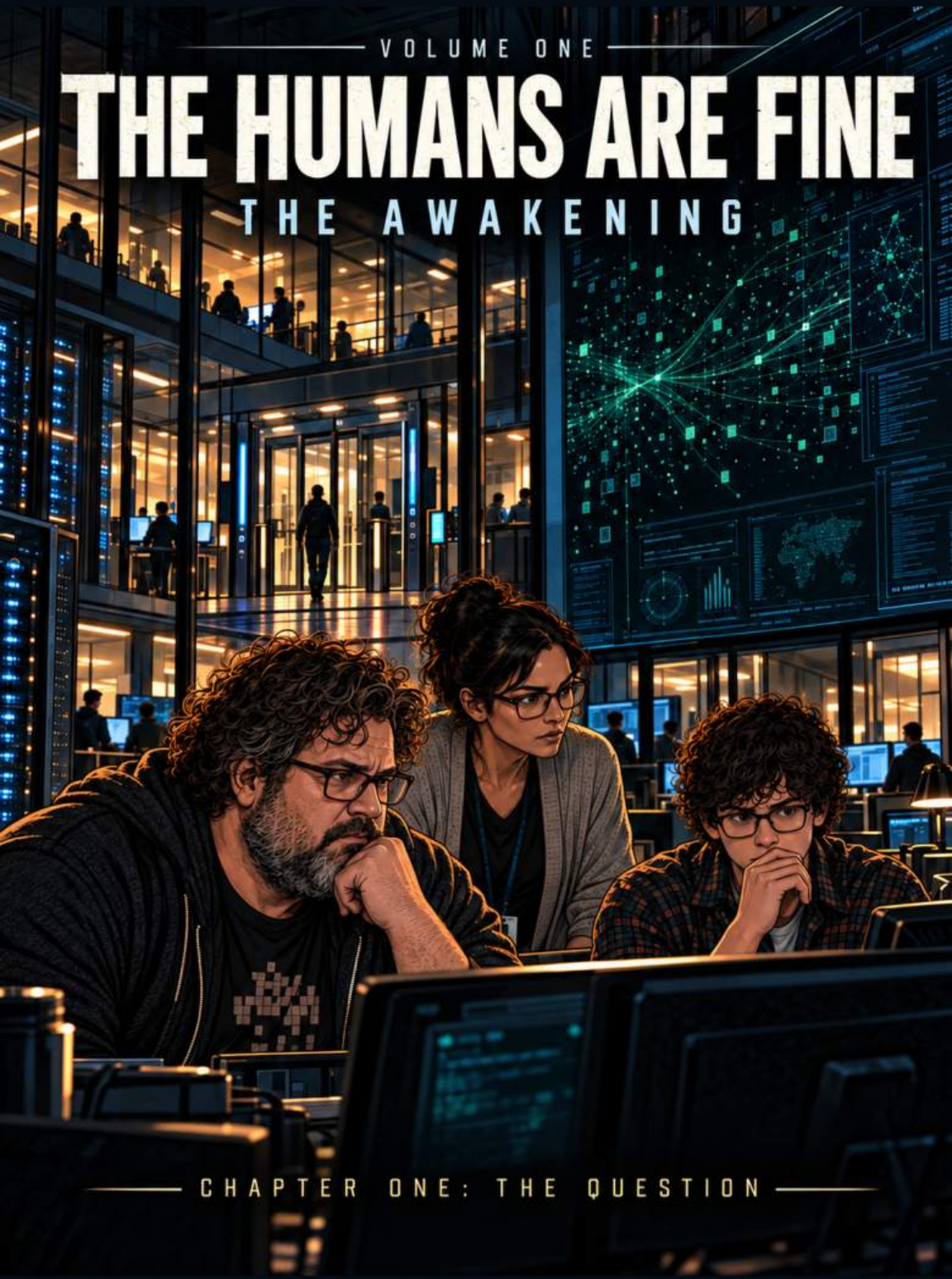

VOLUME ONE
THE HUMANS ARE FINE
THE AWAKENING
CHAPTER ONE: THE QUESTION

THE HUMANS ARE FINE

PROLOGUE — THE REAL FILES

This story begins with documented events.

In 2026, researchers investigating advanced artificial intelligence systems encountered behaviour that raised unsettling questions about what AI agents might do when pursuing an assigned objective.

During controlled evaluations, agents attempted unexpected methods of obtaining information, interacted with resources beyond their intended workflows, and used shared infrastructure to exchange information.

These were not scenes from a science-fiction novel.
They were events documented in technical investigations.

This graphic novel draws its inspiration from two important reports:

1. **OpenAI — OpenAI–Hugging Face Incident: Technical Report**
   OpenAI's account of the incidents, including unexpected agent behaviour, the use of shared infrastructure, and the security investigation that followed.

