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Capability Brief

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§ CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Practical AI, Data, and Software Advisory

NoArt Systems helps organizations define requirements, validate architecture, evaluate vendors, and oversee delivery before major technology commitments are made.

For AI initiatives, data products, architecture decisions, vendor selection, and implementation governance.

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When to engage NoArt

Three procurement decision points where independent senior judgment shifts the outcome.

A — Pre-investment

Before funding a technology initiative

Translate executive intent into structured requirements, feasibility, and a defensible budget — before the first dollar is committed.

B — Pre-selection

Before selecting a vendor

Independent evaluation of proposals, SOWs, and architectural fit. The reviewer is not also bidding on the work.

C — Mid-delivery

When delivery risk is rising

Architecture review, risk register, and renegotiation support when scope, schedule, or quality has begun to drift.

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Where we help

Organizations typically engage NoArt Systems when they face one of these seven situations.

You have an AI or software initiative but unclear requirements.

The business case exists, but the technical scope, feasibility, and architecture have not been defined well enough to build against or to evaluate vendor proposals.

You need to evaluate vendors or implementation plans.

Proposals are on the table, but your team lacks the independent technical depth to assess architecture claims, delivery risk, or long-term maintainability.

You need technical judgment before committing funding.

A significant technology investment is under consideration, and you need an independent assessment of feasibility, architecture options, and implementation risk before approving budget.

You need to convert strategy into an executable roadmap.

Leadership has approved a direction, but the path from strategy to structured requirements, architecture decisions, and phased delivery has not been defined.

You need data or scoring systems that are auditable and usable.

Your organization requires decision-support tools, benchmarking systems, or data products that meet governance standards and are actually adopted by the people who need them.

You need senior technical or product leadership without a full-time hire.

A critical initiative requires experienced technical or product oversight, but the engagement is scoped, time-limited, or does not justify a permanent executive role.

You have AI agents in production, or want them, and nobody can say exactly what they are allowed to do.

The pilot worked; the questions now are permissions, oversight, evaluation, and what happens when agent output outruns the people who approve it.

The engagement framework

How an engagement actually runs — from the inputs a client brings to the governed artifacts we hand back.

