

Folder placement **does not grant authority**. Promotion does.

Promotion Protocol

A document may leave canvas only when **all** conditions are met:

1. Manually exported (copy / download)
2. Placed into a canonical project folder
3. Header metadata updated to reflect:
 - Canonical status
 - Version bump
 - Promotion date
 - Target project

Until then, it remains non-canonical.

Failure Modes Prevented

- Accidental canon drift
- Connector illusion / phantom access
- Misattribution of draft material
- Cross-tool state confusion
- False memory assumptions

Enforcement Posture

Canvas governance is **process-based**, not technical.

Compliance is maintained through:

- Explicit labeling
- Manual promotion
- Human intent

Closing

Canvas is a **scratchpad with guardrails**.

It enables speed without sacrificing integrity, and creativity without authority leakage.

Draft here.

Decide elsewhere.