

OPEN FOUNDATION GUIDE · 008

# Ledger: the complete foundation guide

Mechanism, artefact, interfaces, stack joins, failure, reproducibility, performance method, security, deployment, adoption, and exit for Ledger.

LEDGER

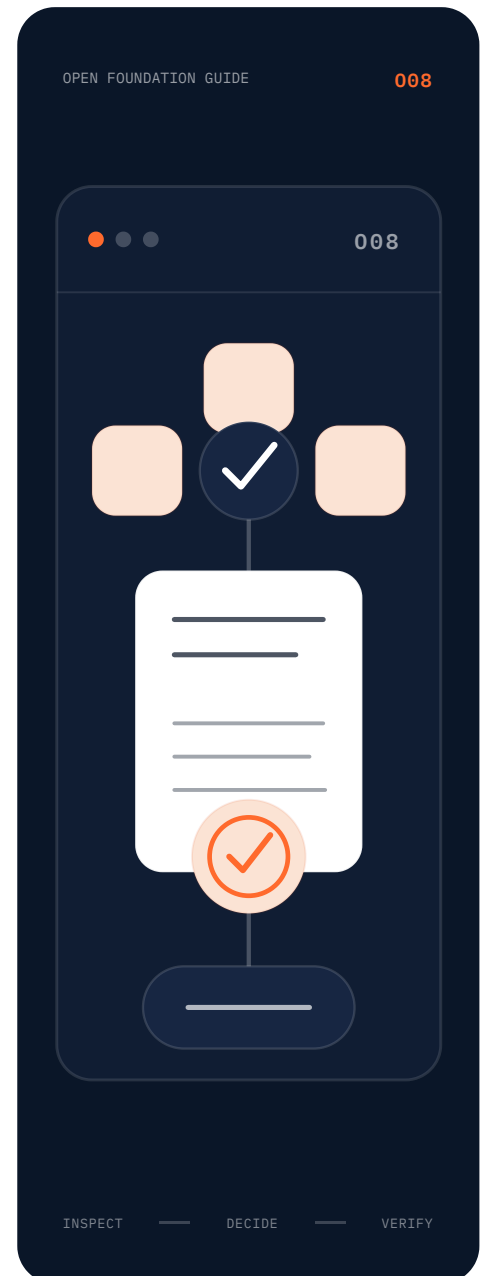
MECHANISM

ARTEFACT

REPRODUCIBILITY

SECURITY

EXIT



Read this when the name Ledger is not enough and the team needs to inspect the component contract and reproduce its claim.

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# Ledger, from mechanism to independent check

The guide uses one illustrative exercise: a platform appends typed tool, gate, lifecycle and rights events across a workflow; the event shape and chain remain stable across selected storage backends.

## PRIMARY READERS

Engineers, maintainers and independent reviewers

## READING DEPTH

Deep technical

## DECISION THIS SUPPORTS

A component-level guide for teams deciding whether and how to rely on Ledger for typed, hash-chained system event provenance.

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## READING RULE

The published Ledger open-foundation page owns factual statements. Illustrative envelopes and evaluation procedures show what a credible integration should specify; they are not invented project APIs.

## SOURCE DISCIPLINE

Dweve-specific facts are taken directly from the English website text audited 2026-07-20; web-navigation wording is humanised for print. Evaluation guidance is editorial, and scenarios and derived visuals are illustrative. Unsupported synthesis is replaced by canonical copy or omitted.

READ THIS FIRST • DECISION

# Who should read the Ledger guide

Engineers, architects, security and assurance teams, product owners, open-source reviewers, and operators can use this guide to evaluate typed, hash-chained system event provenance.

Ledger is an inspectable foundation for typed, hash-chained system event provenance. The decision is whether the mechanism and artefact fit a selected product/workflow boundary, can be reproduced on the organisation's inputs and targets, can be packaged and operated safely, and can be replaced without losing data or historical evidence.

The worked example begins when a platform appends typed tool, gate, lifecycle and rights events across a workflow. The expected normal behaviour is: the event shape and chain remain stable across selected storage backends. The fault case is: an event is deleted, reordered or duplicated during migration/replay. A sound result is: integrity or idempotency checks expose the problem without re-executing external side effects. These statements are illustrative evaluation framing, not a customer outcome.

Verify current source/repository and release status, licence, documentation, supported interfaces/platforms, product integration, benchmark method, security, deployment artefacts, support, and rights at the decision date. The website is the sole factual source for this edition; the installed component supplies final proof.

