

The Economics of Vibe Coding

A comparative analysis of traditional development
vs. modern execution frameworks.

The Math Broke.

[\$150-\$200/hr] × [3 Months
Discovery] = Six Figures

...before you see a working version.

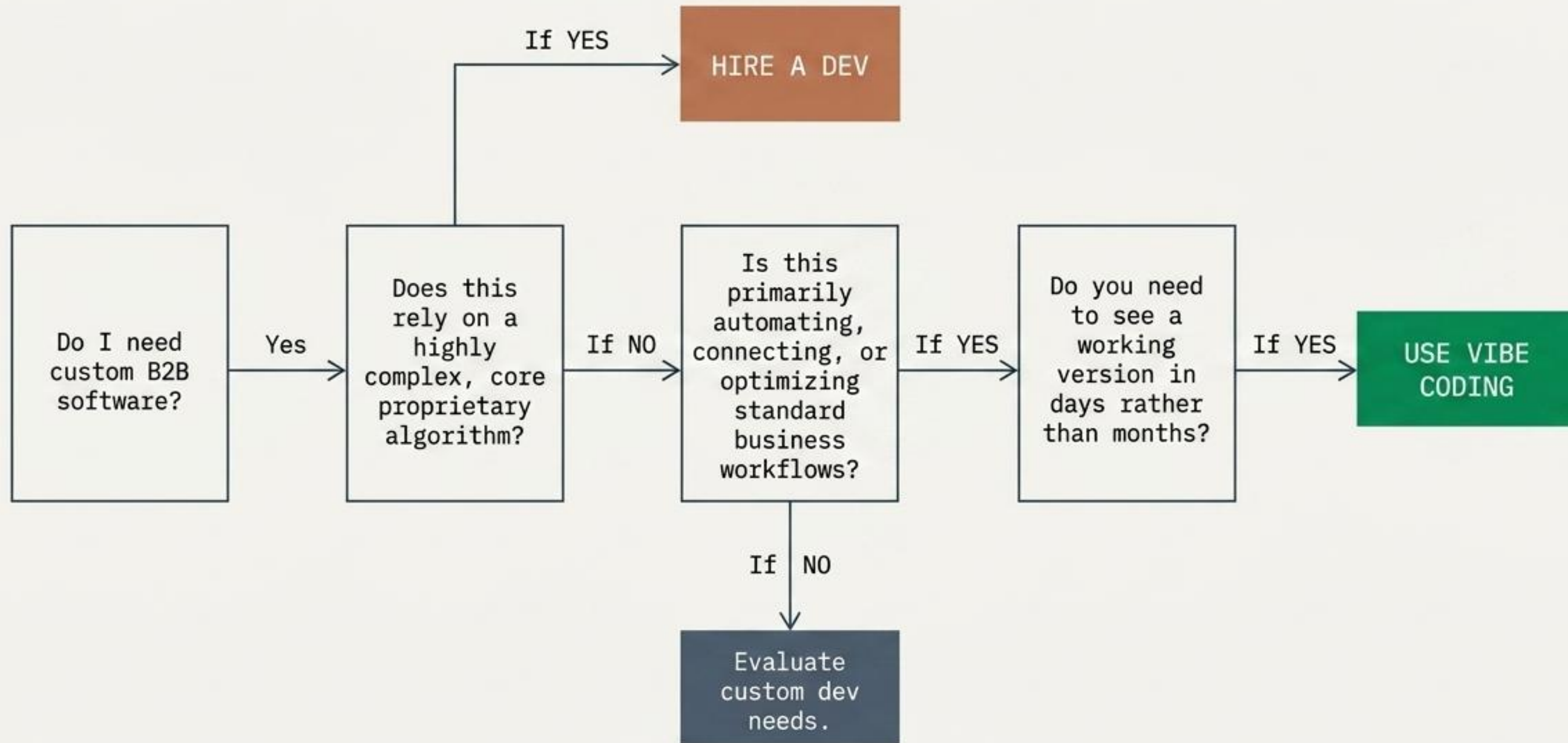
Six months ago, the rule was simple: if you needed custom software, you hired a traditional developer. Today, the default dev contract is no longer the right first move for most B2B operators.

Real-World Cost Comparison: 2-Week Scope				
		Technical Ledger		
Traditional Dev (Old Math)		We ran the actual cost comparison using real numbers from real engagements for the exact same scope. The savings do not come from cheaper labor—they come from eliminating the syntax bottleneck.		Vibe Coding (New Math)
Resource:	Dedicated Senior Developer			Resource: Vibe Coded Build
Timeframe:	14 Days			Timeframe: 14 Days
Focus Allocation:	70% Syntax/Writing 30% Architecture			Focus Allocation: 10% Syntax/Writing 90% Architecture
Cost Baseline:	Premium B2B Retainer			Cost Baseline: Highly Optimized

The Capability Matrix: Defining Utility Without Illusion

	Senior Developer	Vibe Coding
Speed to MVP		
Standard B2B Workflows		
Custom Proprietary Logic/Algorithms		
Handling Extreme Edge-Cases		
I am not anti-developer. I work with good ones. But vibe coding is unassailable for rapidly automating standard workflows, while developers remain essential for deeply bespoke, proprietary algorithms.		

