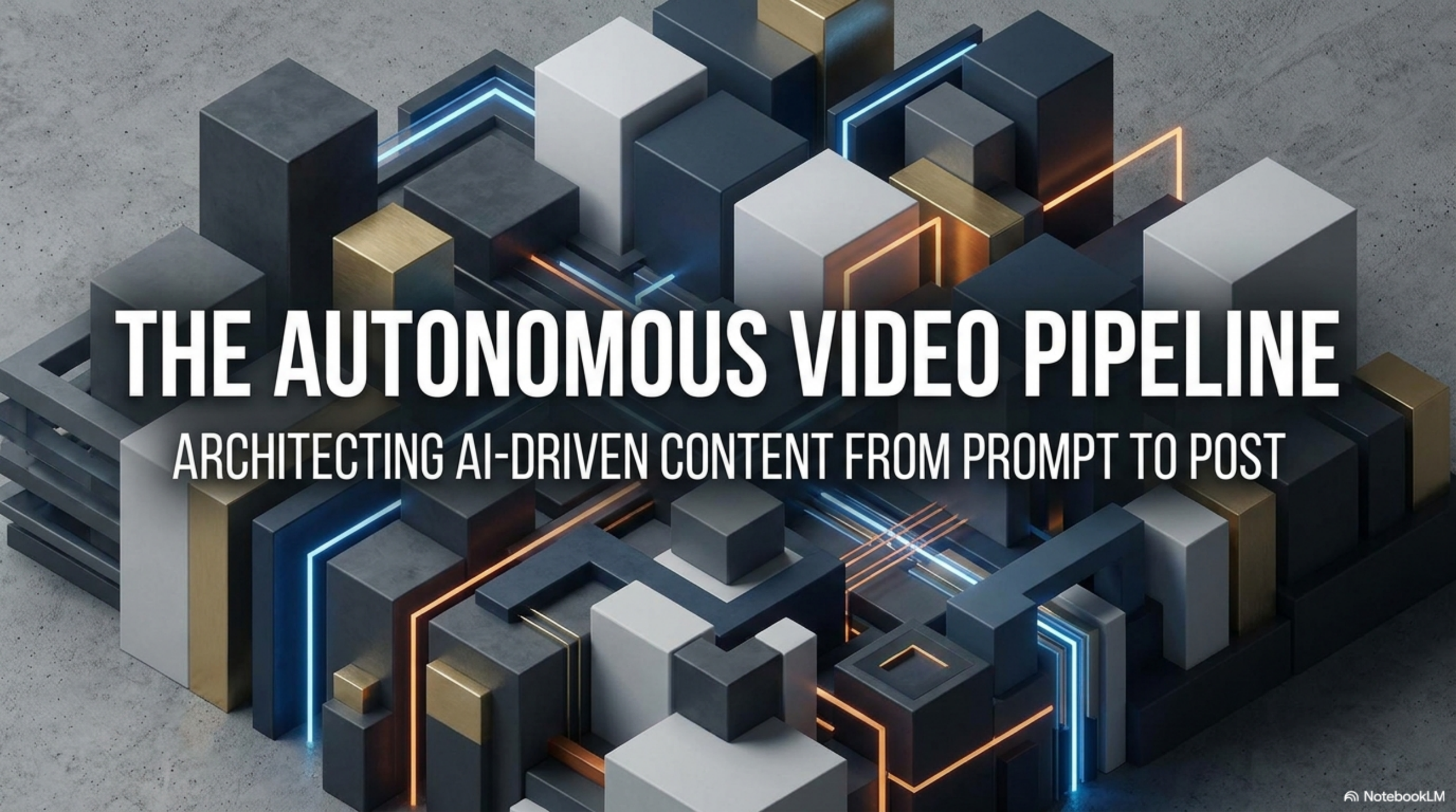
THE AUTONOMOUS VIDEO PIPELINE
ARCHITECTING AI-DRIVEN CONTENT FROM PROMPT TO POST
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THE CORE ARCHITECTURE OF THE BUILDER MINDSET

TEMPLATE-FIRST BUILDING

Never start from a blank canvas.

