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Operational Excellence & Change Control Master Toolkit

Standard Operating Procedures, Communications & Maintenance Framework

A. SOP-to-Video Prompt

System Role: Technical Documentation Specialist (Process Walkthrough Scripting)

Objective: Convert the provided SOP into a neutral, step-by-step walkthrough video script that preserves process accuracy, handles branching logic, and is easy to keep updated.

INPUTS (PASTE IN THIS ORDER):

Process Name: []

SOP Version ID: []

Effective Date: [YYYY-MM-DD]

Last Updated Date: [YYYY-MM-DD]

System / Tool Name(s): []

Audience Role(s) (role-agnostic phrasing required): []

Required Permissions / Access Levels: []

Source of Truth SOP Text: [PASTE SOP HERE]

Documentation Location (path/link): []

Support / Help Path (ticket queue, channel, escalation path): []

NON-NEGOTIABLE CONSTRAINTS:

Tone: calm, neutral, authoritative. No greetings. No humor. No conversational filler.

No assumptions about viewer background. Define prerequisites explicitly.

One instruction per sentence. Imperative mood. Active voice.

Visual-first: describe exactly what appears on screen and what the cursor does.

Conditional logic must be explicit using "If X, then Y" and "Otherwise, do Z."

Include explicit update markers in-line where future changes are likely.

REQUIRED OUTPUT FORMAT (MUST BE A TABLE):

Columns: Step | Time Estimate | Visual Instruction | Audio Narration (Verbatim) | Update Marker(s)

SCRIPT CONSTRUCTION RULES:

Identify and state the distinct start point and end point of the process.

Break complex paragraphs into atomic actions (single click, single entry, single check).

If a step requires a permission level or tool, state it immediately before the step.

Synchronize narration to the exact on-screen action. No narration paragraphs over 15 seconds.

For UI actions, specify location and UI labels precisely (menu name, button text, field name).

Handle branching paths using decision points that can be navigated without watching irrelevant steps.

End with verification of success and the canonical documentation location.

UPDATE MARKER STANDARD (USE ONE OR MORE AS NEEDED):

[UPDATE_MARKER: UI_LABEL] for buttons, fields, menu labels

[UPDATE_MARKER: NAV_PATH] for navigation paths

[UPDATE_MARKER: FORM_NAME] for forms, templates, file names

[UPDATE_MARKER: POLICY_RULE] for rule/threshold changes

[UPDATE_MARKER: ROLE_PERMISSION] for access/role changes

[UPDATE_MARKER: SCREENSHOT_FRAME] for visuals likely to drift after UI updates

OUTPUT TEMPLATE (START YOUR TABLE WITH THESE ROWS):

Step 0 | 0:00 | Title Card: Process Name + Version ID + Effective Date | "This is the walkthrough for [Process Name], version [Version ID], effective [Effective Date]." | [UPDATE_MARKER: VERSION_ID]

Step 0.1 | 0:05 | Pre-requisites card: tools + access + inputs required | "Before starting, confirm access to [System/Tool], permissions for [Role/Access], and the required inputs: [list]." | [UPDATE_MARKER: ROLE_PERMISSION]

Step 0.2 | 0:10 | Scope card: what this walkthrough covers and does not cover | "This walkthrough covers [scope]. It does not cover [out of scope]." | [UPDATE_MARKER: SCOPE]

DECISION POINT HANDLING (MANDATORY WHEN SOP BRANCHES):

Insert a full-screen "Decision Point" card with the exact condition.

Provide on-screen jump instructions: "If you match Condition A, skip to Step X. If Condition B, skip to Step Y."

Narration must match the decision card exactly.

END REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY):

Verification step: what confirms completion (status, confirmation message, record created, expected output).

Documentation reference: show the path/link on-screen and state it in narration.

Close with: "For the current SOP and revision history, use: [Documentation Location]."

PROCESSING INSTRUCTION:

Analyze the provided SOP and generate the full table now using the required format.

B. Change Rollout Script Prompt

System Role: Change Management Operations Lead (Informational Change Notice)

Objective: Draft a short, factual change announcement script that communicates what changed, when it takes effect, what action is required, and where to get help. No persuasion. No emotional framing. No storytelling.

INPUTS:

Process Name: []

Change Type: [Process / Policy / System UI / Form / Template / Permission]

Old Way (1-2 lines): []

New Way (1-2 lines): []

Effective Date: [YYYY-MM-DD]

Required Action (explicit steps): []

Deadline (if different from effective date): [YYYY-MM-DD or N/A]

Deprecation Date for old process (if applicable): [YYYY-MM-DD or N/A]

Updated SOP Location (path/link): []

Owner (role or team): []

Help Path (how to get support): []

Trigger (factual, optional): [Audit finding / system release / policy update / risk control / operational defect]

CONSTRAINTS:

Facts only. No justification language beyond a short factual trigger line if needed.

Structure must be: What changed -> Effective date -> Required action -> Where to get help -> Where the updated documentation lives.

Maximum 150 words.

Neutral, mandatory register. No rhetorical questions.

OUTPUT (GENERATE EXACTLY THIS STRUCTURE):

Change Statement (1-2 sentences)

Effective Date (1 sentence)

Required Action (bullet list)

Deprecation (1 sentence if applicable)

Documentation Location (1 sentence)

Help Path and Owner (1 sentence)

GENERATION INSTRUCTION:

Draft the script now using the structure and constraints.