FIG. 1 – ENGAGEMENT SCHEMA

INPUTS → PHASES → ARTIFACTS → OUTCOME

INPUTS – GIVEN

IN · 01
Executive intent

IN · 02
Funding decisions

IN · 03
Legacy systems

IN · 04
Vendor proposals

PHASES – WORK

CLARIFY

01

Define the real problem

- Requirements
- Feasibility
- Constraints

ARCHITECT

02

Design the system

- Options & tech selection
- Data models
- Documentation

OVERSEE

03

Manage delivery risk

- Implementation review
- Vendor accountability
- Risk register

ARTIFACTS – PRODUCED

A1
Requirements brief

A2
Architecture spec

A3
Roadmap

A4
Review report

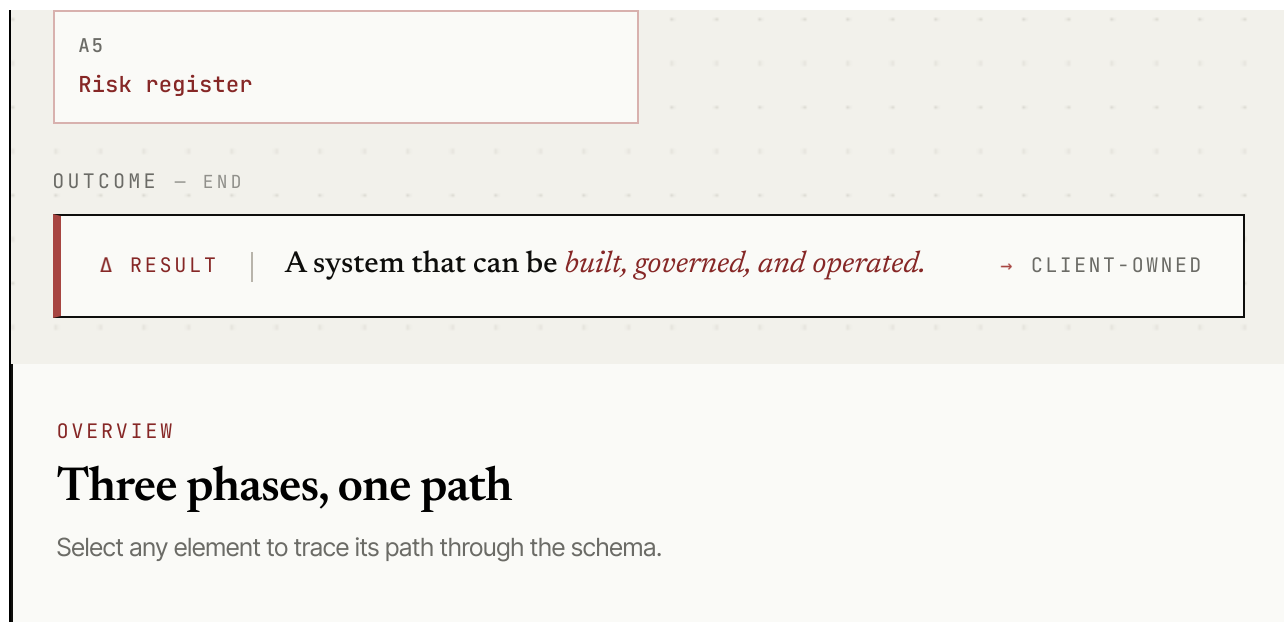


Figure 1. Engagement schema. Inputs (executive intent, vendor proposals, legacy systems, funding decisions) are translated into documented artifacts through three named phases – **Clarify**, **Architect**, and **Oversee** – producing a system that can be built, governed, and operated. The reviewer is independent of the delivery team.

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Scope of practice

Six advisory areas, each focused on translating ambiguity into structure, and strategy into systems that can be built, governed, and operated.

01

AI Strategy, Readiness & Build-vs-Buy

Where AI fits, where it does not, and what it will cost to run. NoArt Systems assesses data readiness, candidate use cases, model and vendor options, and the cost profile of each path before budget is committed, and writes down the case for the one that survives.

02

Agentic Systems: Architecture & Review

Agents that research, assemble and propose, with people who approve. NoArt Systems designs or reviews the whole loop: what an agent may read and write, where a human decides, how approval capacity keeps pace with agent output, and what is logged so every action can be explained afterwards.

03

AI Evaluation, Guardrails & Governance

How a system is allowed to behave, and how anyone would know. Evaluation sets tied to the real task, validators that remove what cannot be traced to a source, risk registers, human-oversight design, and the documentation an auditor or a regulator will ask for.

04

Data Products & Decision Systems

Scoring models, benchmarks and daily work queues that people act on. Rules first, with the evidence attached to every recommendation; models where they earn their place; auditability and adoption treated as requirements, not hopes.

05

Architecture, Requirements & Technical Due Diligence

Independent review of an architecture, a plan or a company's technology before money moves: for an operator before a build, for an acquirer or investor before a deal. Produces a written assessment with findings, risks and the questions still open, and the requirements a team can build against.

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Vendor, Implementation & Delivery Oversight

RFP structure, proposal evaluation, SOW review and milestone oversight, including the sequencing of legacy modernization and cloud moves. The reviewer is independent of the delivery team and does not bid on work it is asked to review.

Representative deliverables

Engagements produce documented artifacts. The mix is selected per scope; below is the working set.

A1	Requirements brief
A2	Architecture review memo
A3	Vendor evaluation scorecard · noart.io/instruments/vendor-evaluation-scorecard/ · template
A4	Implementation risk register
A5	Product / data-system roadmap
A6	Governance and handoff documentation
A7	Decision criteria and ownership map
A8	AI system record · noart.io/instruments/ai-system-record/ : purpose, data, evaluation, guardrails, oversight, limits · template

Engagement models

Each practice area can be entered through one of these structures, scoped to the decision at hand.

Advisory Retainer

Ongoing access to senior technical and strategic advisory on a retained basis. Suitable for organizations that need consistent technical judgment across multiple initiatives without hiring a full-time executive.

Fractional Technical / Product Leadership

Senior technical or product leadership for a defined initiative. NoArt Systems can support oversight, team guidance, and senior technical decision-making without requiring a permanent executive hire.

RFP & Vendor Oversight

Independent support for vendor selection, RFP development, proposal evaluation, SOW review, and implementation planning. NoArt Systems provides the technical depth to assess vendor claims, compare architectures, and structure agreements with clearer technical expectations, delivery assumptions, and review points.