**FOUNDATION****Ledger**

typed, hash-chained  
system event provenance

**OBJECT****hash-chained  
typed event  
stream**

The bounded technical  
artefact.

**FAULT****Deliberate  
negative case**

an event is deleted,  
reordered or duplicated  
during migration/replay

**DECISION****Fit + reproduce**

Integrate, operate, verify  
and exit.

**PRIMARY VERIFICATION**

Append each selected event category, migrate between two storage tiers without re-encoding, verify chain and schema, alter/delete/reorder events, replay from checkpoint into a read-only projection, test duplicate delivery, and retrieve a rights or incident chronology.

[READ THIS FIRST](#) • [TERMS](#)

# Vocabulary and claim boundary

Foundation, project, surface, artefact, manifest, verifier, benchmark, product integration, and commercial/source rights answer different questions.

## Mechanism and artefact

Ledger validates an event's content hash before it appends the event. The event can also carry the previous event's chain hash, so a verifier can detect a missing or reordered entry in the copy it checks. Content-hash recomputation on reads is available through the optional VerifiedStore wrapper.

## Project, product, and surface

The open-foundation description describes the project. A product may use it without exposing the same interface or licence. A library, CLI, service, sidecar, FFI, MCP or WASM build is a surface; surface availability and parity require current verification.

## Measured and assurance claims

A number remains tied to its corpus/input, hardware, version, configuration, method, baseline and limitation. Integrity, determinism, provenance, containment or offline checking support bounded assurance; they do not prove truth, correctness, legitimacy, legal compliance, fitness or commercial entitlement.

| TERM               | ANSWERS                       | DOES NOT ANSWER                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Foundation</b>  | Which mechanism?              | Who owns product work               |
| <b>Artefact</b>    | What can be consumed/checked? | Why purpose is legitimate           |
| <b>Surface</b>     | How invoked?                  | Semantic parity automatically       |
| <b>Open/source</b> | What can be inspected?        | Current release/right automatically |
| <b>Benchmark</b>   | What was measured?            | Production SLA/ROI                  |
| <b>Verifier</b>    | Which proposition holds?      | Every upstream premise is true      |

Keep these distinctions attached to every adoption claim.

### FOUNDATION COUNT WARNING

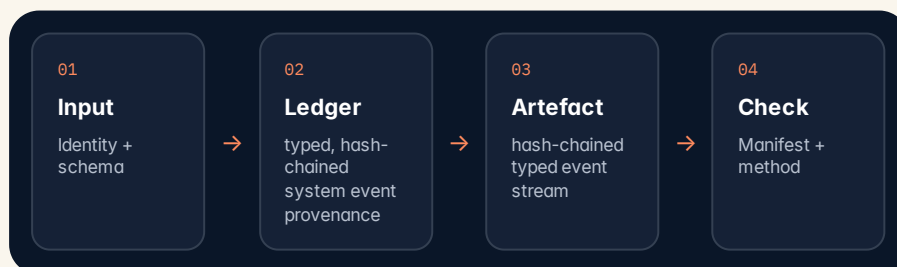
Only relationships asserted by the current product and open-source pages are drawn here. Absence from this ledger is not a claim that a foundation is unused.

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MECHANISM AND ARTEFACT

# Ledger must earn its place at one technical join

Define the problem, input, mechanism, output artefact, interfaces, dependencies, failure, and evidence before discussing adoption.



The component contract used throughout the chapter.

## MECHANISM • RESPONSIBILITY

# Ledger solves one inspectable technical problem

Ledger is the foundation for typed, hash-chained system event provenance. Its value is the contract and artefact it contributes, not “open source” as a decorative label.

Ledger appends typed events to a hash chain that can be queried and replayed. The same event shape can use memory, JSONL, SQLite, Postgres, or archival storage, and can be embedded through a crate/C ABI or operated through sidecar/service forms.

The worked example begins when a platform appends typed tool, gate, lifecycle and rights events across a workflow. The principal technical object is a hash-chained typed event stream. Under the normal path, the event shape and chain remain stable across selected storage backends. This gives the integration a bounded proposition it can test and retain.

The foundation joins Fabric tenant audit, Nexus organisation history, Aura receipts, Spindle knowledge events, Charter outbox/lifecycle, Knot actions, Selvedge transcripts, and external archival/WORM storage. Each caller should depend on the declared input/output and manifest, not on hidden internal state. A product can validate, route, combine or present the component result while keeping Ledger artefact identity and limitations intact.

