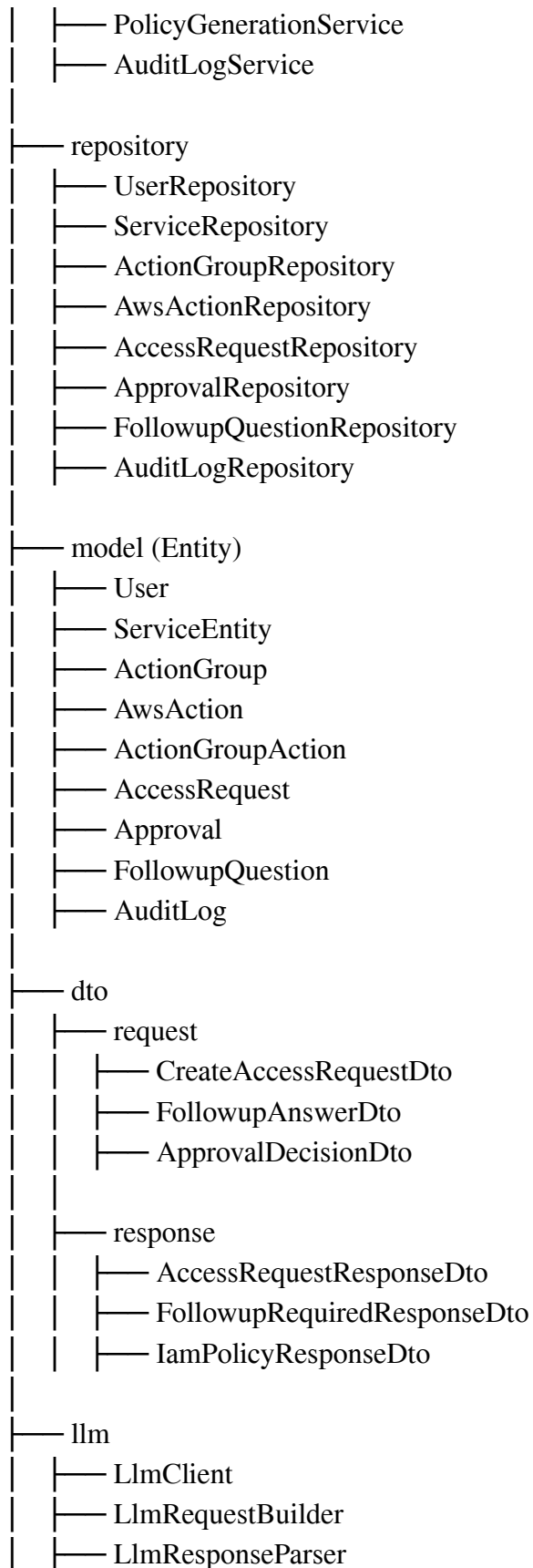
```
{  
  "requestId": 101,  
  "status": "ACCESS_GRANTED"  
}
```

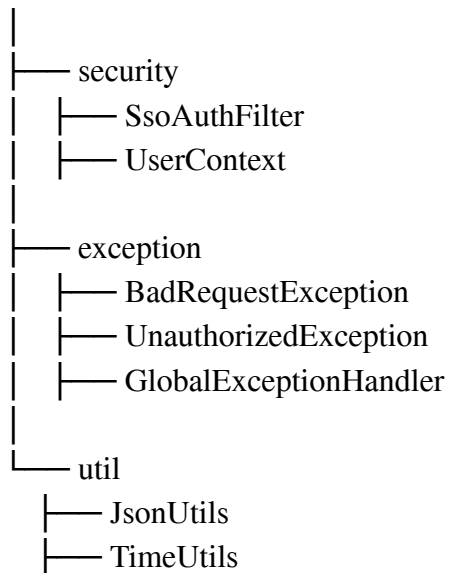
8. Error Response (Common)

```
{  
  "errorCode": "INVALID_REQUEST",  
  "message": "Missing required field: awsAccount"  
}
```

Spring Boot Layered Architecture

```
com.company.awsaccess  
├── AwsAccessApplication  
├── controller  
│   ├── AccessRequestController  
│   ├── FollowupController  
│   └── ApprovalController  
├── service  
│   ├── AccessRequestService  
│   ├── LlmAssistService  
│   ├── FollowupService  
│   └── ApprovalService
```