The Diagnostic Framework: When to Hire a Developer Anyway

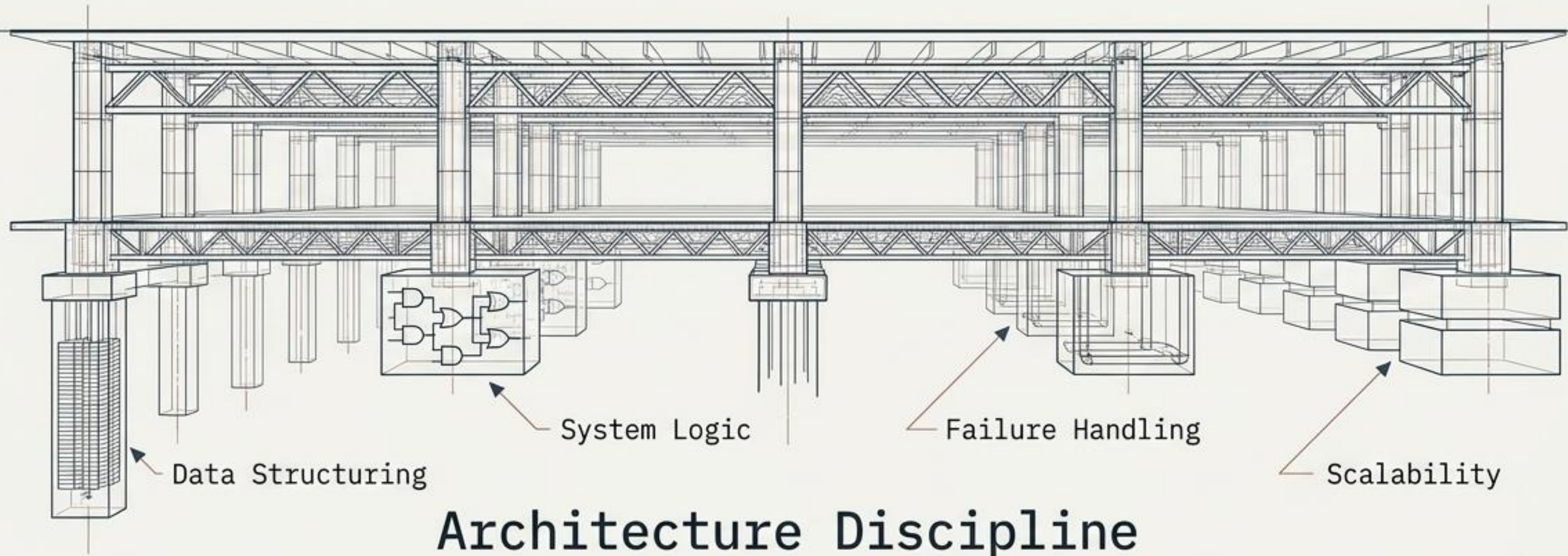


Don't pay \$150/hr to reinvent standard digital plumbing. Reserve developer budgets for the engineering tasks that actually differentiate your business.

The Hidden Foundation of Reliable Software

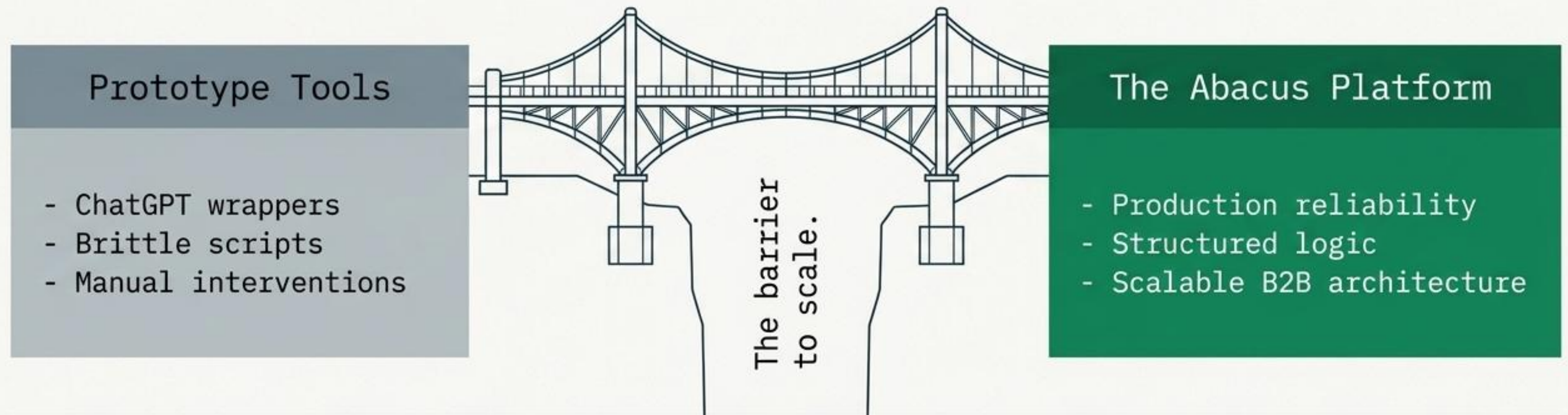


The Tool (Vibe Coding / AI Gen)



Why architecture discipline matters more than the tool you use: Vibe coding allows you to build faster, but without deep architectural discipline, you are simply building fragile software at unprecedented speeds.

Bridging the Gap to Production Reliability



Vibe coding isn't about writing code cheaper—it's about shifting your budget from syntax to architecture. Platforms like Abacus enforce the **architecture discipline** required to turn fragile prototypes into reliable, production-grade business engines.

Rebalance Your Development Economics

The Verdict

- - Stop paying six figures for discovery.
- - Stop waiting months for a working prototype.
- - Deploy vibe coding for workflow automation.
- - Reserve traditional developers for proprietary engineering.

System Directives

> EXECUTE: Read the full methodology on Vibe Coded Software

<https://brandyard.net/vibe-coding>

> EXECUTE: Initiate a custom scope assessment

<https://brandyard.net/book-a-call>

■ [System Status: Ready to Build]