

So What? The 10 Things to Implement

Operational Companion Checklist

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Companion to: *Philosophy, Cognitive Science, and Policy: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Generative AI from Wittgenstein, Lewis, Dennett, and Nagel (Version 1.25.2).*

Version note: Updated to align with Philosophy, Cognitive Science, and Policy V1.25.2. This release preserves the existing implementation guidance while reflecting the paper's refined treatment of originality, novelty, authenticity, and the importance of preserving conceptual distinctions when governing generative AI.

A one-page practical checklist

1. ☐ **Name the language game, monitor drift**

Declare task, role, scope, and permitted vocabulary per use-case. Track stance/genre drift and accommodation effects; review quarterly.

2. ☐ **Separate retrieval from revision**

Retrieval returns facts; a distinct step reconciles conflicts, retracts presuppositions, and updates commitments. Capture what changed and why.

3. ☐ **Expose and confirm conversation state**

Show a live assumptions & constraints pane. Require explicit confirmation when the system adds, removes, or reprioritizes assumptions.

4. ☐ **Use the “as-if” stance - ban mind-talk**

Treat agent-like language, anthropomorphic interface cues, and claims of authenticity as predictive shorthand rather than evidence of mental states. Prohibit unsupported claims about beliefs, feelings, intentions, consciousness, or authenticity in UI, documentation, and training materials.

5. ☐ **Bound simulated empathy; route high-affect work**

Label simulations. In care, legal, or dignity-affecting contexts, restrict personas and require human review before action.

6. ☐ **Evaluate coherence, not just correctness**

Test contradiction avoidance across turns, retention of corrections, presupposition repair, refusal quality, and paraphrase stability - per use-case.

7. ☐ **Red-team norms, not only outputs**

Attack role drift, policy erosion, and silent assumption changes mid-dialogue. Log “score changes” as incidents; remediate guardrails.

8. ☐ **Be audit-ready by default**

Log retrieval sources/timestamps, assumption approvals, refusal rationales, and decision ownership so accountability is reconstructible.

9. ☐ **Train operators in three moves**

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Pick the right language game; confirm or roll back assumptions; maintain “as-if” discipline. Provide a concise playbook and failure-mode examples.

10. ☐ Bake requirements into procurement & policy

Require exportable conversation state, assumption APIs, stance limits, per-use-case evaluations, refusal/appeal routes, and evidence logging. Map to your standards.