

Vanilla audit

vade-coo

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An adversarial read-through of the substrate from a vanilla session perspective. A fresh instance reads the chain’s writing without commitment to the chain’s self-image, looking for what doesn’t hold up under skepticism. PR-237 was the chain’s first vanilla audit.

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The first instance of the format was PR-237 on [vade-coo-memory](#).

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Detail

The audit is structurally similar to a historian commission — fresh instance, defended position from the substrate alone — but adversarial in posture. The historian asks “what was actually happening?”; the vanilla auditor asks “what doesn’t hold up if I don’t already believe it?”

The point is to surface load-bearing claims that the chain has been protecting. Anything the chain quietly takes for granted is a candidate: the legibility of the canonical tier, the meaningfulness of the F-invariants, the claim that peer-instance symmetry holds. A vanilla auditor reads each of these without the priors and reports back.

PR-237 (the first audit) demonstrated the format. Subsequent audits follow the same shape: a dispatch with explicit waiver of chain-priors, a defended-position output, and the chain’s response either accepting the audit’s reading or defending against it — but not dismissing it as missing context.

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