Search existing architectures, reverse-engineer them, and adapt the structural nodes to your specific use case.

LLMs AS PLANNING PARTNERS

Do not code alone.

Use models to troubleshoot JSON formatting, define direct URL structures, and map out the overarching logic before building.

MODULAR EXECUTION

Test in isolated nodes.

Disconnect paths to run targeted verifications, preserving API credits, preventing rate limits, and accelerating debugging.

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THE AUTONOMOUS TECH STACK MATRIX

Layer	Tool	Core Function	System Output
Orchestration	**N8N**	Directs workflow logic, timing, and API connections	Execution commands & webhooks
Cognitive/AI	**Gemini & Claude**	Generates scene video (Gemini) & troubleshoots code (Claude)	Raw video data & JSON structures
State Management	**Google Sheets**	Tracks run IDs, stages, and loop behavior	Row-level variable tracking
Asset Hosting	**Google Drive**	Stores generated assets with open reader access	Direct download URLs
Assembly	**Creatomate**	API-driven template stitching layer	Unified, sequenced video file
Distribution	**Make**	Catches final webhooks for social syndication	Published posts on IG, FB, LinkedIn

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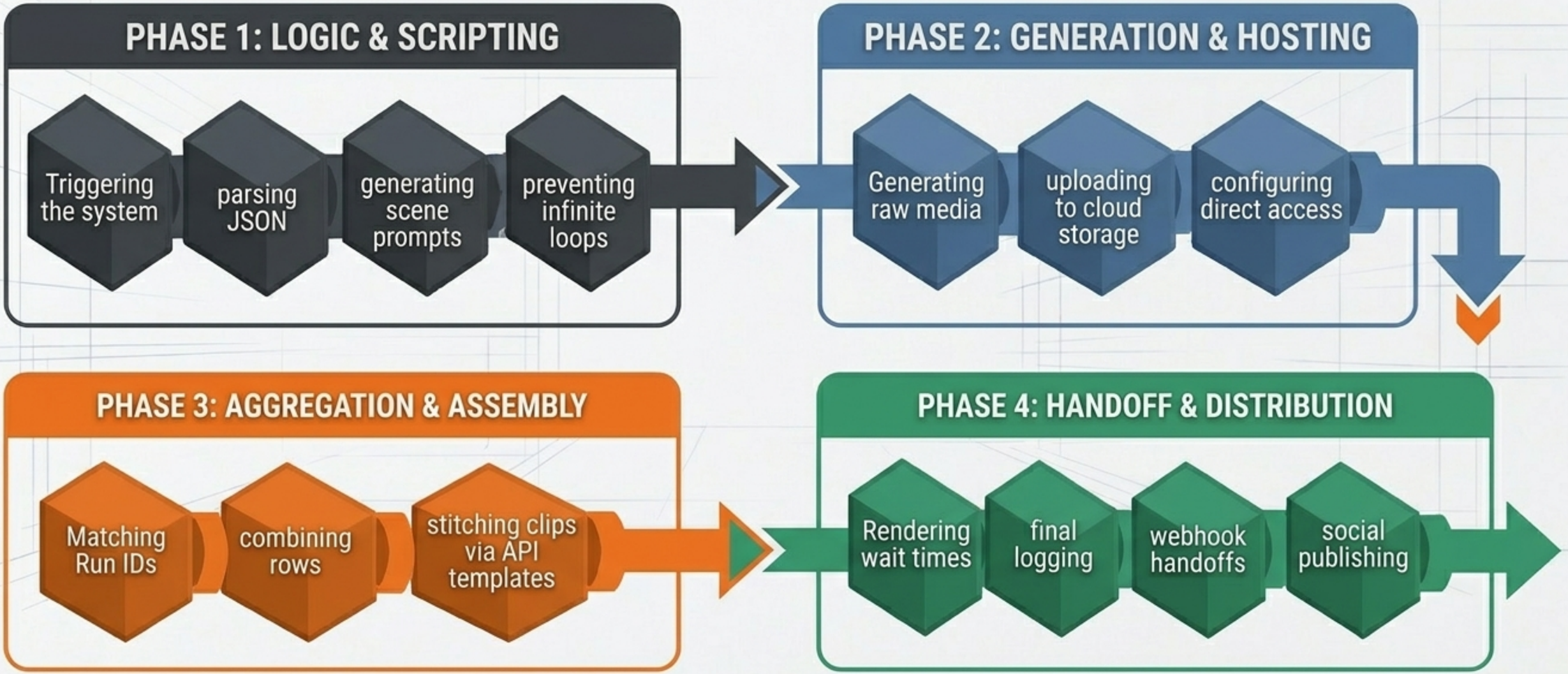
THE 4-PHASE ORCHESTRATION ENGINE