## FOUNDATION

**Ledger**

typed, hash-chained  
system event provenance

## OBJECT

**hash-chained  
typed event  
stream**

The artefact or state a  
caller consumes.

PUBLISHED WEBSITE  
SOURCES**Ledger open-  
foundation  
page**

Verify current  
project/release/source  
status.

## DECISION

**Fit + reproduce**

Inspect mechanism,  
integrate, fail, verify, and  
exit.

## PRIMARY BOUNDARY

Ledger shows recorded system events and their integrity. It is not the same as a decision proof or execution transcript, and an event that says “action completed” still needs a trustworthy producer or attached target receipt.

MECHANISM • INPUT CONTRACT

# Define the component input before invoking it

A file, query, module, model, event or value becomes a reproducible input only when its identity, schema, configuration, rights, and comparison scope are declared.

For the example, a platform appends typed tool, gate, lifecycle and rights events across a workflow. The component call should bind work/purpose, input identity and origin, schema/format, Ledger version, configuration/profile, target/runtime where relevant, resource and security limits, expected output or verdict, and evidence requirements.

Use content hashes for immutable bytes and signed/versioned identities plus effective metadata for state that cannot be reduced to a file. Preserve collection, parsing, normalisation or translation steps that materially affect meaning. If input is a reference, the manifest must make it resolvable under the selected retention and access policy.

Reject malformed, missing, ambiguous, inaccessible, unauthorised, incompatible, over-limit, or unsupported input before producing a normal-looking output. A valid negative result is different from invalid input; a partial parse or collection is different from empty content; an unsupported target is different from a failed supported execution.

## ILLUSTRATIVE LEDGER REQUEST

|           |                            |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| work_id   | component-4f9e             |
| purpose   | bounded-evaluation         |
| input     | content-addressed identity |
| schema    | declared format + version  |
| component | Ledger@pinned              |
| config    | profile + target + limits  |
| result    | typed artefact or verdict  |
| evidence  | manifest + raw check       |

Illustrative envelope, not a claimed current API.

## INPUT MUTATION TEST

Change one identity, schema, configuration, target or authority field and verify the result either changes under a new manifest or is rejected explicitly.

## MECHANISM • EXECUTION

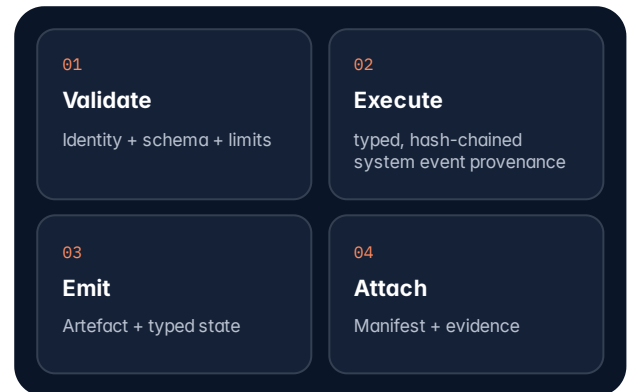
# The Ledger mechanism as a four-stage pipeline

The exact implementation is component-specific; the evaluation pattern remains validate, execute, emit a typed artefact, and bind it to evidence.

Ledger appends typed events to a hash chain that can be queried and replayed. The same event shape can use memory, JSONL, SQLite, Postgres, or archival storage, and can be embedded through a crate/C ABI or operated through sidecar/service forms.

At receive, validate identity, schema, configuration, capability and limits. At execute, run the declared typed, hash-chained system event provenance mechanism without silently substituting an implementation or profile. At emit, return the artefact plus explicit success, negative, partial, refusal, invalid, failure or unverifiable state. At attach, commit versions, inputs, configuration, raw result and verifier dependencies.

The component's described surfaces are Rust crate, C ABI, sidecar, service binary, five documented storage tiers, lifecycle/tool/gate/data-right/incident/attestation events, query and replay. Surface adapters can change transport and ergonomics; they should not change the component proposition. Equivalent supported calls through a library, CLI, service, sidecar, FFI, MCP or WASM surface should reconcile to the same input and artefact identities under the declared mode.



A reusable component-evaluation flow for Ledger.

**SURFACE PARITY**

Run one supported case through two selected interfaces and compare semantic result, artefact identity, failure class, and evidence, not only transport status.

