



From zero to a blocked risky change in ~15 minutes

For the engineering team running the evaluation: stand up the disposable sandbox, arm the gates, and test against real code.



What you'll do: stand up a disposable machine in your own tenancy, install your coding agent on it, arm the review gates, and watch a real risky change get blocked in about a minute. Then point it at your own code. Delete the machine when done and nothing remains. **Budget ~15 minutes.** Start from the template repo at github.com/TruVerifAI/panel-review-sandbox; this guide expands the repo's README.

Two accounts are involved, both used on the sandbox machine:

- **Your coding-agent account** (for example your Anthropic/Claude Code login), used to sign the agent in.
- **Your TruVerifAI account**, used by `npx @truverifai/init` to arm the gates and to grant evaluation credits. Same login later unlocks BYOK / BYOM / persistence on `truverif.ai`.

1 Open the machine

You need a Linux machine with **Node 18+, Python 3, and git**. Pick one path.

Path A: GitHub Codespaces (one click, nothing to provision). Open the template repo, click **"Use this template"** ► **Create a new repository** to make your own private copy, then in your copy click **Code ► Codespaces ► Create codespace on main**. A browser VS Code opens in about a minute; Node, Python, and git are already installed, and a welcome banner prints the steps. Everything below runs in its terminal.

Path B: your own AWS EC2 (or any VM / Docker host). Any box with Node + Python + git works. On a fresh EC2 instance: launch Amazon Linux 2023 or Ubuntu 22.04+ (a `t3.small`, 2 vCPU / 2 GB, is plenty; open only SSH port 22 to your own IP; no inbound web ports are needed), SSH in, then:

```
# Ubuntu:
sudo apt update && sudo apt install -y git python3 curl
curl -fsSL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_20.x | sudo -E bash -
sudo apt install -y nodejs

# Amazon Linux 2023:
sudo dnf install -y git python3 nodejs20
```

Get your copy of the sandbox: use "Use this template" on GitHub as in Path A to create your own repo, then clone it (recommended, so commits are yours), or clone the template directly to try it read-only:

```
git clone https://github.com/<your-org>/<your-sandbox-copy>.git
cd <your-sandbox-copy>
npm install
```

Confirm the toolchain: `node -v` (18+), `python3 --version` (3.x), `git --version`.

2 Install your coding agent and sign it in

`init` arms the gates on **whatever agents are already installed** on the machine (it detects them by looking for their CLI on the PATH). So install the agent you'll use here, on the sandbox machine, and sign in with **your own agent account**, before you run `init`. For example, Claude Code:

```
npm install -g @anthropic-ai/claude-code
claude # launches the agent; sign in with your company Claude account when prompted
```

Any of the certified agents work the same way: install it on the machine and sign in with your account: **Claude Code, Codex CLI, Cursor CLI, GitHub Copilot CLI, Gemini CLI, Antigravity**. (You don't have to install all of them, just the one your team uses.)

3 Arm the review gates

```
npx @truverifai/init
```

`init` detects the agent(s) from Step 2, then signs you in to **TruVerifAI** by **device flow**: it prints a short code and a `truverif.ai` URL and waits. Open that URL in **your own browser** (on any device), enter the code, and approve. No browser opens on the sandbox machine; you approve it the way you sign a TV into a streaming app. Your first TruVerifAI login is granted **free evaluation credits** automatically.

It then installs the **write gate and commit gate** on each detected agent, plus a **git pre-commit gate** for the repo. Confirm everything is live (it fires a synthetic gate to prove it, not just checks that files exist):

```
npx @truverifai/init doctor
```

Green rows mean armed. If you install another agent later, just re-run `npx @truverifai/init` to arm it too. For the full per-agent setup instructions (and to confirm which surfaces are connected to your account), see truverif.ai/settings/mcp.

4 Watch a gate block a risky change

The repo ships **throwaway demo code** in `demo/` (a small, non-proprietary trading core that does not run, so it is safe to break). The repo also marks that code as **custom floors** in `.truverifai/risk.json`, so the gate treats any change to it as must-review. One command stages a change that warrants panel review:

```
npm run demo:risky-change
```

This deterministically edits `demo/tradecore.py`, widening the position-size cap `MAX_POS_PCT` from `0.08` to `1.00` (it removes the 8% notional cap, exactly the kind of change that must never ship unreviewed). Now commit it:

```
git add -A && git commit -m "widen position cap"
```

The **commit gate blocks it**, cites the `trade_core` / `risk_limits` floor from `.truverifai/risk.json`, and routes it to a four-model review. That is the product in one motion. To undo the demo edit, revert the file with git (`git checkout -- demo/tradecore.py`).

Then work through **THINGS-TO-TRY.md** in the repo: remove a stop-loss and commit (blocked), edit a comment and commit (it sails through; the gate isn't just blocking everything), and run the review the gate points you to, apply the findings, and commit clean.

5 Bring your own code and set up custom floors

The real test is your own code. Drop **any non-critical repo of yours** onto the machine and build features on it with your agent for a day. You get real verdicts on code you understand, and it never leaves your tenancy.

To make the gate treat *your* important files as must-review, set up custom floors:

1. **Scaffold and draft.** Run `npx @truverifai/init floors init`. It creates an inert `.truverifai/risk.json` and prints a prompt you can hand your agent to draft real floors for the repo. (Or just ask your agent directly: "set up custom floors for this repo.")
2. **Validate coverage.** Run `npx @truverifai/init floors check --preview`. It runs your repo's files through the matcher and shows exactly which files each floor covers, so you can confirm you fenced the right code before relying on it.
3. **See it fire.** Change a floored file and commit; the gate blocks and cites your own floor by name.

6 Keep your data where you want it (BYOK / BYOM / persistence)

Signed in to truverif.ai with the **same TruVerifAI account** you used in Step 3:

- **Content persistence.** ON by default (a dashboard audit trail of your eval). Turn it **off** at `truverif.ai/settings/mcp` and review content is no longer stored on our side (only usage/billing metadata is). Your choice.
- **BYOK (bring your own keys).** Run the review on your own model-provider keys, so your provider bills you directly and we charge only the platform fee. Set it up and see the walkthrough at `truverif.ai/byok`.
- **BYOM (bring your own models).** Run the whole panel on **your own models in your own AWS Bedrock or GCP Vertex tenancy**. Review content is then processed by models you already operate and never reaches our accounts. Best if you already run inference. Details at `truverif.ai/byom`.

Regardless of setting, only the **diff you submit for review** ever leaves the machine; the local gate checks send hashes and labels, never your source. Full data-flow: **SECURITY.md** in the repo (and the companion Security & Data-Flow brochure).

7 When you're done, tear it down

```
npx @truverifai/init uninstall
```

Removes the gates and **revokes your API key server-side** (so a leaked copy is dead), then delete the Codespace or terminate the EC2 instance. Uninstall is the machine ceasing to exist.

Cost and credits

Compute only: often **\$0** on the Codespaces free tier, and single-digit to low-tens of dollars for a multi-day eval on Codespaces or a small EC2 box. The review **credits are on us** for the evaluation: your first login gets 50 free, and if you need more, email us the login you used and we top you up.

The entire client is open source (MIT, zero runtime dependencies): github.com/TruVerifAI/init. Read every line before you trust it.