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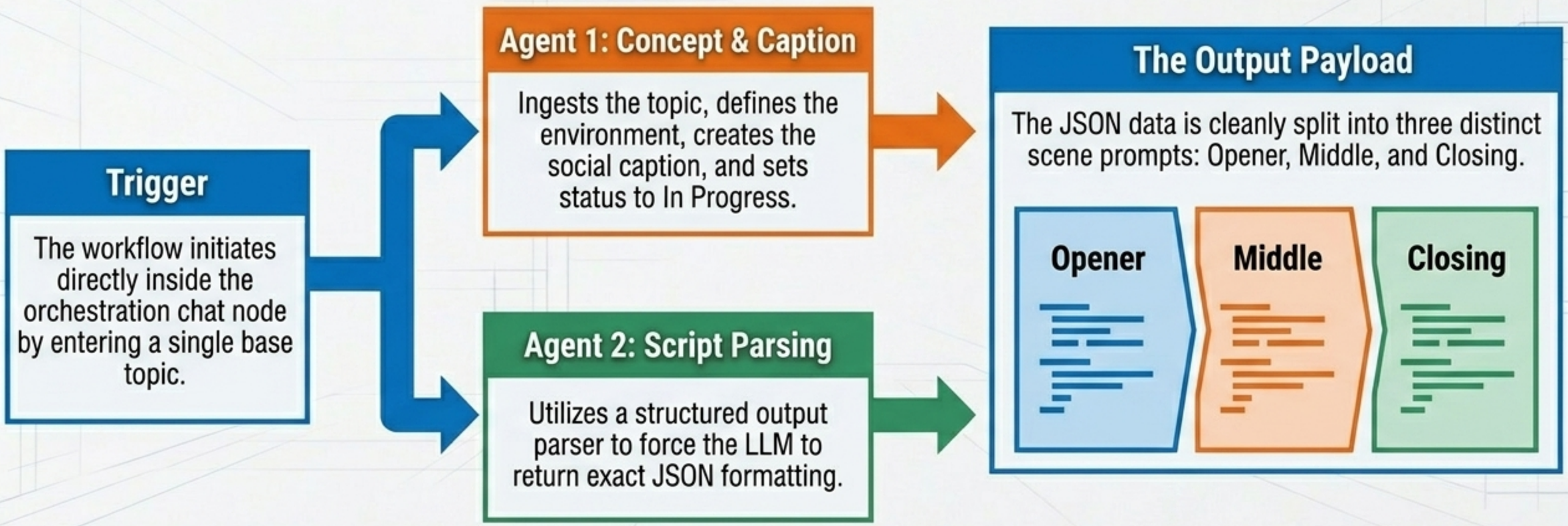
Initiation Starts With Structured JSON Prompts