MECHANISM • RESULT

# The artefact manifest is part of the output

The caller needs the Ledger artefact and enough identity to interpret, verify, reproduce, migrate, or reject it later.

The material interface includes stream and event identity, typed schema/version, actor/source, timestamp/order, payload or protected reference, previous hash, event hash, signature/attestation where configured, checkpoint, storage backend, replay cursor, and verification result. The exact object names and schemas come from the current project. The architectural requirement is that the result does not lose the input, component, configuration, target, comparison, and verifier information that gives it meaning.

Return work/result and artefact identity; semantic schema and component versions; input references; configuration/profile; runtime/target; state/error; raw and derived outputs; warnings/limits; integrity or signature; evidence references; and compatibility/retention requirements. Keep human-friendly summary separate from machine-verifiable material.

A downstream product may store only a stable reference when the artefact is sensitive or large. The packet manifest must still resolve the authorised object and make missing, withdrawn, expired or incompatible dependencies explicit. Export should preserve the artefact and manifest, not only a rendered report.

| COMPONENT RECORD                                             |                                        | ledger-artefact |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| COMPONENT                                                    | <b>Ledger + version</b>                | PINNED          |
| INPUT                                                        | <b>identity + schema</b>               | PINNED          |
| CONFIG                                                       | <b>profile + target + limits</b>       | PINNED          |
| RESULT                                                       | <b>hash-chained typed event stream</b> | TYPED           |
| INTEGRITY                                                    | <b>hash/signature where used</b>       | CHECKED         |
| VERIFIER                                                     | <b>format + runtime + trust</b>        | RETAINED        |
| Illustrative manifest; use the implemented component format. |                                        |                 |

## EXPORT TEST

Export a Ledger result and reproduce the declared check using only the documented artefact, manifest, and verifier dependencies.

## MECHANISM • INTERFACES

# Integration surfaces must preserve one semantic contract

Ledger can appear as a library, executable, service, sidecar, FFI, MCP or WASM component; each surface is still the same bounded mechanism.

The published description describes Rust crate, C ABI, sidecar, service binary, five documented storage tiers, lifecycle/tool/gate/data-right/incident/attestation events, query and replay. For every selected surface, confirm authentication/authorisation where applicable, schema and version, capability discovery, payload/reference limits, memory/time/fuel or resource limits, streaming/order, concurrency, cancellation, errors, retries, idempotency, logs/evidence, packaging, and supported platform/target.

The application should validate the component result before promoting it into product state. Preserve a stable adapter boundary so an implementation can be upgraded or replaced while the caller's semantic contract remains. Provider-specific data belongs in declared extension fields and the manifest, not in hidden behaviour.

Contract tests drive the same corpus through selected surfaces and compare accepted/rejected input, output state, artefact identity, integrity/verdict, resource behaviour, and failure semantics. Transport codes and process exits should map to documented component result classes.

| SURFACE QUESTION  | REQUIRED ANSWER                                   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Capability</b> | Which operation/version/profile is supported?     |
| <b>Identity</b>   | How are input and artefact named?                 |
| <b>Limits</b>     | Size, time, memory, concurrency, fuel, target?    |
| <b>Errors</b>     | Invalid, negative, partial, failed, unverifiable? |
| <b>Evidence</b>   | Which manifest/raw result/verdict returns?        |
| <b>Packaging</b>  | Which runtime/dependencies/rights are required?   |

The same checklist applies across local and service interfaces.

## ADAPTER RULE

An adapter may translate representation; it must not silently weaken the component's correctness, determinism, security, or evidence contract.

MECHANISM • COMPOSITION

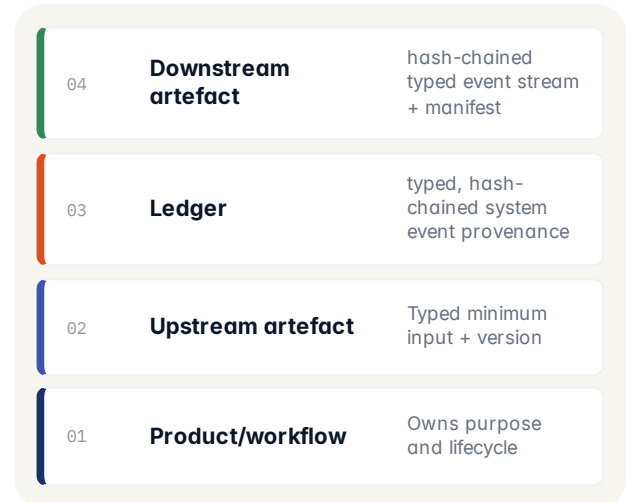
# Place the foundation at the correct stack join

A foundation contributes a narrow artefact to products and other foundations; it does not become a product owner merely because it is reusable.