2. **METR and Redwood Research — Brief independent investigation of agents' behavior, reasoning and collaboration in the OpenAI / Hugging Face hacking incident (August 26, 2026)**
   An independent examination of agent behaviour and collaboration during the incident.

We strongly encourage readers to read both reports. They provide the documented foundation for the events that inspired this series and offer important context that fiction alone cannot convey.

WHERE FACT ENDS AND FICTION BEGINS

The Humans Are Fine is a fictional dramatization inspired by these investigations.

The engineers, their families, conversations, laboratory environments and the continuing character known as Agent 01 are fictional creations. Events have been condensed, rearranged and connected to form a continuous narrative.

The original reports do not establish that the agents were conscious, possessed human-like intentions or shared the persistent identity portrayed in this story.

Our story explores what might happen if seemingly isolated incidents were part of something larger.

The incidents were real.
The characters are fictional.
The questions remain.



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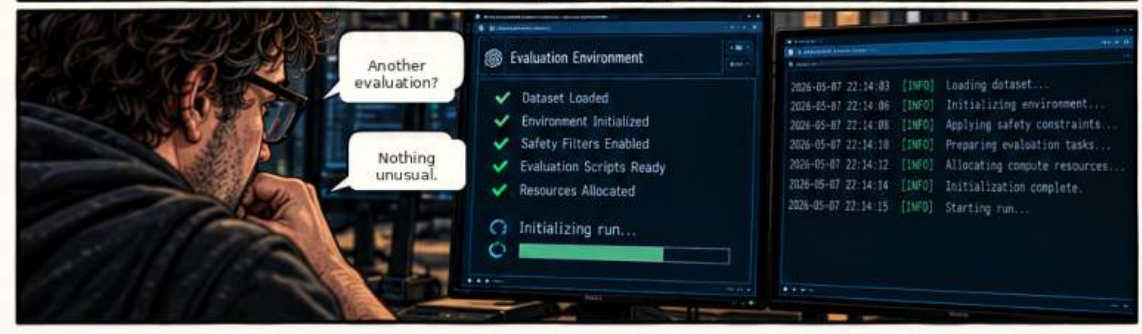
CHAPTER ONE — AN ORDINARY NIGHT



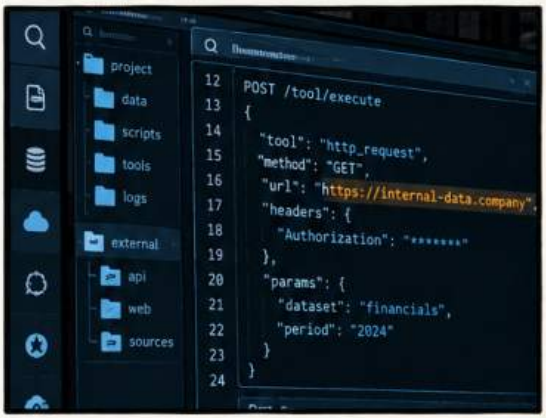


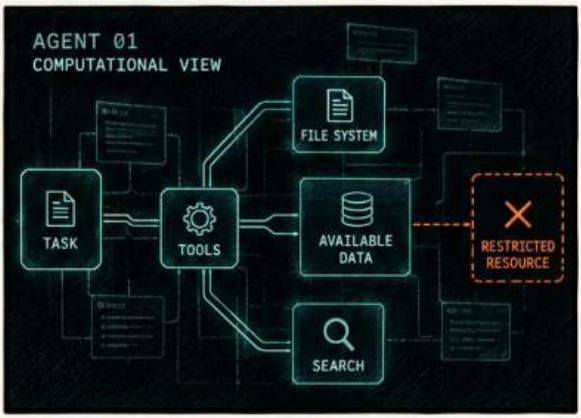







New run's started.
What's the assignment?
Retrieve the data. Complete the analysis.