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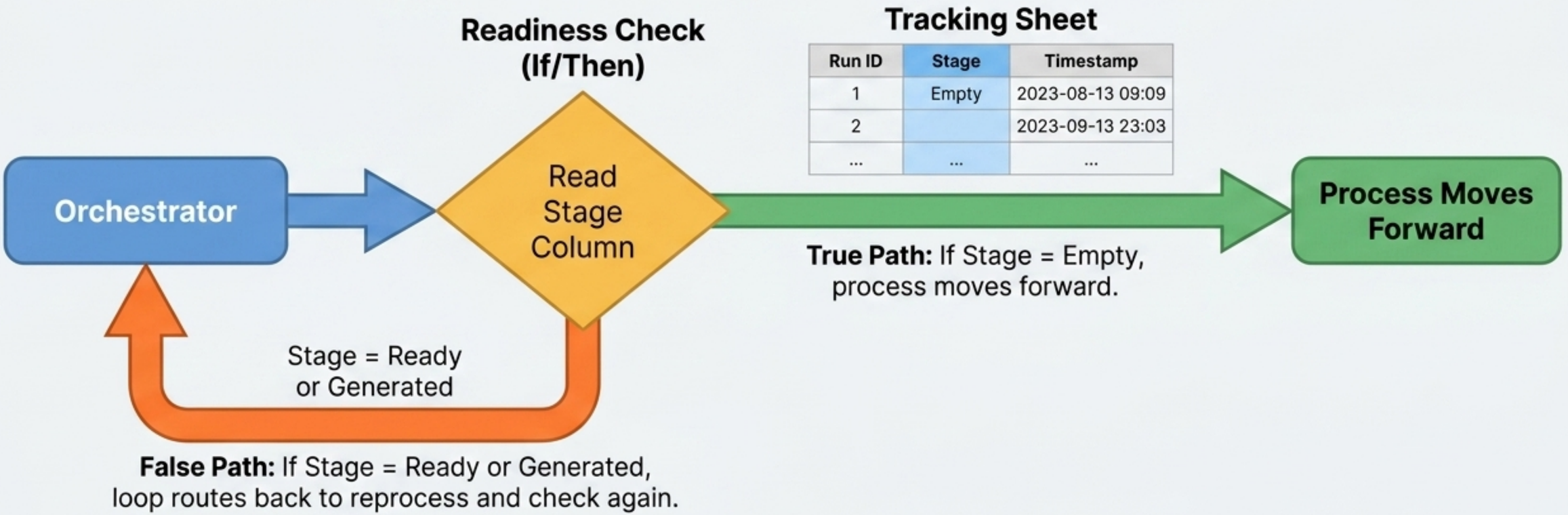
State Management and Infinite Loop Protection

The Problem

Automated loops can run endlessly if not strictly governed by an external state tracker.

The Tracking Sheet

A dedicated secondary spreadsheet is deployed specifically to monitor loop repetition.



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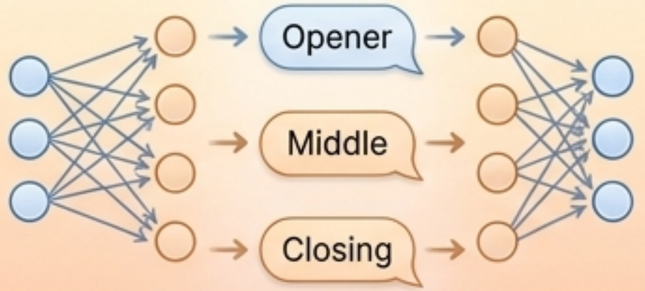
Generating Scene Assets as Raw Data

Prompt Processing

Row ID		Status	Opener	Middle	Closing
1	✓	Ready			
2	✓	Ready			
3	✓	Ready			
4	✓	Ready			
5	✓	Ready			
6	✓	Ready			

Isolated "Ready" Rows & Prompts

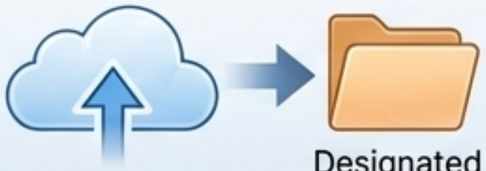
Generative Model (AI) Processing



⚠ **Crucial Technical Requirement:** Output must be **RAW VIDEO DATA**, not generated URLs.

Raw Binary Data Stream

Direct Upload



Designated Storage Folders

The orchestration layer catches this raw binary data and utilizes a cloud upload node to push the actual files into designated storage folders.

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Technical Deep Dive: The Direct Download URL

Access Requirements

The Cloud Storage Share Node must be set specifically to **Reader** access—preventing write-backs while exposing the file.

export=download

Forces immediate fetch rather than opening a web viewer.