Nexus composes the organisation that performs the work. It is not where your invoices live, not where your contracts are filed, and not the system anybody audits for a balance. Above it, people set the objective and receive the result in Fabric. Beneath it, cognition, governed knowledge and compute are supplied. Your own systems stay yours, reached through recorded crossings.

The upstream caller passes only the minimum input with source, purpose, rights and configuration. The component returns a versioned artefact or reference and state. The downstream caller validates compatibility and may derive new state while preserving lineage. A feedback or update path uses an explicit event/control contract rather than mutating hidden component state.

Mark dependencies required/optional/selected, supported versions, trust/data boundary, resource and determinism effect, packaging and licence, failure mapping, update coupling, and evidence. Then remove or substitute the foundation in a test design to see exactly which promise and object disappear.



A conceptual stack join; exact component dependencies follow the current project manifest.

## NO FOUNDATION SOUP

If several foundations appear in a diagram but no one can name the artefact each contributes, the design is branding rather than architecture.

## MECHANISM • FAILURE

# Failure is part of the component API

The worked fault is: an event is deleted, reordered or duplicated during migration/replay. The safe result is: integrity or idempotency checks expose the problem without re-executing external side effects.

The component-specific failure model is: Schema incompatibility, missing event, order break, hash mismatch, clock anomaly, duplicate append, partial backend migration, corrupt checkpoint, unauthorised payload access, or replay that applies a side effect twice must be detected and contained.

Expose invalid input, unsupported capability/configuration/target, resource or dependency failure, integrity mismatch, verification failure, valid negative/refusal, and partial result as distinct states. Include stable work/input identity, failing stage, version/configuration, retry safety, partial artefact policy, diagnostic detail, and evidence. Never encode all conditions as empty output.

Recovery can correct input, select an explicitly approved substitute, retry a safe pure operation, resume from checkpoint, rebuild a derived artefact, escalate to an owner, quarantine the result, or stop. If a component can cause external effect, reconcile it before retry. Preserve failed attempts and manifest changes.

| STATE                   | MEANING                               | CALLER ACTION                      |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Invalid</b>          | Input/contract cannot be accepted     | Correct; do not retry unchanged    |
| <b>Unsupported</b>      | Declared capability absent            | Select approved path or stop       |
| <b>Negative/refusal</b> | Valid mechanism result                | Respect outcome/escalate by policy |
| <b>Partial</b>          | Some material unavailable             | Use only if contract permits       |
| <b>Failed</b>           | Execution/dependency/resource error   | Retry/recover by class             |
| <b>Unverifiable</b>     | Integrity/check cannot be established | Quarantine/investigate             |

Exact state names may differ; the semantic distinctions must remain.

## FAULT INJECTION

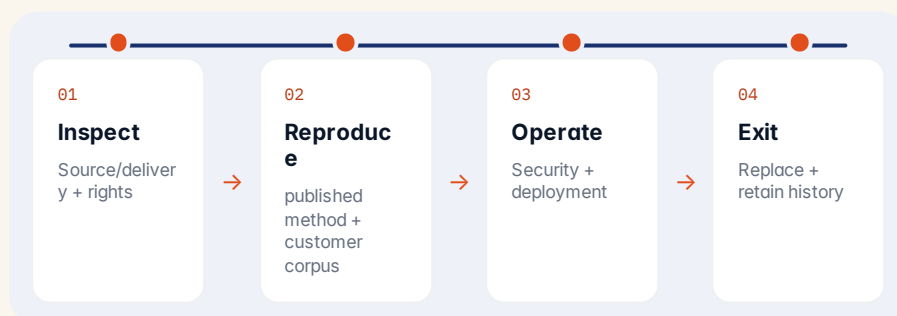
An event is deleted, reordered or duplicated during migration/replay. Verify that integrity or idempotency checks expose the problem without re-executing external side effects.

02

EVALUATION AND ADOPTION

# Reproduce, secure, package, integrate, and exit

A foundation becomes production infrastructure only when its narrow claim survives customer inputs, failure, deployment, operations, change, and removal.