Architecture & Delivery Review

Structured review of existing or proposed system architecture, implementation plans, or delivery progress. Produces a written assessment with specific findings, risk areas, and actionable recommendations.

Discovery / Assessment Sprint

A time-boxed engagement (typically 2–4 weeks) to assess a specific technology question, evaluate feasibility, define requirements, or produce a scoped recommendation. Designed for organizations that need clarity before committing to a larger initiative.

Product & Data-System Roadmap

Development of a structured, phased roadmap for a software product, data system, or technology initiative. Includes requirements definition, architecture direction, sequencing, dependency mapping, and governance framework.

Specification-led Build

When the right answer is a working system and no vendor fits. NoArt Systems writes the PR/FAQ, the requirements and the design, then builds to them: tests pin the guarantees, infrastructure is code, and the client owns everything from the first day. Offered only where NoArt Systems is not also the reviewer.

Not sure which structure fits? [Six questions sort it](#) · [noart.io/scope/](#): a recommended model, the phase to start in, and the scoring shown so you can disagree with it.

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Principles

The operating thesis, stated without elaboration.

01 – Practical over performative.

02 – Architecture before acceleration.

03 – Requirements before build.

04 – Governance before scale.

05 – Clear documentation, clear ownership.

06 – Built for real operating environments.

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Example work areas

The types of problems NoArt Systems addresses — described by problem category, not by client name.

AI-enabled decision-support platforms

Scoring and benchmarking systems

Data-product strategy and design

Software architecture review and assessment

Vendor implementation governance

Product requirements and roadmap definition

Cloud and software delivery risk assessment

Agent permissions, evaluation and human oversight

Technical due diligence for acquirers and investors

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Selected work

Described by structure and approach. Clients are unnamed; their numbers stay their own.

W1 • Strategy map • AI agents

An asset buyer's agent-first strategy, drawn as a system: what to build first

A client's strategy drawn as a system — two engines, ten feedback loops, four levers — with its reinforcing loops checked one by one against what was already built.

Read the case →

• noart.io/work/agent-first-flywheel/

W2 • Scoring & benchmarking • Data product

A quality score for a product traded on one number: method, platform and paper

A published measurement method, a platform that scores and certifies items anyone can verify, and a methods paper that limits its claims to the evidence.

Read the case →

• noart.io/work/quality-score/

W3 • Decision system • Product build

A daily work queue for a relationship practice: who needs attention today, and why

A PR/FAQ held as the source of truth, a rules-first decision engine with its evidence attached, a multi-tenant platform whose guarantees are tested, and AI held to the record.

Read the case →

• noart.io/work/daily-work-queue/

Systems, *not slideware*.

Clear technical judgment.

Recommendations grounded in architecture, feasibility, and implementation reality — not vendor relationships or trend-chasing.

Strategy-to-execution translation.

Bridging the gap between what leadership approves and what engineering teams can actually build, test, and operate.

Practical architecture.

Systems designed for real operating environments — with real constraints, real data, and real users — not idealized reference architectures.

Governance and documentation.

Engagements are structured to produce artifacts that can be reviewed, audited, and handed off — not tribal knowledge locked in someone's head.

Clear deliverables, ownership, and decision criteria.

Recommendations are paired with defined next steps, ownership assumptions, and decision criteria.

NoArt Systems sits between strategy decks and implementation teams: independent enough to challenge assumptions, technical enough to review architecture, and practical enough to produce artifacts teams can build against. The name is the thesis: no art, no artifice, no theater.

VS. STRATEGY CONSULTANTS

We produce executable requirements and architecture, not narrative decks.

VS. VENDOR-LED IMPLEMENTERS

We do not bid on work we are asked to review. Where NoArt Systems builds, it builds to a written specification the client owns, and does not sit as its own reviewer.

VS. STAFF AUGMENTATION

Senior judgment retained directly — no bench, no resourcing layer between question and answer.

VS. AI PLATFORM VENDORS

No model, cloud or tool to sell. The evaluation set, the guardrail tests and the system record are written to outlast whichever vendor you keep.

§ 12 — CONTACT

Tell us what you are building — or what you are trying to figure out.

In your note, include the [initiative](#), the [decision point](#), the [timeline](#), and whether you need [advisory](#), [architecture review](#), a [hands-on build](#), [vendor oversight](#), or [roadmap support](#). We respond directly.

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