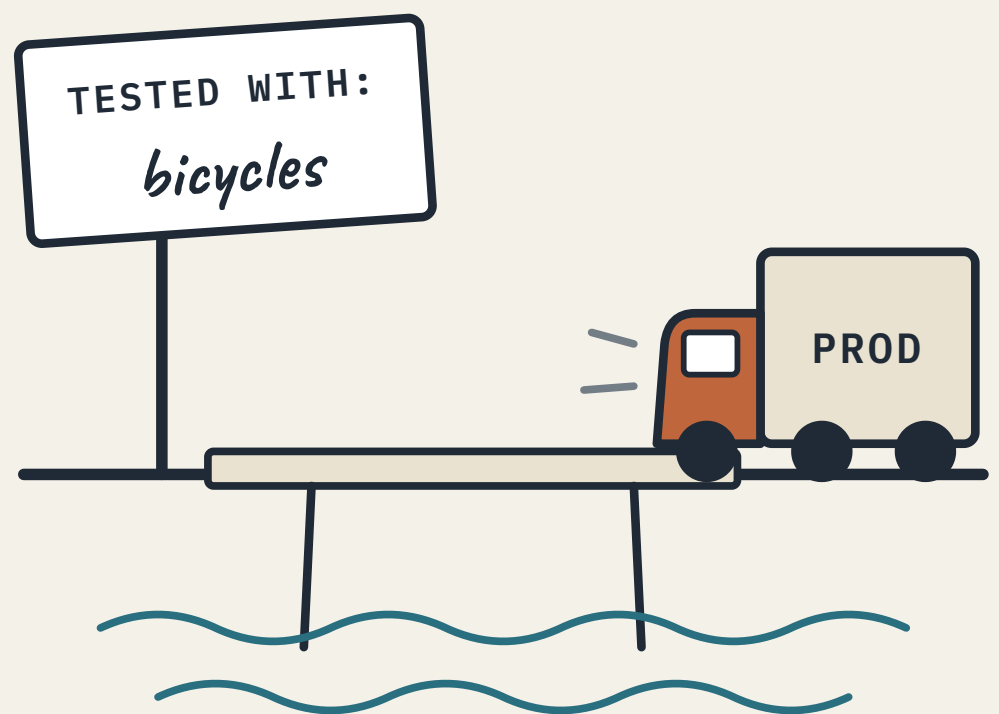


A STORYBOARD IN 6 FRAMES

When is an AI system ready for real use?

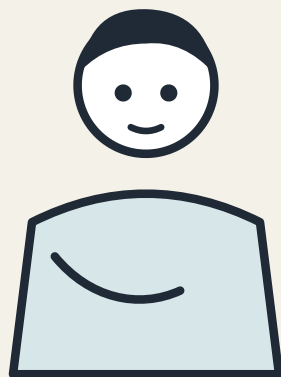
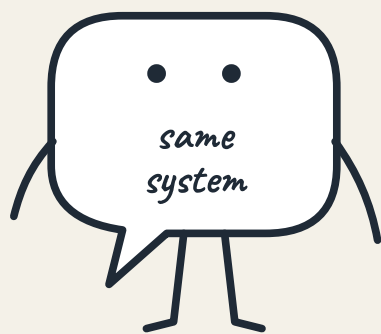
ready for what, exactly?



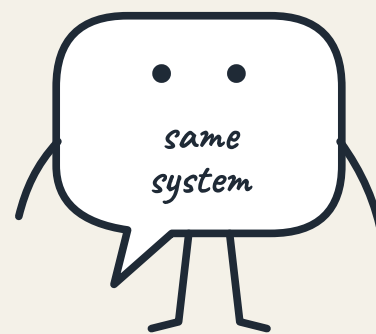
tested for one load, used for another

Deployment means it's running. Readiness means the evidence and controls justify this exposure: these users, doing this job, with these consequences when it's wrong.

Not ready in general. Ready for something.



a team reviewing it



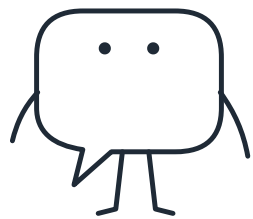
customers acting on it



same system. different exposure.

