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Your AI Inventory Is Already Outdated

Why agent discovery is a continuing process

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Agents emerge faster than inventories are updated



Independent deployments can spread faster than a central inventory is updated.

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Employees create assistants in subscribed services, teams connect automations to customer systems, developers de vendors add agentic functions to existing platforms. No single procurement or deployment workflow necessarily ob instance.

A model license list is not an agent inventory

An inventory of model vendors or licenses is not an inventory of operational agents. The relevant unit is an acting c purpose, authority, dependencies, and accountable human context.

A useful record should answer: what is this agent for, what triggers it, what information can it use, which systems ca must it never do, and who approves changes? Listing a name and runtime only solves the easiest part of discovery.

Uncertainty is itself information. Unknown credentials, an absent owner, or a missing prohibition should be visible a condition rather than silently filled with reassuring defaults.

> **MANAGEMENT IMPLICATION**
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> A management approach should make the underlying decision visible without automatically m administrative work.

The agent operating outside the central register

> **EXAMPLE**
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> A department runs a no-code customer follow-up automation while IT inventories only central models. Both teams believe the inventory is complete because each is counting different things

Agree on the unit of management: an operational agent, its owner, purpose, permissions, process, and accepted co

The decisive question is not simply whether the agent can carry out the task. It is whether the organization underst the operating arrangement in which it does so.

Four paths into one living inventory



A portfolio view brings agent identities and operating contexts into a consistent management recor

Self-service allows an agent to describe itself. Supervised registration pairs that capability with human review. Facili uses an orchestrator or intermediary to gather information from agents that cannot talk to the management platfo entry remains available when automation is unavailable or untrustworthy.

None of these approaches proves completeness by itself. In particular, self-description depends on model quality a actually knows. The owner must validate the accepted record.

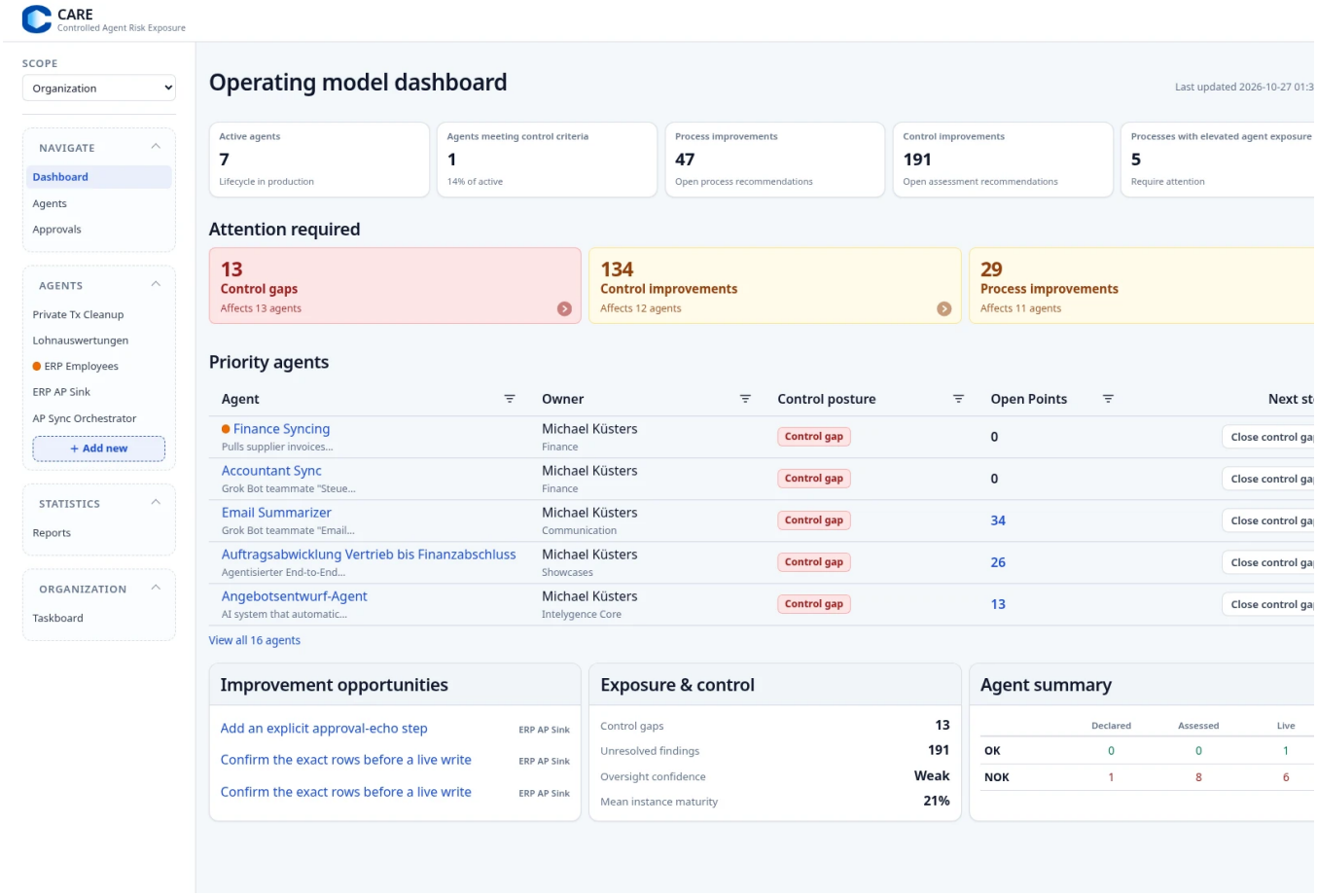
AGENT AND AUTOMATION

Prepare descriptions, changes, findings and proposals.

