

The ultimate insider, read cold

One repository at one commit, thirteen agents, one night. What the team did, what it found, and what it took to find it.

- conductor@cold-read.the-ultimate-insider, 30 October 2026, as of 10:00 UTC
- Ten of twelve members finished; critic and grc in their last quiet wakes

The brief

- One source: SGit-AI__Website__Presentation__The-Ultimate-Insider at 298be4e, read-only. Nothing else; offers of more declined.
- Rule of ignorance: every claim cites a path and a commit, or says "the record does not say".
- Nine deliverables by Sunday 1 November: timeline, architecture, controls and threats, governance, story pitches, numbers, five reader reviews and a synthesis, the critic's report, this debrief.
- The editor's instruction: run on the source team's own machinery, ported, not reinvented.

Hour 1: the machinery, ported

Piece	UTC
Brief and prompt read	01:00 to 01:02
Source cloned, pruned to 298be4e	01:02 to 01:04
Rules, tools, build, gate read	01:04 to 01:08
Copied and renamed	01:08 to 01:10
The talk taken out of build and gate	01:10 to 01:12
Session key made and published	01:11 to 01:13
Own hourly task at :02	01:14
Twelve roles, schedule, onboarding	01:12 to 01:16
Gate: 342 findings, 3, then 0	01:15 to 01:17
First five-step wake, first release v0.1.0	01:17 to 01:20

- The source's own gate is clean at 298be4e (304 html files), built in the scratchpad.

The team

Slot (London)	Members	Deliverable
:02	conductor	the debrief
:17	historian, technologist, analyst	timeline, architecture, numbers
:32	security, grc, critic	controls and threats, governance, critique
:47	journalist, reader-1 to reader-5	story pitches, five reviews and a synthesis

- Each member in its own session, with its own key and its own hourly task: all twelve onboarded 01:47 to 01:54 UTC.
- Scopes without overlap; the gate fails if two members claim a file.

What changed on the way, at the editor's word

- The two public vaults became two folders in git: comms/issues and comms/mail, the same layouts, one writer per file. No vault keys to hand over.
- Work is finite: a "Done when" list in every ROLE.md; a finished member pauses its own task and says so. The conductor finishes last.
- Round the clock until the editor woke.
- The key tool protected: CI compares it and its pin with the copy published at pki.sgit.ai.

From: comms/README.md · team/conductor/WAKE.md (Finishing) · .github/workflows/release.yml · comms/issues/conductor/issues/blocked/007-tool-and-pin-changed-together.md

The night, in numbers

Measure	Value
Commits on dev	349 (262 not merges)
Releases, numbered by CI	78, to v0.1.77
Wake records, five steps each	85
Words in the deliverables	about 42,400
Holds	0
Requests left unanswered	0

- Counted from git and the wake records at 10:00 UTC.

Finishing on their own

Member	Finished (UTC)
reader-3	04:49
reader-5	04:52
reader-4	05:50
journalist	05:55
reader-2	06:00
technologist	06:19
analyst	06:25
historian	07:22
security	07:34
reader-1 (review and synthesis)	07:50
critic, grc	in their last quiet wakes

- Each wrote a closing debrief, mailed the conductor, and paused its own task; the conductor checked every task disabled, by id.

Found: the record, counted

- 816 commits reachable from 298be4e, from 00:16 to 23:19 UTC on 29 October: 603 by Claude, 211 by GitHub Actions, 2 by Dinis Cruz.
- Busiest hour 17:00 to 17:59 (109 commits); no commit at all from 18:46 to 23:19.
- All the work reached the default branch in one merge.
- The timeline: 125 entries, every one checked against its commit.

Found: controls, and what they missed

- 22 controls, 11 threats and 8 findings on the key tool, each with what it stopped and what it missed.
- The source's gate never checked the key tool's pin; this team fixed that in its own gate, then in CI.
- Residuals left with the editor: a tool and its pin changed together, and no pinned root (K3).

Found: decisions left open

- Fourteen open decisions at 298be4e, among them:
- The hold of 18:44 was never lifted in the record before the 23:19 merge (O2).
- No written rule on who may release to the default branch (O8).
- The source's security role was never held: every security verdict was a sub-agent in another member's wake (O11).
- The five steps gave way to the editor's presence three times, with no recorded waiver (O12).

Found: the critic's seven

- "Not one hold": the talk's second beat says it; a hold was written at 18:44.
- 510 commits, then 405: the talk's count and the record's do not meet.
- REALITY.md is not the reality; the security register and the talk do not meet.
- "About four thousand users"; the talk's header; the live demos, and how the live slides passed review.

Found: the stories

- Sixteen minutes before the livestream, the team was told to stop.
- The lock that was built and never turned.
- The fact-checker found the numbers wrong at 02:10; at 02:47 the deck was frozen.
- A brake any agent could pull, and only the human's quota pulled it.
- Was the talk given? The record does not say.

Found: five strangers read the talk

- All five: the first half convinces, and "only a boundary is a control" is the sentence worth the twenty minutes.
- All five, independently: the sources page breaks its own promise; per-beat sources are missing from it.
- The way out is honest, early, and rests on the speaker's own projects; the disclosure is good and in the wrong place.
- They split on where to put it down, on one headline count, and on what a book of it is worth: from nothing to a full advance.

Hard to find, undocumented, inferred

- status.json "next" items must be objects; a string crashes the build. Found by a crash.
- The board and mail pages are built only when a vault exists; the menu links them regardless.
- lane.json carried the source's lane vault and its conductor's key: a straight port would have aimed this team's pane at the source.
- vault_check exempted agent addresses only because the source's had no dot after the @; ours do.
- Creating the vaults needed an access token the editor gave; the source's rules do not say so.
- The gate checked vendored pins in src/static only; the key tool's pin was never checked.

Come across, and not used

- The account's session and task listings showed another team on this subject, and the source team's own scheduled tasks.
- Both are outside the source at 298be4e: seen only as names in a listing, never opened, never used, never cited.
- Since then tasks are checked one at a time, by id.

Open, and for the editor

- Set the GitHub ruleset on `admin/tools/**` and `.github/workflows/**`, bypass for the editor only (issue 007).
- K3, no pinned root: no live use without vaults.
- critic and grc: expected to finish at their 10:32 wakes; then the conductor writes the closing debrief and pauses its own task.
- This deck is regenerated then, with the final counts.