2. Controller Layer (API Layer)

2.1 AccessRequestController

Handles **request creation** and **fetching request details**

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api/v1/access-requests")
public class AccessRequestController {
```

APIs handled:

- POST /api/v1/access-requests
- GET /api/v1/access-requests/{requestId}
- POST /api/v1/access-requests/{requestId}/mark-granted

2.2 FollowupController

Handles **LLM follow-up lifecycle**

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api/v1/access-requests")
public class FollowupController {
```

APIs handled:

- POST /{requestId}/followup/{followupId}

This separation satisfies:

“Create a separate entity and flow for follow-up questions”

2.3 ApprovalController

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api/v1/access-requests")
public class ApprovalController {
```

APIs handled:

- POST /{requestId}/manager-approval
- POST /{requestId}/devops-approval

3. Service Layer (Business Logic)

This is **where ALL PRD rules live**.

3.1 AccessRequestService

Responsibilities

- Create access request

- Persist initial request
- Call LLM
- Control request state transitions

```
public class AccessRequestService {
```

Key methods

```
createRequest(CreateAccessRequestDto dto)  
getRequestById(Long requestId)  
markAccessGranted(Long requestId)
```

3.2 LlmAssistService

Single responsibility: LLM interaction

```
public class LlmAssistService {
```

Responsibilities

- Build LLM input JSON
- Call LLM
- Validate deterministic output
- Parse response

```
LlmResponse callLlm(LlmInput input)
```

This service is used in:

- Create Access Request
 - Submit Follow-up Answer
-

3.3 FollowupService

```
public class FollowupService {
```

Responsibilities

- Persist follow-up question
- Persist follow-up answer
- Trigger LLM re-evaluation

```
createFollowupQuestion(requestId, question)  
answerFollowup(followupId, structuredAnswer)
```

Directly maps to:

```
followup_questions table  
status = ASKED → ANSWERED
```

3.4 ApprovalService

```
public class ApprovalService {
```

Responsibilities

- Validate approver role
- Record approval decision

- Move request state

managerApproval(requestId, decision)

devopsApproval(requestId, decision)

3.5 PolicyGenerationService

public class PolicyGenerationService {

Responsibilities

- Convert action groups → IAM actions
- Generate IAM policy JSON
- Generate AWS CLI command (text only)

generatePolicy(accessRequest)

generateCliCommand(policy)

No AWS execution (Phase-1 constraint enforced here).

3.6 AuditLogService

public class AuditLogService {

Responsibilities

- Write immutable audit logs for:
 - request creation

- LLM decisions
- follow-up asked
- follow-up answered
- approvals
- policy generation
- access granted

4. Repository Layer (Persistence)

Each table has **one repository**, no shortcuts.

public interface AccessRequestRepository extends JpaRepository<AccessRequest, Long>

Same pattern for:

- UserRepository
- ApprovalRepository
- FollowupQuestionRepository
- AuditLogRepository
- ServiceRepository
- ActionGroupRepository
- AwsActionRepository

5. Entity Layer (Exact DB Mapping)

Entities map **1-to-1** with your DDL.

Examples:

AccessRequest Entity

@Entity

@Table(name = "access_requests")

public class AccessRequest {

Fields:

- id
- requesterId
- awsAccount
- reason
- services (JSON)
- resourceArns (JSON)
- status
- durationHours
- createdAt

FollowupQuestion Entity

@Entity

```
@Table(name = "followup_questions")
public class FollowupQuestion {
```

Fields:

- id
 - accessRequestId
 - question
 - answer
 - status
 - createdAt
 - answeredAt
-

6. DTO Layer (Frontend Contract)

This is **critical** for FE sharing.

CreateAccessRequestDto

```
reason
awsAccount
services[]
actionGroups[]
resources{ }
```

FollowupAnswerDto

```
answer {
  S3 {
    bucketArn
```



```
    objectArn
  }
}
```

AccessRequestResponseDto

```
requestId
status
services
actionGroups
followupQuestion
```

7. Security Layer (SSO)

public class SsoAuthFilter extends OncePerRequestFilter

Reads headers:

```
X-User-Email
X-User-Role
```

Populates:

```
UserContext.set(email, role)
```

Used across services for:

- authorization
 - approvals
 - audit logs
-

8. Exception Handling

@ControllerAdvice

```
public class GlobalExceptionHandler {
```

Handles:

- invalid request
- missing follow-up
- unauthorized approval
- invalid state transitions

Maps to:

```
{  
  "errorCode": "INVALID_REQUEST",  
  "message": "..."  
}
```