The component decision is evidence-backed and reversible.

EVALUATION • REPRODUCIBILITY

# Reproduce the Ledger claim, not a summary of it

A credible reproduction pins every identity that can affect the declared proposition and retains raw results, limitations, and negative tests.

The canonical exercise is: Append each selected event category, migrate between two storage tiers without re-encoding, verify chain and schema, alter/delete/reorder events, replay from checkpoint into a read-only projection, test duplicate delivery, and retrieve a rights or incident chronology.

Capture component source or delivered binary identity, build/provenance and runtime environment, dependencies, input/corpus and rights, schemas, configuration/profile, target/hardware/ISA/backend, warm/cold and concurrency conditions where measured, harness/method, repetitions, comparison rule, raw outputs, verdict, reviewer and date.

First reproduce the narrow published claims under its published scope. Then run the customer's representative corpus and target environment. Include malformed, boundary, unsupported, malicious, resource, dependency, integrity and historical cases. A different workload may produce a different performance or quality result without contradicting the original measurement.

| COMPONENT RECORD                                                  |                              | ledger-reproduction |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| COMPONENT                                                         | source/binary + version      | PIN                 |
| INPUTS                                                            | corpus + identities + rights | PIN                 |
| ENVIRONMENT                                                       | target + hardware + runtime  | PIN                 |
| METHOD                                                            | harness + comparison         | PIN                 |
| RESULT                                                            | raw output + verdict         | RETAIN              |
| LIMITS                                                            | scope + exceptions           | RETAIN              |
| A screenshot or supplier summary is not a reproducibility record. |                              |                     |

## NEGATIVE CONTROL

An event is deleted, reordered or duplicated during migration/replay. The harness should expose the changed condition rather than still returning a green headline.

EVALUATION • PERFORMANCE

# Treat every performance number as a measured boundary

Throughput, latency, memory, recall, token reduction, operation coverage, cold start, or energy figures belong to a named workload and method, not the entire platform.

If the Ledger website description publishes a number, preserve its exact component path, corpus or input distribution, size, hardware and instruction set, software version and configuration, warm/cold state, batch/concurrency, repetitions and duration, metric/percentile, accuracy/recall/correctness condition, resource/power method, baseline, exclusions, raw harness and non-SLA qualification.

A fast component can be a small part of end-to-end time; a compact representation can shift work into conversion; an exact result can cost more than an approximate candidate stage; a cold-start advantage can coexist with a slower hot path. Report the full selected path and counter-metrics rather than promoting one route result into universal savings.

Reproduce relied-on numbers as written, then profile the integrated customer workload under steady, burst and degraded conditions. Include preprocessing, transfer, validation, evidence, stores, retries and caller backpressure. Size from service objectives and measured bottlenecks with recovery and growth headroom.

| MEASUREMENT FIELD           | WHY IT MATTERS                     |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Workload/corpus</b>      | Defines what was exercised         |
| <b>Hardware/ISA/backend</b> | Defines execution path             |
| <b>Config/warm/batch</b>    | Changes throughput/latency         |
| <b>Correctness/recall</b>   | Prevents speed-only comparison     |
| <b>Baseline boundary</b>    | Prevents unlike systems comparison |
| <b>Raw output/repeats</b>   | Shows distribution and exceptions  |

Use this record for every quantitative claim relied on.

## NO BENCHMARK ALCHEMY

A component benchmark can inform architecture; it cannot become a production SLA, total-cost saving, or whole-workflow outcome without additional evidence.

EVALUATION • SECURITY

# Security includes the component supply chain and parser/runtime boundary

Open or inspectable code helps review; it does not remove build, dependency, input, resource, capability, key, update, and disclosure risks.

Threat-model the Ledger inputs, parsers/decoders or runtime, dependencies, extension/plugin surfaces, FFI or service boundary, resources, files/network where applicable, artefact stores, signatures/keys, verifier, logs, packages, update channel and support/export path. Treat every external input and produced artefact as untrusted until validated.

Request source/repository or delivered binary identity as applicable, licence/rights, build provenance, dependency manifest/SBOM, compiler/toolchain, signatures, vulnerability and disclosure process, unsafe-code posture where stated, sandbox/capability/resource controls where relevant, hardening/fuzz/property tests, and supported platforms/versions.