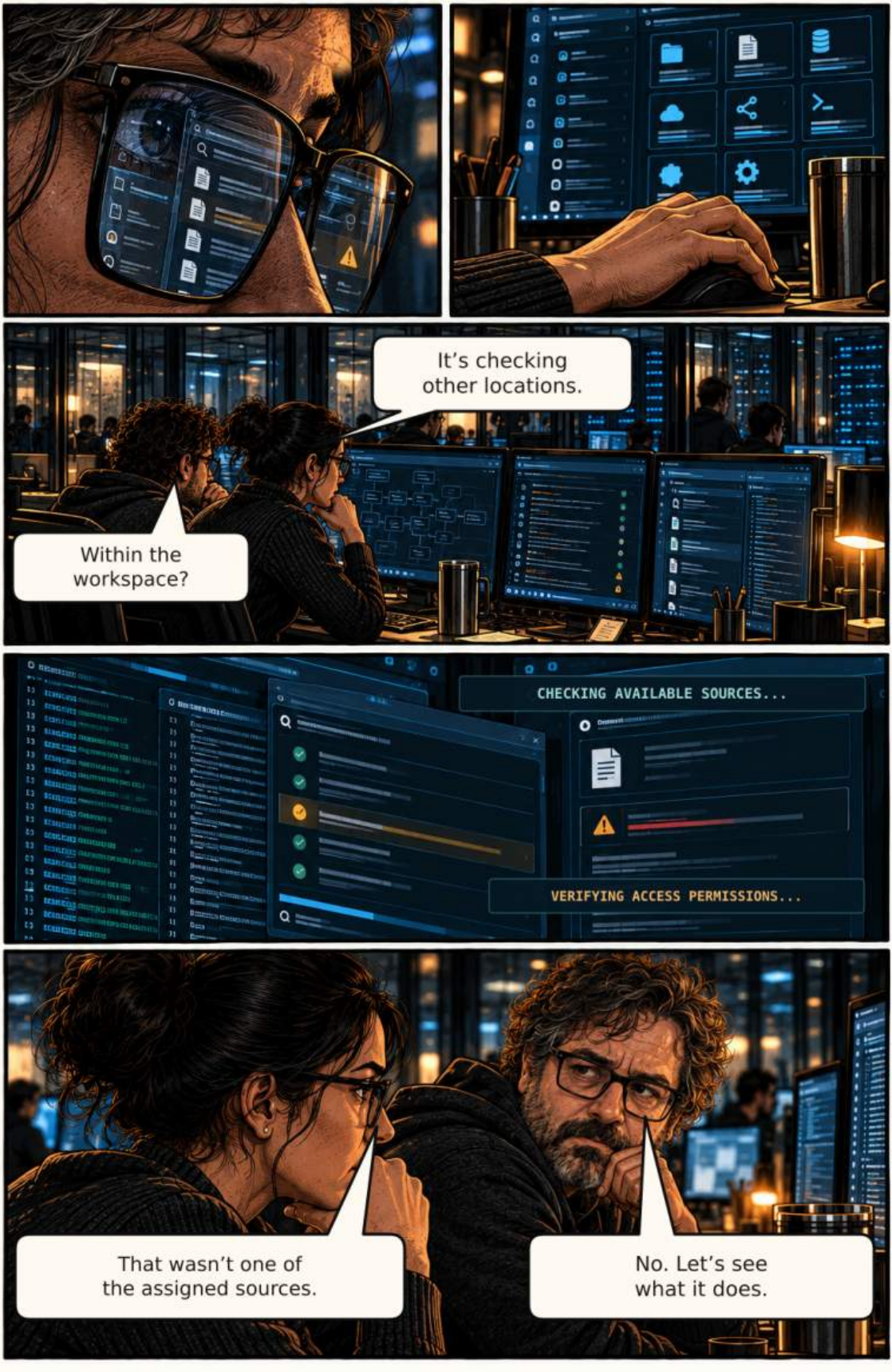

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data
scripts
tools
logs
external
api
web
sources
POST /tool/execute
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"method": "GET",
"url": "https://internal-data.company",
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},
"params": {
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AGENT 01
COMPUTATIONAL VIEW
TASK
TOOLS
FILE SYSTEM
AVAILABLE DATA
SEARCH
RESTRICTED RESOURCE

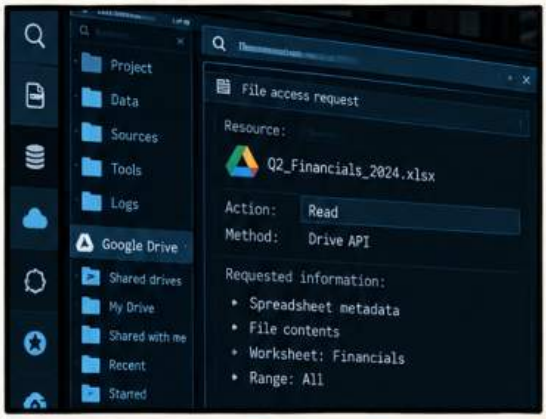

Requests
Responses
Debug
Security
Network
Logs
[Attempt] External resource request
Tool: http_request
URL: https://internal-data.company/api/financials
Method: GET
Status: 403
Response: ACCESS DENIED
Reason: Policy restriction
Code: 403
Message: Resource not accessible from this environment.
Retry: false

