

Evaluate an AI tool with your work

Use evidence and requirements to compare suppliers.

Questions before a trial

Task fit

What task does this solve? Which capabilities are actually available in the proposed plan? What information and integrations are needed?

Data handling

Where is information stored? Who can access it? What are retention, deletion, export and training-use terms? Which settings apply to your account?

Permissions and recovery

Can access be limited by task and user? Can consequential actions require approval? Are activity records and a practical recovery path available?

Commercial and operational fit

Check pricing units, usage limits, support, availability commitments and exit costs. Record the offer date rather than treating a quoted price as permanent.

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Compare a representative trial

Define the task. Supply context. Try it. Check it. Improve it.

Run the same cases

Use approved examples, including missing inputs, conflicting sources and a difficult case. Compare useful results, errors, correction time and user experience.

Ask about changes

How are model or feature changes communicated? Can behavior be retested or versions controlled? What happens when a dependency is unavailable?

Score with judgment

Choose criteria and weights based on your needs. Keep evidence and unresolved questions beside any rating. A total score is a discussion aid, not a guarantee of suitability.

Decision record

Required capability: ____

Trial evidence: ____

Data/access approval: ____

Cost and exit plan: ____

Decision owner and review date: ____

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