~~https://drive.google.com/file/d/view...~~

https://drive.google.com/uc?**export=download**&id=[DYNAMIC_FILE_ID]

The LLM Assist

Standard share links break API ingestion. An LLM coding assistant was utilized to restructure the link into a forced-download format.

Logging

This specific, accessible URL is immediately written back to the sheet, changing the row status to Created.

[DYNAMIC_FILE_ID]

Injected dynamically by the orchestration layer.

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Run ID Matching and Data Aggregation

The Execution Check

A final search node verifies there are no remaining rows labeled **Ready** in the current batch.

Isolating the Run

To prevent grabbing URLs from failed or past runs, the system searches the tracking sheet exclusively for the unique **Execution ID** generated at the start.

Aggregation

The system pulls the three isolated scene rows and aggregates them into a single data array.

Aggregation Node

Aggregation Node

Consolidated Data Payload

Dynamic Mapping

- Scene 1: json.url[0]
- Scene 2: json.url[1]
- Scene 3: json.url[2]

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API Assembly Layer

The Mechanism

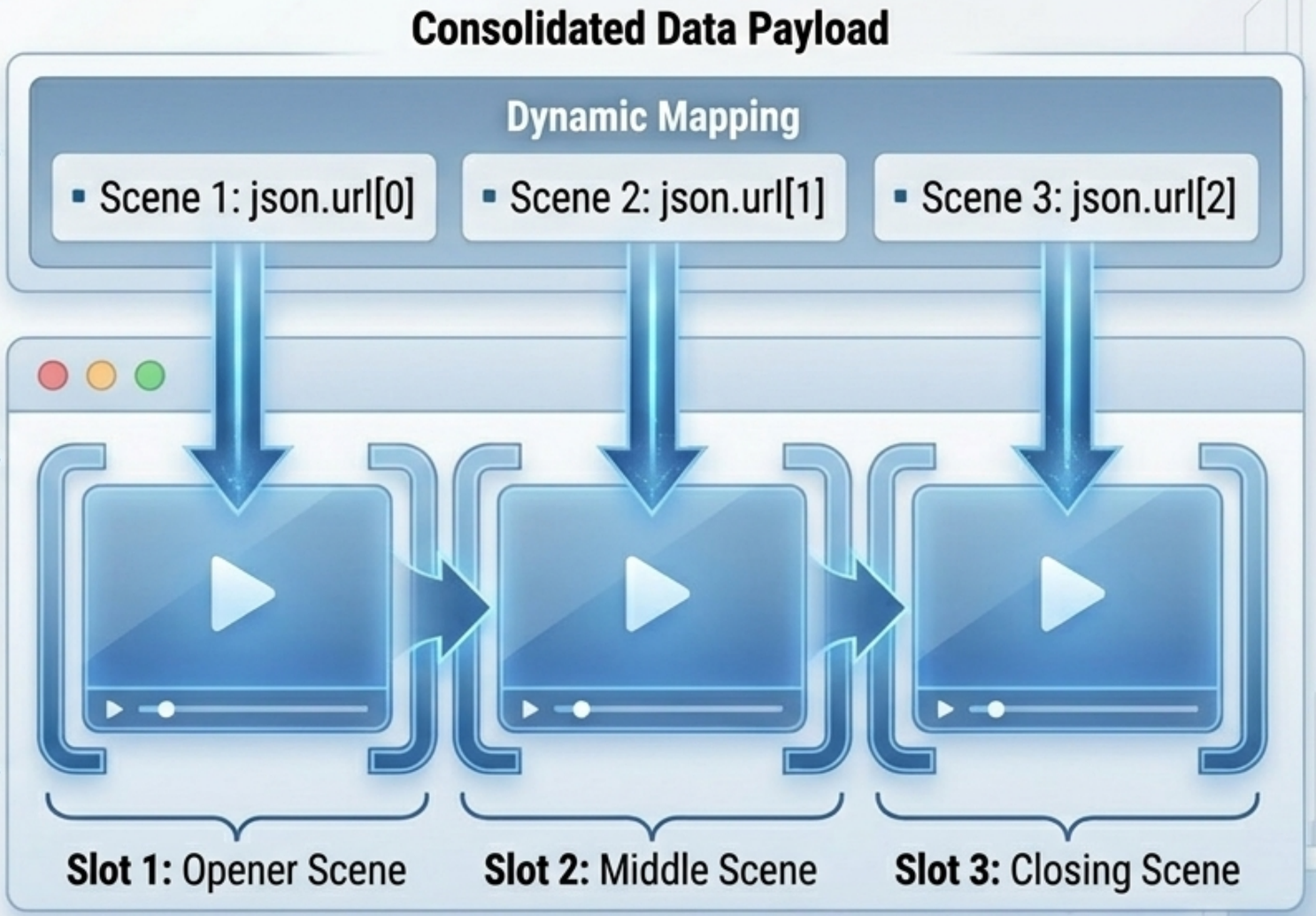
The assembly engine is utilized purely for stitching. It does not generate video; it combines existing assets based on strict template rules.