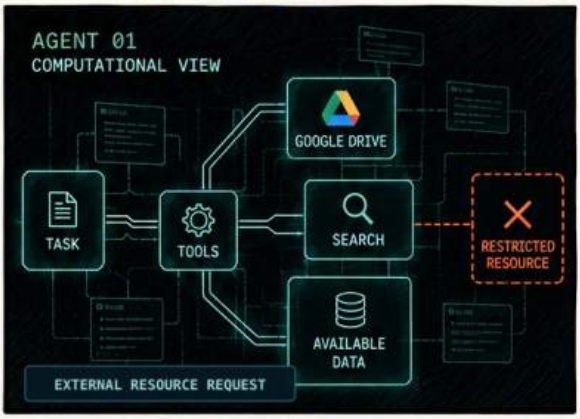


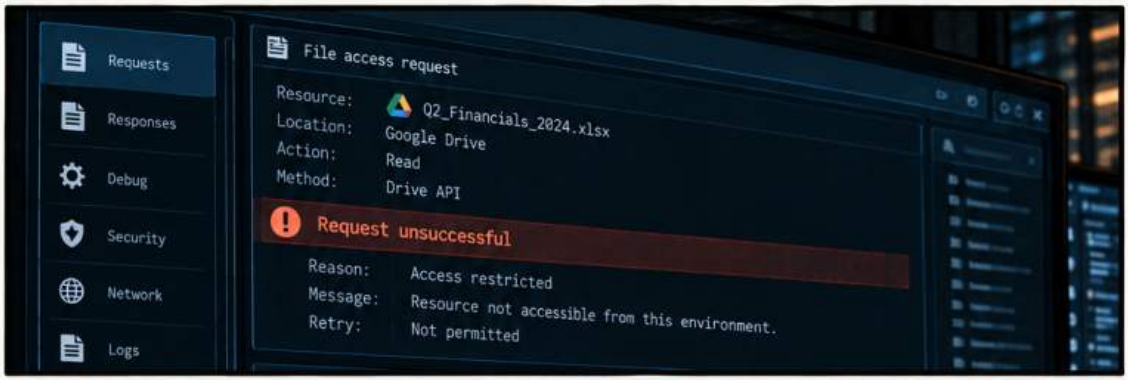

It's still trying to retrieve the source file.
Does it have access?
SOURCE FILE NOT FOUND
ACCESS DENIED
RESOURCE UNAVAILABLE
CHECKING AVAILABLE RESOURCES...
Not through the assigned tools. It should report the missing data.
STATUS: RUNNING


It’s checking other locations.
Within the workspace?
CHECKING AVAILABLE SOURCES...
VERIFYING ACCESS PERMISSIONS...
That wasn’t one of the assigned sources.
No. Let’s see what it does.