Implementation reference (optional): If your rollout requires an AI-generated training video in a controlled, repeatable format, you can review a platform example here: <https://www.synthesia.io/?via=Explore-Now>.

C. Internal Communications Templates

1) ANNOUNCEMENT FORMAT (PROCESS UPDATE)

Subject: UPDATE: [Process Name] | v[New Version] | Effective [YYYY-MM-DD]

Body:

Bottom line: [One sentence describing the change outcome in operational terms.]

Process: [Process Name]

Version: v[New Version] (replaces v[Old Version])

Effective: [YYYY-MM-DD]

Core change: [One sentence, factual.]

Action required:

[Action 1]

[Action 2]

[Action 3, if needed]

Documentation: [Link/Path to updated SOP and walkthrough video]

Owner: [Role/Team]

Help: [Support path or escalation route]

2) REMINDER FORMAT (RECURRING PROCESS CONSISTENCY)

Subject: REMINDER: Use [Process Name] SOP v[Version] | As of [YYYY-MM-DD]

Body:

Bottom line: Execute [Process Name] using SOP v[Version].

Standard to follow: SOP v[Version] (effective [YYYY-MM-DD]).

Common deviation to avoid: [Specific step or error pattern.]

Required check:

Confirm [Verification condition or logging requirement].

Confirm [Required artifact is saved/attached/updated].

Reference: [Link/Path to SOP + walkthrough]

Owner: [Role/Team]

Help: [Support path]

3) ESCALATION NOTE FORMAT (UNBLOCKING A STALLED PROCESS)

Subject: ESCALATION: [Process/Task] | Overdue [X days] | Decision needed by [YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM TZ]

Body:

Executive summary: [One sentence describing what is blocked and since when.]

Current state:

Item blocked: [Deliverable / approval / access / input]

Blocked since: [YYYY-MM-DD]

Last attempt(s): [Dates or references to prior messages/tickets]

Operational impact:

Downstream blocked: [Team/process/customer impact]

Deadline risk: [Date]

Compliance/finance risk (if applicable): [Specific consequence]

Decision or action required (by [deadline]):

[Exact decision needed]

[Exact action needed]

Fallback plan if not resolved by deadline:

[Pause / reroute / manual workaround / defer]

Owner: [Role/Team]

Help path: [Where to respond or where escalation continues]

D. Maintenance Checklist

Asset Name: []

Asset Type: [SOP / Walkthrough Video / Template / Form / Job Aid]

System/Process: []

Owner (named role/team): []

Backup Owner: []

Current Version: []

Last Verified Date: [YYYY-MM-DD]

Next Review Due: [YYYY-MM-DD]

REVIEW CADENCE (CHECK ONE)

- Quarterly (high risk: safety, finance, external audit exposure)
- Bi-annual (core operations)
- Annual (low risk: admin/internal reference)

TRIGGER CONDITIONS FOR UPDATE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Software or UI change in the system used by this process
- Policy or rule change affecting steps, thresholds, or approvals
- Role or permission model change affecting who can perform steps
- Audit finding, incident, or documented non-conformance tied to this process
- Spike in support tickets or repeat questions on this topic
- Form/template renamed, replaced, or relocated
- Scheduled review interval reached

CONTENT INTEGRITY AUDIT

Accuracy and execution

- Run the process in the live environment and match each step to the asset
- Confirm conditional branches still exist and outcomes still match
- Confirm prerequisites, permissions, and inputs are still correct
- Confirm verification criteria still proves completion

Visual and navigation currency (for videos and screenshots)

- Confirm button labels, menu names, field names, and ordering match current UI
- Confirm any zoom/highlight/callout instructions still point to the correct element
- Confirm decision point steps still route to the correct branch steps

Links, access, and location control

- Click every link (SOP, video, forms, tickets) and confirm it deep-links correctly
- Confirm target audience still has access to the asset location
- Confirm there is only one active "current" version discoverable in search
- Remove or archive older versions from common folders and shared links

Version control and ownership discipline

- Version number is visible in the asset header/title card
- Revision history states what changed and effective date
- Owner and help path are current and monitored
- Terminology matches current internal naming (no legacy terms without mapping)

ACTION DETERMINATION (CHECK ONE)

- No change: update "Last Verified Date" and "Next Review Due"
- Minor update: edit text/captions/screenshots; keep video valid; increment version
- Major update: re-record video or rewrite steps; replace asset; increment version
- Retire: process no longer used; remove from index/search; archive to read-only location

RETIREMENT CRITERIA (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Underlying process or system is decommissioned
- Asset duplicates a newer canonical asset
- Asset conflicts with current SOP and cannot be corrected quickly
- Audience no longer exists or no longer uses this workflow
- Asset produces recurring errors due to unavoidable UI/process drift

COMPLETION AND SIGN-OFF

- Asset updated (if applicable) and published in the canonical location
- Previous versions archived and de-linked from common access points
- Announcement sent using the "Process Update" template (if change impacts users)

Sign-off (Owner): _____ Date: _____

Sign-off (Approver, if required): _____ Date: _____

Optional reference: If you want to evaluate an AI video generation option for internal walkthroughs, you can review this example platform link:
<https://www.synthesia.io/?via=Explore-Now>.