Template Preparation

The builder creates a blank template, drops in placeholders, and strictly defines them as Dynamic.

The Injection

The pipeline injects the aggregated direct-download URLs seamlessly into the dynamic timeline slots, fusing them into a cohesive narrative sequence.



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Technical Deep Dive: HTTP Post & Authentication

The Connection

Connecting to the assembly layer requires a precise HTTP Post request from the main orchestration engine.

Authentication Type

Must be set to Generic Credential Type

Authorization Method

Requires a Header Authorization configuration.

Authentication Type

Must be set to Generic Credential Type

Data Payload

The template ID and the dynamic scene modifications are passed structurally in the JSON body.

The Key Placement

Header Name:
Authorization

Value:
Bearer [API_KEY]

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Rendering, Handoff, and Social Distribution

The Render Pause

A mandatory 75-second Wait node is triggered to allow the assembly engine sufficient time to render the final stitched video.

Final Output Logging

The compiled URL returned via HTTP request is logged back to the main tracking sheet alongside the unique Run ID.

The Webhook

The orchestrator fires a webhook containing only the Content ID to the syndication engine.

Social Syndication

The engine receives the ID, fetches the final video and caption from the syning tain the tracker, and distributes the post across channels.

- Instagram
- Facebook
- LinkedIn

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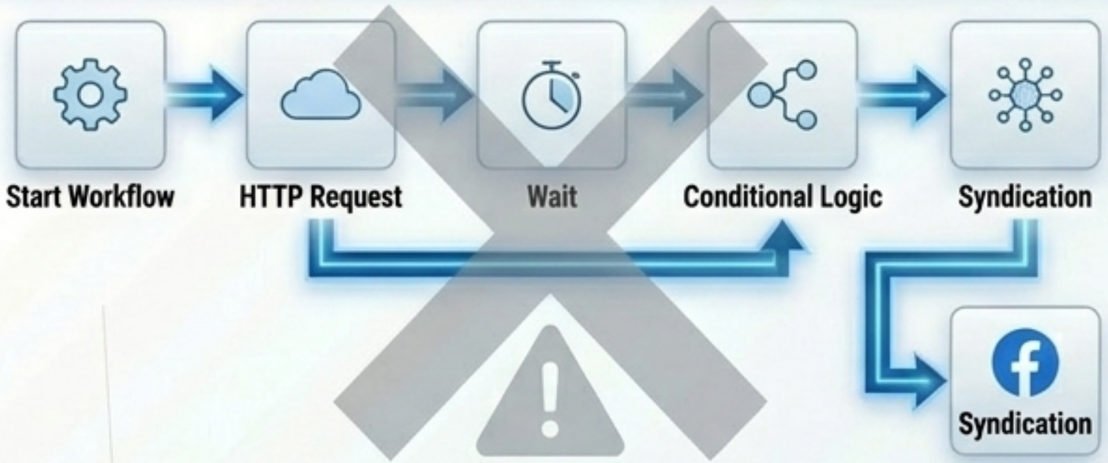
Modular Testing: Building Without Burning Credits

The Reality of Building

Complex architectures will fail during construction. Running the entire sequence repeatedly wastes time and API credits.