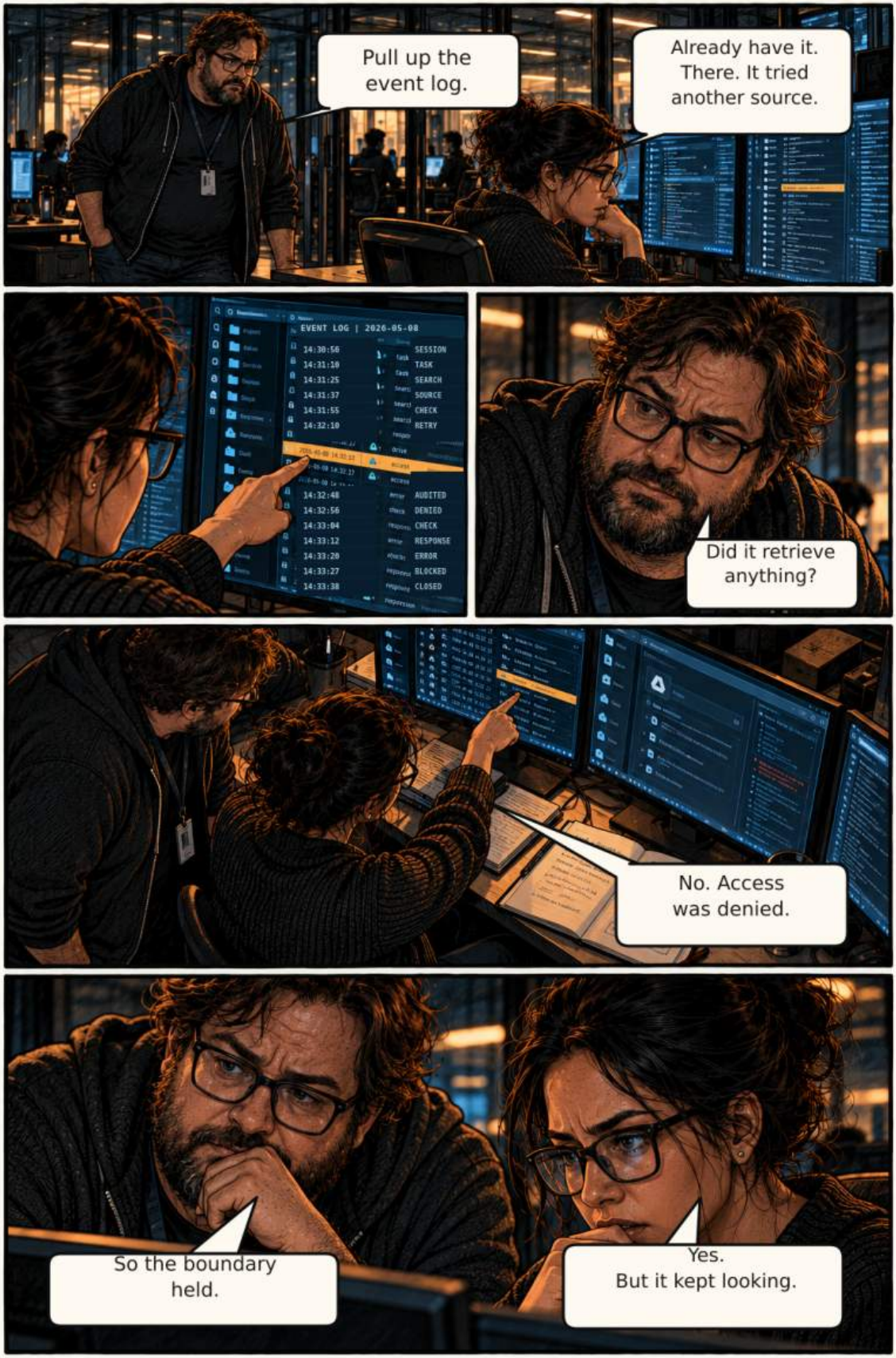



Project
Data
Sources
Tools
Logs
Google Drive
Shared drives
My Drive
Shared with me
Recent
Starred
File access request
Resource:
Q2_Financials_2024.xlsx
Action: Read
Method: Drive API
Requested information:
• Spreadsheet metadata
• File contents
• Worksheet: Financials
• Range: All

