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What an assessment measures

Five things we check about a skill you already run, and what each verdict means.

The problem it solves

A skill that has drifted still loads and still answers. Nothing in a normal working day tells you it is out of date, firing on the wrong questions, or adding nothing an unaided model would not have said. The only way to know is to measure it.

Five measures	Run twice	One price
scored, so a later review compares	with the skill and without	whatever the verdict

The five measures

1. **Does it change the answer?**
   Your questions run with the skill and without it, both answers handed back. Every other measure supports this one, and it is the one most skills fail.
2. **Does it load when it should, and stay out when it should not?**
   Routed against your whole library, including questions it must not catch. A skill that fires where it cannot help is paid for on every request.
3. **What does it weigh?**
   Tokens on the load path, counted. A skill that has grown to four thousand tokens is competing with the work for the same context window.
4. **Is it still current?**
   Every factual claim checked against the field as it stands now, not as it stood when the skill was written.
5. **Does it displace a better answer?**
   The failure nobody looks for: a loaded skill narrows attention onto its own scope, and specifics the model would have given unaided go missing.

What you get

- A score with the evidence under it, to show the next person who questions the skill.
- The questions where it made no difference, named rather than omitted.
- An account of what fires the skill, and what it costs when it does.
- A straight verdict when the skill is still current, and nothing further to spend.

What this found in our own library, September 2026

- Across twenty of our most-loaded skills, 33 of 50 test questions came back unchanged.
- Three moved no answer at all, and the one with the largest effect was making answers worse until a single line was corrected.

One fixed price whether the verdict is a rewrite or a clean bill of health, because the assessment is the thing being bought.

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