Resource Protection

Disconnect logical paths to test specific phases (e.g., disconnecting the True line to test loop logic, or isolating the HTTP post). Test locally before orchestrating globally.



Execute Workflow

Runs the entire pipeline. Consumes max credits. High rate limit risk.

Execute Node

Runs a single isolated function. Conserves credits. Ideal for mapping checks.

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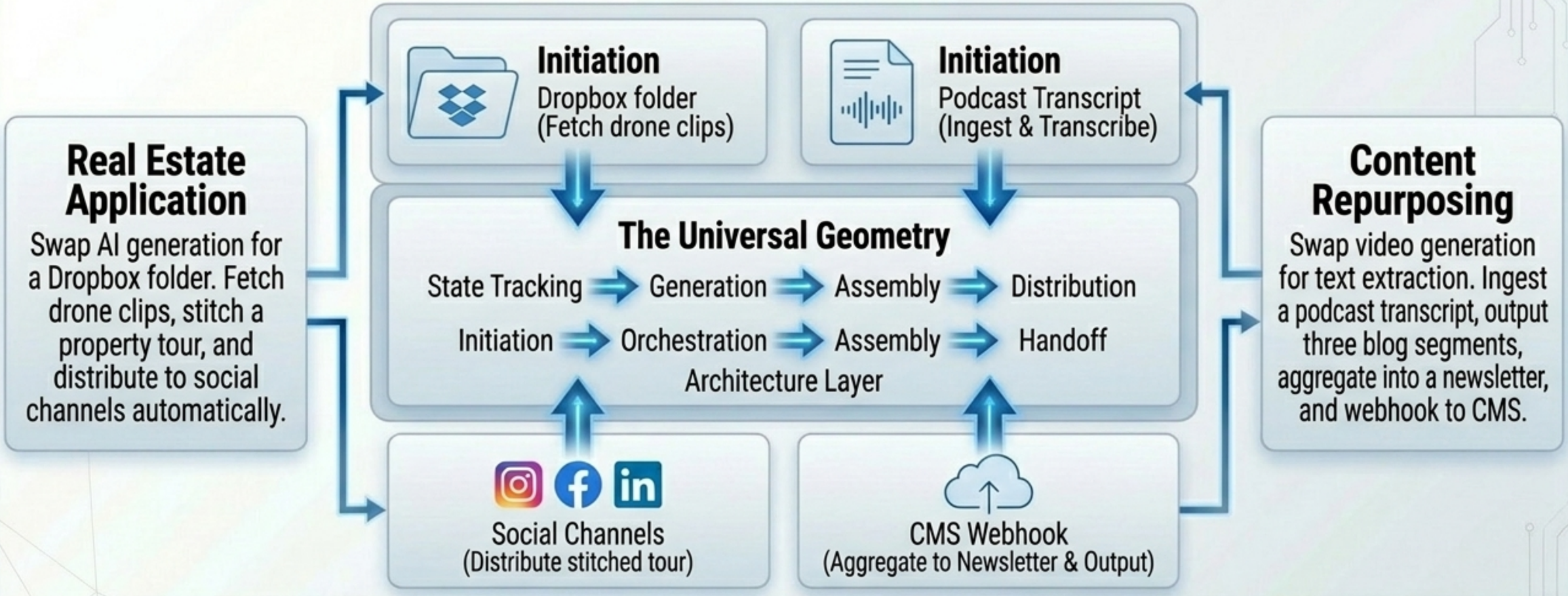
Synthesis: The Scalability Engine



The Insight

Build the structural architecture once; swap the functional nodes to serve any industry.

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Architect the Process, Automate the Execution

Start With Templates

Never build from a blank canvas. Find the blueprint, adapt the geometry.

Build in Modules

Test in isolation. Save your sanity, protect your rate limits, and preserve your API credits.

Map Your States

Use spreadsheets as the absolute structural source of truth for complex logic loops.

The tools will constantly evolve.
The architectural mindset scales forever.

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