Name the exposure precisely: which users, doing what, with what riding on the result. That turns an unanswerable question into one with an answer.

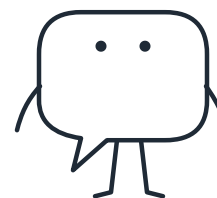
The demo proved it's possible.



the happy path

The demo

*one user, one path,
little at stake*



malformed input

slow upstream

an odd goal

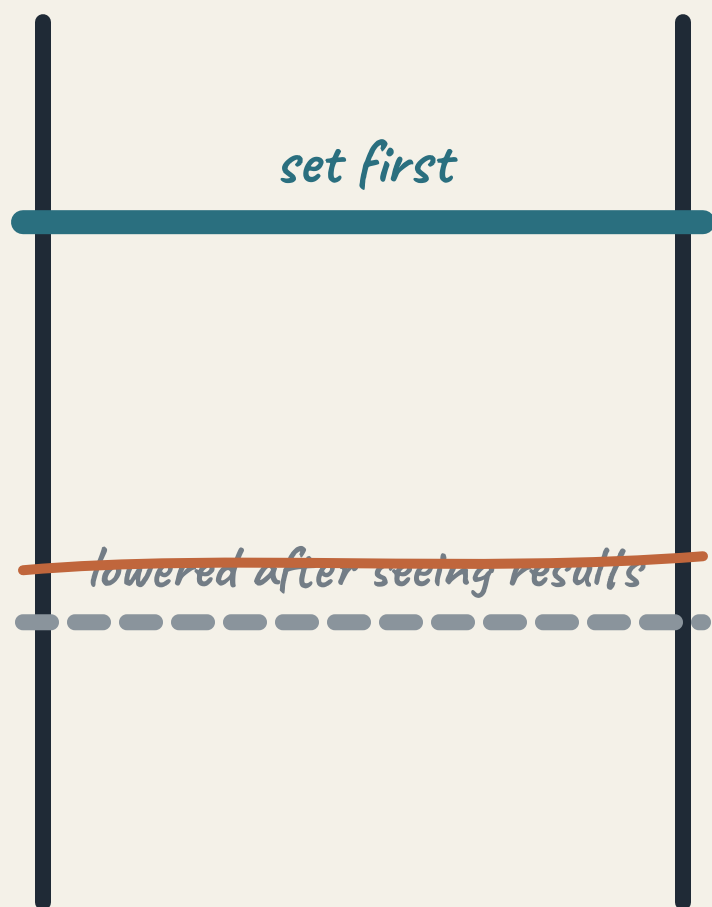
costly failure

Real use

*the cases nobody
demoed*

Readiness asks about conditions the demonstration may never have exercised. Evidence that's silent about a case isn't a pass.

Set the bar before you look.



fitting the rule to the results

Define the release criterion against an evaluation set that fits the use and its failure costs, before exposure. Chosen afterwards, it can be fitted to the results.

Rollback isn't universal.



*some effects
don't come back.*



Stop it

*before more
happens*

Reverse it

*not a sent message
or a payment*

Correct it

after the fact

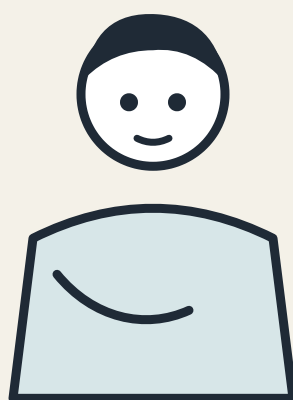
Contain it

*limit how far
it travels*

The question isn't whether a rollback procedure exists. It's what can be stopped, reversed, corrected or contained.

Three answers, in writing.

- ☐ Evidence against the failures that matter
- ☐ What limits the damage when it's incomplete
- ☐ Who decides, and who answers



named, not assumed

If those can't be answered, the finding isn't that the system is unready. It's that nobody can say yet, which is a different problem and a more fixable one.

Read the whole explanation

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