ARF Agent Watchdog

# What a provider request leaves behind

A reviewer asks what the model received. The request contained text that only the release team can read. The person reviewing the transport and the person entitled to read that text may be different people. ARF Agent Watchdog gives them distinct evidence.

## Decide before forwarding

The Governance Proxy uses Watchdog to put a policy check on a provider-bound request. Record which stage received the request and the decision returned by ARF. Inspect the provider-side observation when determining whether forwarding occurred. A local refusal and a remote response describe different points on the route.

A team rolling out this check can start with two harmless fixtures. One falls inside the grant. The other requests a destination outside it. Have the receiving side count what arrived and compare that with the proxy's decision history.

## Protect a span and keep its identity

A capture policy can select text by stage or item. The capture path computes SHA-256 over the original text and can encrypt matching material using the configured age recipients. The digest continues to identify the original. The encrypted copy can travel with the appropriate record while the right to read its contents stays with the recipient.

In the recorded encryption test, the protected plaintext was absent from the serialized record. The matching identity recovered the original text and its digest matched. That is a check a team can repeat with a test value and a separate review identity.

## Give the reviewer a specific question

Ask the transport reviewer to locate the decision and tie it to the request. Ask the release owner to recover the protected text and compare it with the digest. Finally, have both identify what reached the provider. The three answers show where the policy ran, which evidence can be checked without opening the text, and who can vouch for the content.

## Two readers of the same capture

| Question | Material to inspect | Reader |
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| What decision did ARF return? | The recorded request stage and its verdict. | The operator reviewing the governed route. |
| Which original text does the capture describe? | The digest computed before encryption. | A reviewer with the original candidate text. |
| What was in the protected span? | The encrypted span and the matching age identity. | A named recipient of that captured content. |

## Sources and evidence

Watchdog enforces configured ARF verdicts · Implementation record · Capture and content sealing