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Authority Before Execution Architecture

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**NO
PERMIT**

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**NO
EXECUTION**

Execution remains dependent on
validated runtime authority.

Architecture Overview

This page presents a structural overview of Certor™ as an authority layer positioned before execution. Rather than allowing downstream action by default, the architecture introduces an explicit decision point before execution may proceed.

Certor™ is positioned before operational execution. Its role is not to replace the model, but to stand between system intent and real-world action.

The architecture introduces a separate decision layer capable of determining whether a requested action should proceed, be blocked, or be deferred.

Independent Gate

The authority layer is separated from the acting system, reducing reliance on self-authorization by the decision-generating component.

Explicit Decision

Each request produces an explicit result such as Permit, Block, or Defer, creating a clear pre-execution governance point.

Model-Agnostic Structure

The architecture is designed to function before downstream systems act, regardless of the model or service used beneath the authority layer.

Conceptual Execution Flow

AI Agents / Systems



Certor Authority Gate



Permit · Block · Defer



Adapter Router



External AI Services / Local Models / Enterprise APIs

Research Continuity

This architecture note is preserved as an early structural expression of the Authority Before Execution concept. It remains part of the Certor™ research archive while later publications expand the concept into fuller runtime governance, validation, and execution-authority frameworks.

Related Research

Foundational Paper

Authority Before Execution — full HTML publication.

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