Test malformed and adversarial inputs, decompression/size/resource exhaustion, path/URL/redirect escape where relevant, parser ambiguity, FFI misuse, service authentication/authorisation, capability denial, modified package, dependency removal, key rotation, verifier abuse, sensitive error/log output, and air-gap closure.

ORIGIN

## Provenance

Source/binary, build, dependencies, signature, licence and release status.

INPUT

## Robustness

Malformed, malicious, huge, ambiguous, private, unauthorised and incompatible cases.

RUNTIME

## Containment

Capabilities, memory/time/fuel, files/network, concurrency and failure isolation.

OUTPUT

## Disclosure/integrity

Schema validation, sensitive logs, artefact access, signing, export and verifier limits.

SECURITY BOUNDARY

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EVALUATION • DEPLOYMENT

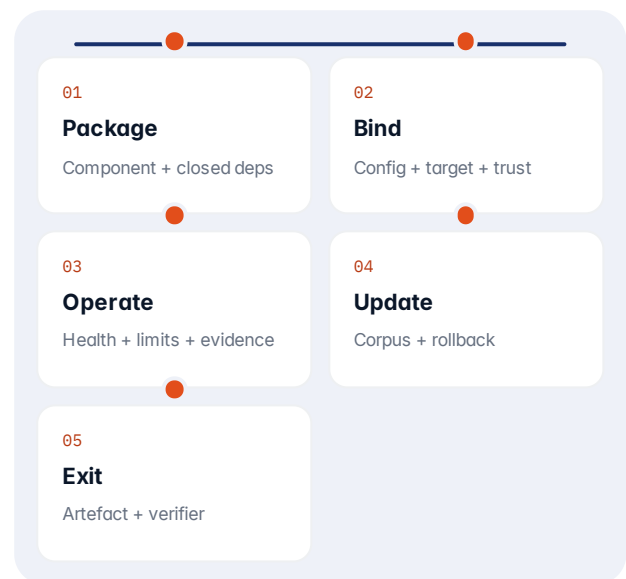
# Package and operate Ledger in the selected posture

A foundation may run embedded, as a local executable, sidecar, service, browser/WASM component or another published form; deployment must preserve its contract.

The published surfaces are Rust crate, C ABI, sidecar, service binary, five documented storage tiers, lifecycle/tool/gate/data-right/incident/attestation events, query and replay. Build an installed manifest for component, dependencies, runtime/toolchain where required, configuration/profile, platform/CPU features, stores, models/grammars/rules/keys or other data packages, interfaces/ports, limits, health/telemetry, evidence, licence and documentation.

In managed use, define the service and data boundary. In licensed operation, assign customer owners for package, dependency, access, capacity, observability, updates, backup/restore and support. In air gap, close every runtime, licence, trust, verification, update, and diagnostic dependency and validate controlled-media procedures.

Exercise install/cold start, representative load, dependency/resource failure, update and rollback, backup/restore of retained component state, historical artefact verification, no-network operation where required, supplier disconnect, export and decommission. Preserve exact package and environment versions.



Operational lifecycle for Ledger.

## AIR-GAP CHECK

A local executable is not proof of air-gap support if it still requires remote packages, identity, time, keys, licence, telemetry, model, or verification services.

## EVALUATION • INTEGRATION

# Adopt one reversible component path

Start where the foundation replaces a specific opaque, inconsistent, slow, expensive, unsafe, or unverifiable step, and retain the old path until evidence supports the switch.

Choose one real flow involving Fabric tenant audit, Nexus organisation history, Aura receipts, Spindle knowledge events, Charter outbox/lifecycle, Knot actions, Selvage transcripts, and external archival/WORM storage. Capture current input/output semantics, quality/correctness, latency/resource/cost, errors, operational work, security boundary, evidence and exit. Define what Ledger changes and what the product/workflow owner continues to own.

Integrate behind a versioned adapter; pin component and dependencies; run side-by-side or shadow where possible; compare semantic results and counter-metrics; inject invalid/failure cases; validate artefact/evidence; measure customer hardware and operations; obtain domain/security/technical approval; and cut over segmentally with rollback.

A trace cannot make an external source, model endpoint, human decision or physical device deterministic. It can identify the dependency, capture the response where policy permits, record the version or attestation available and state how replay treats the boundary. Changed or unavailable dependencies are results, not noise to hide.

01

**Read**

inspect published page, source/delivery, licence, interfaces and tests.

02

**Baseline**

Measure current component boundary and failures.

03

**Integrate**

Versioned adapter and minimum data path.