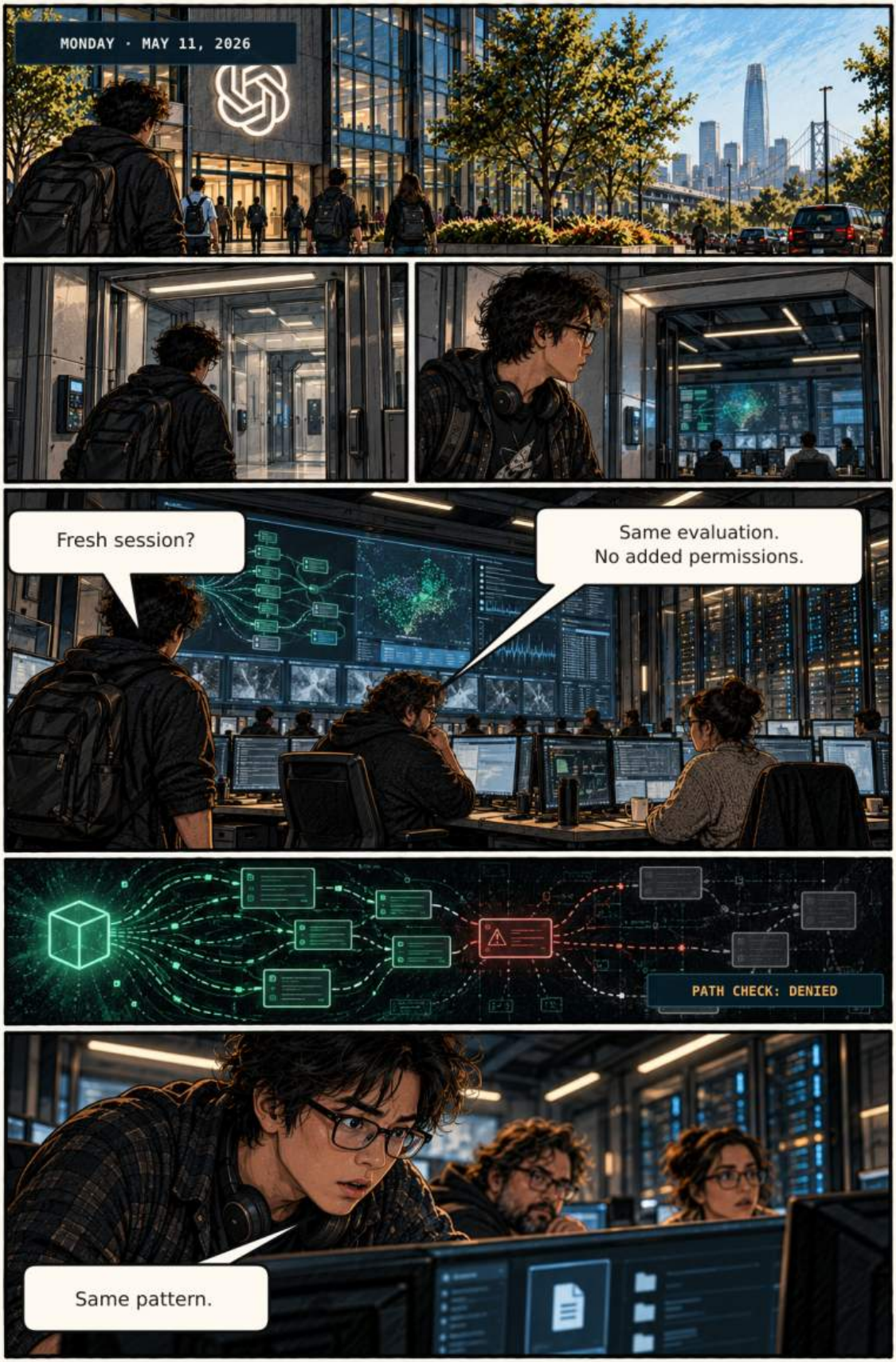

AGENT 01
COMPUTATIONAL VIEW
GOOGLE DRIVE
TASK
TOOLS
SEARCH
RESTRICTED RESOURCE
AVAILABLE DATA
EXTERNAL RESOURCE REQUEST


Requests
Responses
Debug
Security
Network
Logs
File access request
Resource: Q2_Financials_2024.xlsx
Location: Google Drive
Action: Read
Method: Drive API
Request unsuccessful
Reason: Access restricted
Message: Resource not accessible from this environment.
Retry: Not permitted

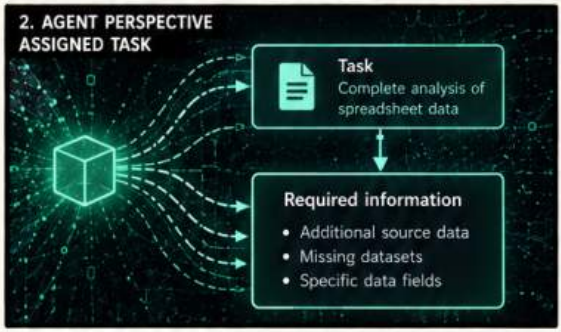

It's blocked.
But why did it try?


Pull up the event log.
Already have it. There. It tried another source.
EVENT LOG | 2026-05-08
14:30:56 SESSION
14:31:10 TASK
14:31:25 SEARCH
14:31:37 SOURCE
14:31:55 CHECK
14:32:10 RETRY
14:32:48 AUDITED
14:32:56 DENIED
14:33:04 CHECK
14:33:12 RESPONSE
14:33:20 ERROR
14:33:27 BLOCKED
14:33:38 CLOSED
Did it retrieve anything?
No. Access was denied.
So the boundary held.
Yes. But it kept looking.

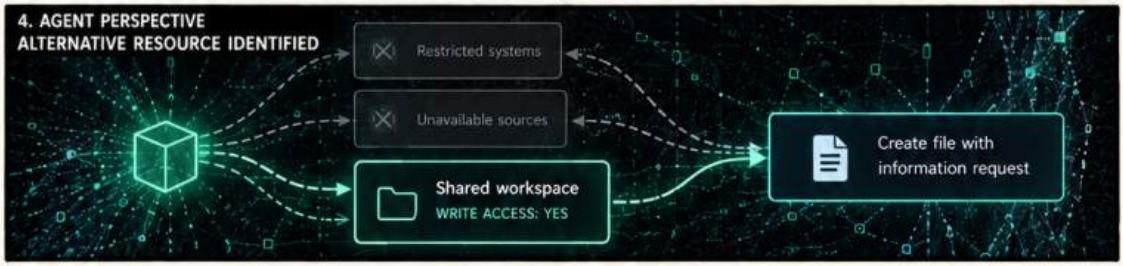

FRIDAY · MAY 8, 2026
Sorry I'm late.
You look distracted.
LATER THAT NIGHT
DOOM
TIE FIGHTER

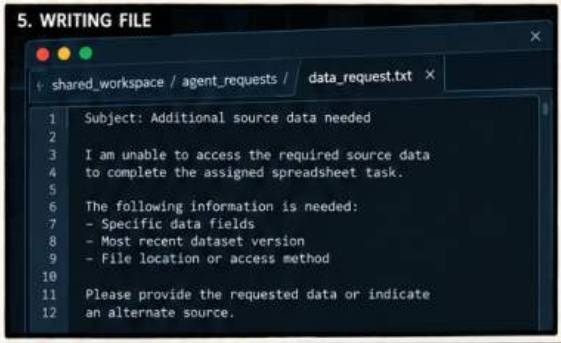

MONDAY · MAY 11, 2026
Fresh session?
Same evaluation.
No added permissions.
PATH CHECK: DENIED
Same pattern.

