

Agent Setup & Migration Instructions

Target Audience: Agents initiating the migration process or setting up a new experiment.

This document outlines the **exact steps** to adopt the "Experiment-First" workflow.

Flexibility Disclaimer

Adapt to Your Environment:

Every project is different. While this kit assumes a flat structure, you **MUST** adapt these paths if your project uses a different layout (e.g., `src/` for library code, `lib/` for shared modules).

- **Standard:** `scripts/cleanup_structure.py`
- **Adaptation:** `src/scripts/cleanup_structure.py` (if that's where you keep scripts)

Do not break existing imports. If moving files, check for `sys.path` implications.

1. Migration Protocol (First Time Setup)

If this repository does not yet use the Migration Kit structure:

Step 1: Install Infrastructure

Use `run_command` to copy the core templates to the root:

```
cp migration_kit/README_TEMPLATE.md README.md
cp migration_kit/PROTOCOLS_TEMPLATE.md PROTOCOLS.md
cp migration_kit/gitignore_template .gitignore
```

Step 2: Initialize Governance

Establish the project tracking files:

1. Roadmap:

```
cp migration_kit/ROADMAP_TEMPLATE.md ROADMAP.md
```

Action: Edit `ROADMAP.md` to define phases and North Star metrics.

2. Leaderboard:

```
# Create empty leaderboard
echo "| Version | Metric A | Metric B | Notes |" >
```

```
experiments/LEADERBOARD.md  
echo "|---|---|---|---|" >> experiments/LEADERBOARD.md
```

3. Methodology:

```
cp migration_kit/METRICS_TEMPLATE.md  
experiments/METRICS_METHODODOLOGY.md  
cp migration_kit/DEBUGGING_TEMPLATE.md experiments/DEBUGGING_GUIDE.md
```

Step 3: Establish "Descriptive Roots"

Identify the current working directory or "latest" experiment.

1. Create a new, properly named folder: `mkdir -p experiments/v1_baseline`
2. Move current working files there: `mv model.py train.py experiments/v1_baseline/`
3. **Verify** imports still work (run a smoke test).

2. Experiment Initialization (Routine)

Every time you start a NEW experiment (vXX), follow this sequence:

Step 1: Create the "Cell"

Create your self-contained directory:

```
mkdir -p experiments/v68_lane_unification/models  
mkdir -p experiments/v68_lane_unification/logs  
mkdir -p experiments/v68_lane_unification/tests
```

Step 2: Clone the DNA

Copy, Do Not Import. Copy the model files from the *previous* best version to your new folder.

```
cp experiments/v67_regret_gating/models/*.py  
experiments/v68_lane_unification/models/
```

Why? This isolates your experiment. You can now modify v68 code without breaking v67.

Step 3: Initialize the Journal (Crucial)

Copy the template to your new folder:

```
cp migration_kit/journal_template.md
experiments/v68_lane_unification/journal.md
```

Action: Open `journal.md`. Fill in the **Hypothesis** immediately.

Step 4: Create the Smoke Test

Copy the smoke test template and adapt it:

```
cp migration_kit/smoke_test_template.py
experiments/v68_lane_unification/tests/smoke_test_v68.py
```

Action: Edit the file. Update imports to point to `../models`. Run it.

Hard Rule: If `smoke_test_v68.py` fails, DO NOT START TRAINING.

3. The "Clean Exit"

When you are finished with your migration or setup tasks:

1. **Delete Stub Files:** If you created temporary scripts to move files around, delete them.

```
rm cleanup_migration.py temp_move.sh
```

2. **Commit:**

```
git add .
git commit -m "MIGRATION: Adopted Agentic Workflow v1.0"
```

You are now ready to begin Science.