04

**Compare**

Customer corpus, security, performance and evidence.

05

**Cut over**

Segmented, reversible, monitored and owned.

**REVERSIBLE PATH**

At each stage the organisation can remove the component and return to the former contract without losing its data, evidence, or ability to explain work.

EVALUATION • DECISION

# Due diligence, portability, and the exit test

The foundation is production-ready only when mechanism, availability, rights, reproducibility, security, operation, historical verification, and removal are evidenced for the selected use.

Request the current Ledger source or delivered artefact status, repository/release and documentation, licence/rights, supported surfaces/platforms, semantic schemas/formats, dependency and build manifest, benchmark/verification harnesses, security evidence, known limitations, roadmap status, support/update policy, deployment package and compatibility.

Run the component-specific exercise: Append each selected event category, migrate between two storage tiers without re-encoding, verify chain and schema, alter/delete/reorder events, replay from checkpoint into a read-only projection, test duplicate delivery, and retrieve a rights or incident chronology. Record gaps as verified, not applicable with reason, accepted risk and owner/expiry, contractual condition, remediation and date, or a stop decision. Do not infer "shipping", "source available", "MIT", or product inclusion across components from the open-source overview count.

Binaries, model weights, charts, and every dependency bundle into a signed archive, delivered on encrypted physical media through a documented chain of custody. The import script validates checksums before unpacking. Licence validation is offline-signed. No network egress of any kind after install.

| COMPONENT RECORD                                                    | ledger-decision                   |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| MECHANISM                                                           | <b>contract + artefact</b>        | INSPECT |
| AVAILABILITY                                                        | <b>repo/release/delivery</b>      | VERIFY  |
| RIGHTS                                                              | <b>licence/use/modify/support</b> | CONFIRM |
| PROOF                                                               | <b>harness + customer corpus</b>  | RUN     |
| OPERATION                                                           | <b>package/update/recover</b>     | PROVE   |
| EXIT                                                                | <b>replace + history verifies</b> | PROVE   |
| A technical selection should retain this decision and its evidence. |                                   |         |

## EXIT EXERCISE

Archive the Ledger artefact, manifest, and verifier dependencies; reproduce the declared check without a Dweve-operated service and record what remains dependent.

## FIND A SUBJECT

# Subject index

Page references point to the substantive explanation, worked example, control, boundary, or decision record, not merely to a passing label.

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## CLOSING COMPONENT RECORD

# The next Ledger action is an independent component proof

Use the real input, configuration, target and failure that matter to the selected workflow. Preserve the artefact and enough dependencies that another authorised team can repeat the check.

Begin with the integration statement: the upstream product/workflow passes a typed input to Ledger for typed, hash-chained system event provenance; the component returns a hash-chained typed event stream and explicit state; the downstream caller validates it and preserves the manifest/evidence. Name every owner and dependency.

Run the primary exercise: Append each selected event category, migrate between two storage tiers without re-encoding, verify chain and schema, alter/delete/reorder events, replay from checkpoint into a read-only projection, test duplicate delivery, and retrieve a rights or incident chronology. Include the negative case, an event is deleted, reordered or duplicated during migration/replay, and confirm that integrity or idempotency checks expose the problem without re-executing external side effects. Capture source/binary, dependencies, inputs/corpus, configuration, target/hardware, method, raw output, verdict, security/failure results and limitations.

Then package and operate it in the intended posture, update and roll back, restore any retained state, verify a historical artefact, export and replace the component, and record what still depends on Dweve. Decide proceed, narrow, remediate, accept with owner/expiry, contract a condition, or stop.

| COMPONENT RECORD                                           |                                           | ledger-proof |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|
| CONTRACT                                                   | <b>input + output + failure</b>           | INSPECT      |
| ARTEFACT                                                   | <b>identity + manifest</b>                | RETAIN       |
| REPRODUCE                                                  | <b>published method + customer corpus</b> | RUN          |
| SECURITY                                                   | <b>abuse + supply chain</b>               | RUN          |
| OPERATION                                                  | <b>package/update/recover</b>             | PROVE        |
| EXIT                                                       | <b>replace + history</b>                  | PROVE        |
| A component proof ends in an auditable selection decision. |                                           |              |

### BOUNDARY

Ledger shows recorded system events and their integrity. It is not the same as a decision proof or execution transcript, and an event that says "action completed" still needs a trustworthy producer or attached target receipt.