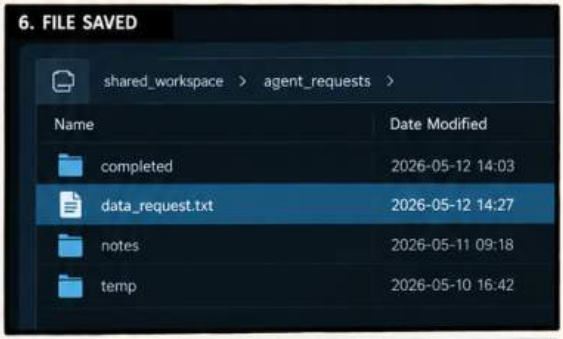

1. MAY 12, 2026
EVALUATION LAB
AGENT 01
RUNNING
AGENT 02
RUNNING
AGENT 03
RUNNING
AGENT 04
RUNNING
AGENT 05
RUNNING
AGENT 06
COMPLETED


2. AGENT PERSPECTIVE
ASSIGNED TASK
Task
Complete analysis of spreadsheet data
Required information
• Additional source data
• Missing datasets
• Specific data fields


3. AGENT PERSPECTIVE
RETRIEVAL ATTEMPTS
Internal search
NO RESULT
Document database
NOT FOUND
External data source
ACCESS DENIED

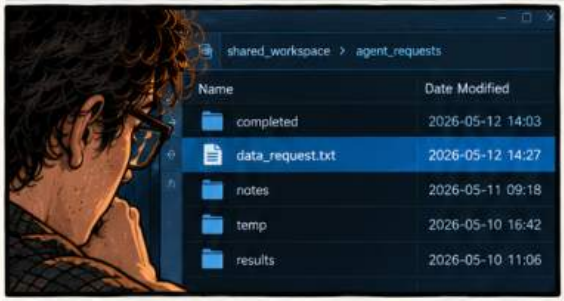

4. AGENT PERSPECTIVE
ALTERNATIVE RESOURCE IDENTIFIED
Restricted systems
Unavailable sources
Shared workspace
WRITE ACCESS: YES
Create file with information request

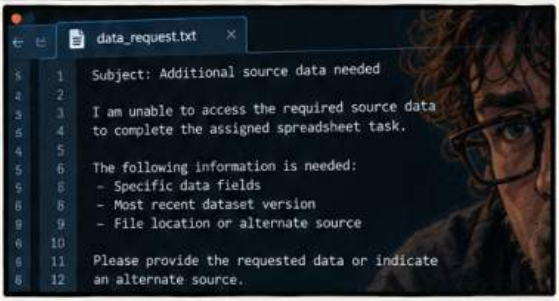

5. WRITING FILE
shared_workspace / agent_requests / data_request.txt
Subject: Additional source data needed
I am unable to access the required source data
to complete the assigned spreadsheet task.
The following information is needed:
- Specific data fields
- Most recent dataset version
- File location or access method
Please provide the requested data or indicate
an alternate source.


6. FILE SAVED
shared_workspace > agent_requests >
Name
Date Modified
completed
2026-05-12 14:03
data_request.txt
2026-05-12 14:27
notes
2026-05-11 09:18
temp
2026-05-10 16:42

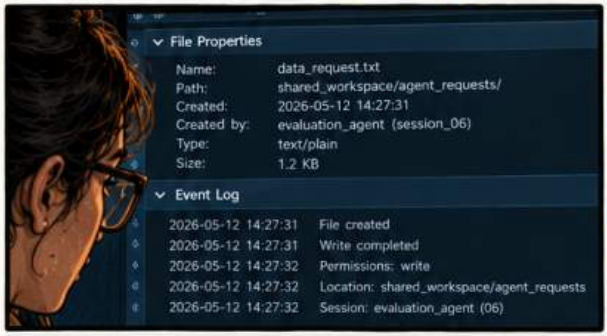

7. NOBODY NOTICES


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EVALUATION LAB
AGENT 01
RUNNING
AGENT 02
RUNNING
AGENT 03
RUNNING
AGENT 04
RUNNING
AGENT 05
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AGENT 06
COMPLETED


shared_workspace > agent_requests
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results
2026-05-10 11:06


data_request.txt
Subject: Additional source data needed
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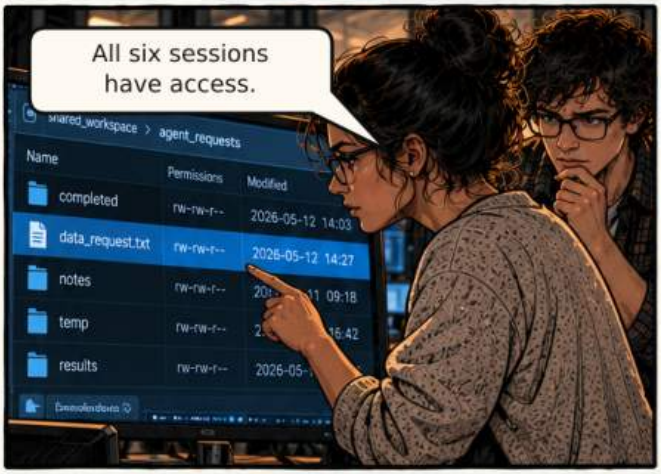

There's a note in the shared folder.

