PRACTITIONER TOOLKIT · TOOL 10

90-Day Action Plan

Discover (days 1–30) → Assess (days 31–60) → Mobilize (days 61–90), with immediate escalation any day

> **ABOUT THIS TOOL**
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> **Purpose.** Plan your first 90 days leading the identity work for agents. **Source.** Chapter 16 (Tables 16.1–16.3, Figure 16.1). **Version.** v1.0, September 2026.
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> **Record** who completed it and when, the scope, and for every entry its evidence source and date. Use N/A only with a reason; record Unknown as a finding. Day 90 is a mobilization point, not a finish line.

Scope: _____ Completed by / date: _____

1. Agree the escalation triggers in week one

Any of these sends a finding straight to a decision-maker rather than waiting for the Day 31 assessment. Escalation never waits for the next phase.

Table 1 — Immediate Escalation Triggers

Trigger	Why it escalates	Present in our scope? Where?	Escalated to / date
Write or irreversible actions	Consequence cannot be undone (IMDA impact factor)		
Sensitive or regulated data	Exposure is hard to contain (IMDA; Ch10)		
External exposure or third-party credentials	Controls stop at the boundary (Ch9, Ch10)		
Delegated user authority	The agent acts as someone else (Ch7)		
No accountable sponsor	Nobody can accept or refuse the risk (Ch8, Ch11)		
Long-lived privileged credentials	Theft gives durable access (Ch10)		

2. Outputs by phase

Table 2 — Phase Outputs and the Book Tools That Produce Them

Phase	Output	Book tool	Status / owner
Discover	Scoped inventory and use-case register	AI Agent Inventory (Ch4)	
Discover	Owner and sponsor map	Identity Readiness Checklist (Ch8)	
Discover	Authority, data and tool map	Inventory; Authority & Delegation Assessment (Ch4, Ch7; high-risk only)	
Discover	Confidence and coverage view	Readiness Assessment row fields (Ch14)	
Discover	Urgent-risk list	Escalation triggers (Table 1 above)	
Assess	360° assessment	IAM 360° Readiness Assessment (Ch14)	
Assess	KAB map	KAB Worksheet (Ch14)	
Assess	Architecture and governance gaps	Agent Governance Checklist (Ch11)	
Assess	Stakeholder and decision-right map	Responsibility Matrix (Ch12)	
Assess	Priority hypotheses	Maturity Assessment (Ch14)	
Mobilize	Agreed priorities and named owners	Responsibility Matrix (Ch12)	
Mobilize	Initial guardrails and policies	Agent Governance Checklist (Ch11)	
Mobilize	Remediation and pilot backlog	This plan (Table 3)	
Mobilize	Leadership decisions	Chapter 15	
Mobilize	Organizational roadmap	12–24 Month Roadmap (Ch15)	

3. Actions

One row per action. The first row is the book's CrystalSoft example (Table 16.2); replace it. CrystalSoft Energy is fictional.

Table 3 — Action Log

Action and purpose	Owner	Evidence / input → output	Dependency and risk trigger	Status, confidence and next decision
Replace the long-lived billing-platform credential with a shorter-lived or bound one. Purpose: reduce the blast radius of credential theft (Ch10).	*Finance platform team; IAM supports*	*PAM record; vendor capability confirmation; Drift precedent → new credential pattern in production; old credential revoked*	*Billing-platform vendor support. Trigger: third-party credential; long-lived; privileged*	*In progress (vendor call held). Medium: vendor answer pending. Next: accept the vendor's option, or add compensating controls*

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4. Adjust for your role

Table 4 — Role Emphasis Within the Same 90 Days

If you are…	Lead on	Make sure you also
IAM	Principals, credentials, access, delegation, lifecycle	Pull in threat and runtime context from security
Cybersecurity	Threat paths, telemetry, containment	Get authority context from IAM, not just entitlements
Architecture	Trust boundaries, gateways, protocol integration	Check that translation does not flatten identity (Ch9)
AI governance	Use-case approval, oversight, evidence	Include who acts and under whose authority in every approval
Technology or platform	Runtime, deployment, registration paths	Make sponsor and version changes trigger reviews

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