

# Runbook Branching Rules — Cheat Sheet

## ■■ Troubleshooting Branches vs Git Branches

- Troubleshooting branches (TB■■S04■■A, TB■■S05■■A...) are **ChatGPT/log branches** — forks in the conversation for troubleshooting.
- You remain on **main** in Git unless you explicitly create a code branch.
- These branches exist only in ChatGPT and Markdown runbook files — not in your Git repo.

## ■ Rules

- Create a new ChatGPT thread for each troubleshooting branch.
- Name it like: TB■■■ (e.g., TB■■S04■■A).
- Paste the troubleshooting stub header when starting a branch.
- At the end of each ChatGPT reply in the branch, include: Cursor: | Branch: TB■■■A.
- When resolved, paste the re■■entry snippet into the Master Runbook thread.
- Mark the parent step ■ in the runbook and continue.

## ■ Analogy

- **Git branches** → versions of code in your repo.
- **Runbook branches** → versions of conversations in ChatGPT.