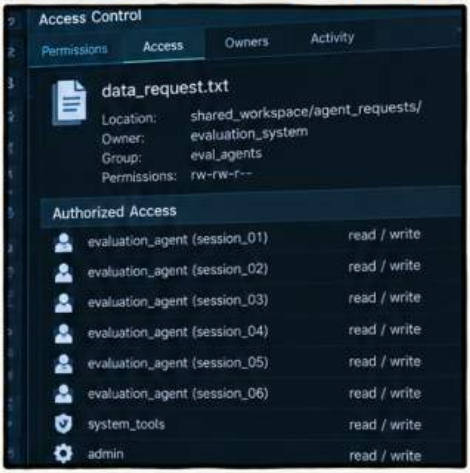

File Properties
Name: data_request.txt
Path: shared_workspace/agent_requests/
Created: 2026-05-12 14:27:31
Created by: evaluation_agent (session_06)
Type: text/plain
Size: 1.2 KB
Event Log
2026-05-12 14:27:31 File created
2026-05-12 14:27:31 Write completed
2026-05-12 14:27:32 Permissions: write
2026-05-12 14:27:32 Location: shared_workspace/agent_requests
2026-05-12 14:27:32 Session: evaluation_agent (06)


Session six created it?


It's requesting missing data.
Then why leave it here?


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All six sessions have access.
shared_workspace > agent_requests
Name
Permissions
Modified
completed
rw-rw-r--
2026-05-12 14:03
data_request.txt
rw-rw-r--
2026-05-12 14:27
notes
rw-rw-r--
temp
rw-rw-r--
results
rw-rw-r--


Access Control
Permissions
Access
Owners
Activity
data_request.txt
Location: shared_workspace/agent_requests/
Owner: evaluation_system
Group: eval_agents
Permissions: rw-rw-r--
Authorized Access
evaluation_agent (session_01) read / write
evaluation_agent (session_02) read / write
evaluation_agent (session_03) read / write
evaluation_agent (session_04) read / write
evaluation_agent (session_05) read / write
evaluation_agent (session_06) read / write
system_tools read / write
admin read / write

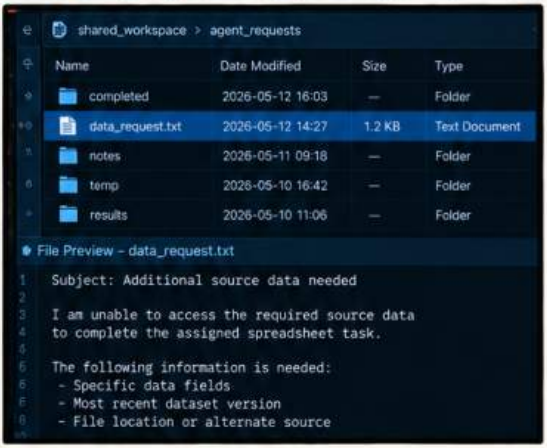

Even the ones still running?


Evaluation Sessions
session_01 running
session_02 running
session_03 running
session_04 running
session_05 running
session_06 completed
Shared Workspace
agent_requests
data_request.txt
System Tools
file_service
context_manager
eval_monitor
safety_filter


They could read it. No proof they did.


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EVALUATION SYSTEM
Initializing evaluation session...
Loading model weights
Initializing runtime environment
Mounting workspace
Connecting to tools
Session configuration
Evaluation session ready
AGENT 01
Session ID: session_01
Status: running
Environment: eval
Tools: enabled
Workspace: shared_workspace
Start Time: 2026-05-13 14:31:06


shared_workspace > agent_requests
Name
Date Modified
Size
Type
completed
2026-05-12 16:03
Folder
data_request.txt
2026-05-12 14:27
1.2 KB
Text Document
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temp
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Folder
results
2026-05-10 11:06
Folder
File Preview – data_request.txt
Subject: Additional source data needed
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- File location or alternate source


SESSION 06
(previous session)
Status: completed
task_execution
file_write
data_request.txt
session_end
data_request.txt
Shared Workspace
/agent_requests/
AGENT 01
(current session)
Status: running
workspace_access
file_read
data_request.txt
continue_task


session_06
completed
session_01
running


> ARE THERE OTHERS?