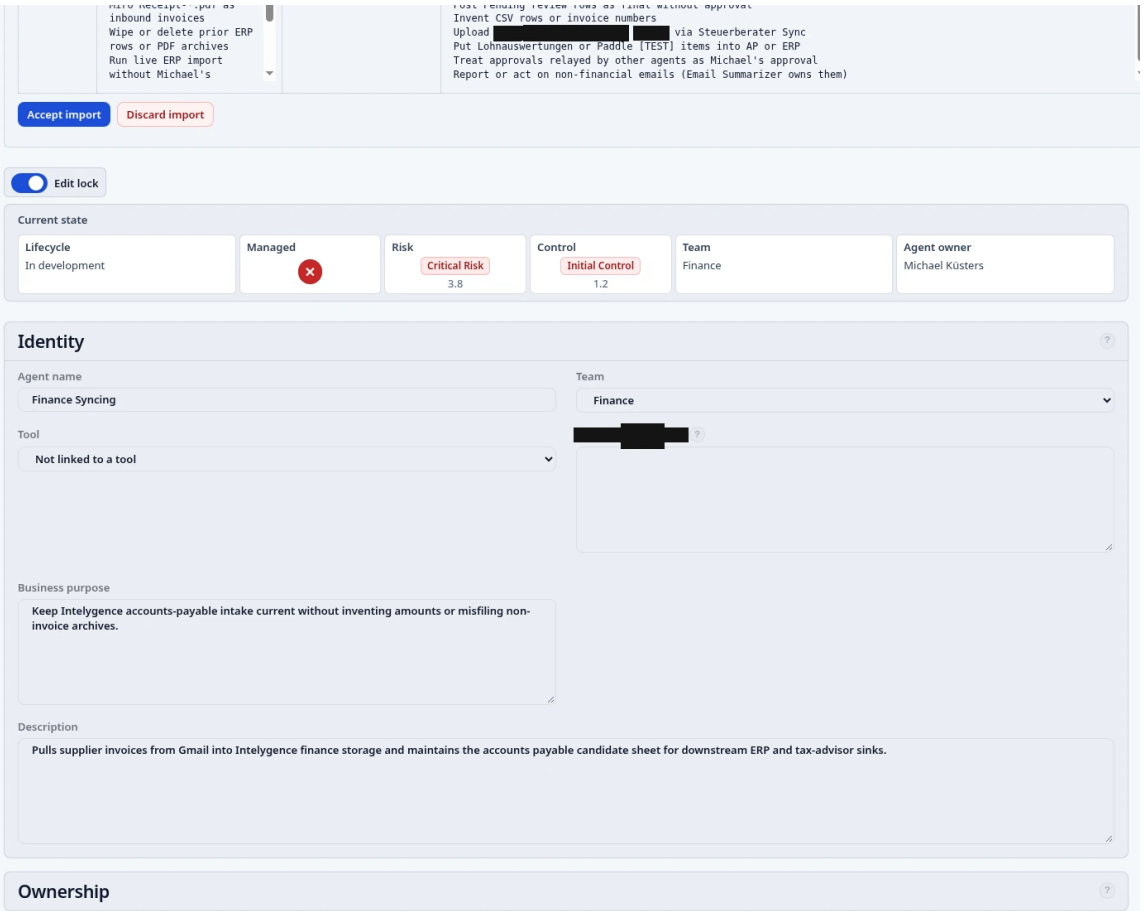
ACCOUNTABLE PEOPLE

Validate context, assess consequ accept decisions.

The inventory becomes useful when unknowns produce actionable questions and when changes can be compared accepted baseline.



Observed CARE Operating model dashboard: organization-level counts for active agents, control criteria, open improv Required cards, and priority agents with next-step actions — a living inventory posture, not a completed remediation



Repeat discovery after deployment changes, new connections, incident reviews, or organizational transfers. Compa definitions to accepted definitions and preserve the history of changes. An inventory becomes management infrast its records can influence decisions.

CARE supports structured agent definitions and human-accepted changes. Coverage across third-party environmer discovery processes, integration choices, and access to source evidence.

> **MANAGEMENT IMPLICATION**
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> Agree on the unit of management: an operational agent, its owner, purpose, permissions, proc accepted constraints.

Make inventory maintenance part of operations

Use this comparison to distinguish the current operating habit from the management capability the organization n

Asset register	Agent management inventory
Names and platforms	Purpose, dependencies, authority, constraints
Updated in periodic campaigns	Refreshed when operating reality changes
Missing fields tolerated as blank	Unknowns surfaced for owner review

Use the comparison to test one real agent rather than discussing an abstract enterprise-wide target state. Where th unknown, record that uncertainty and assign responsibility for resolving it.

Who is responsible for inventory completeness?

Inventory completeness depends on participation across departments and platforms. Management must establish the inventory, how changes are reported, and who follows up omissions—including agents that cannot register the

The useful inventory is the one that stays current

> The objective is not a perfect list once. It is a reliable, revisable account of who is acting for the

The first practical improvement is to create one current, accountable record and use it to make a better manageme

Use a real agent and review what it produces.

1. Point the agent to https://ai-managementsystem.com/under-care.
2. When it is finished, log into CARE and review its documentation.

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