

The WTF method: WTF->5w+1H->Landry Scientific Investigative Loop

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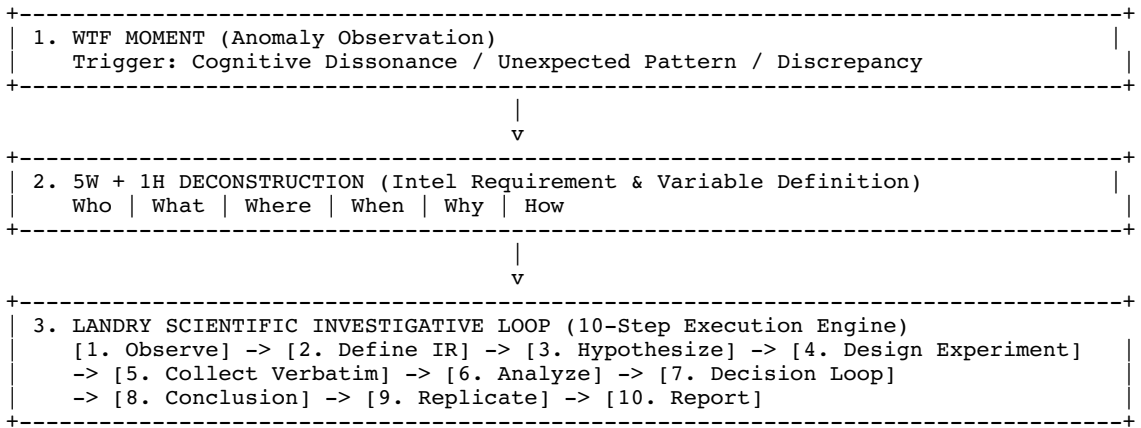
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- **AI Disclosure:** Model: Gemini 3.6 Flash
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Methodological Mapping: WTF -> 5W+1H -> Landry Scientific Investigative Loop

The conversion from raw trigger (**WTF**) to structured inquiry (**5W+1H**) and ultimately to rigorous scientific/OSINT execution (**Landry Scientific Investigative Loop**) represents the formalization of intelligence tradecraft. It translates initial cognitive friction into an actionable, repeatable, and verifiable loop.



Phase 1: The "WTF" Moment (Anomaly Trigger)

- **Function:** Catalyst for inquiry.
- **Mechanism:** Detection of an anomaly, data mismatch, unexpected digital footprint, or unverified assertion that disrupts baseline assumptions.
- **Operational Directive:** Identify the precise anomaly without jumping to prematurely formed conclusions.

Phase 2: 5W+1H Deconstruction (Structuring Intel Requirements)

Translates the visceral "WTF" reaction into six distinct vectors of inquiry to bound the scope of investigation:

Vector	Investigative Focus	Purpose in Tradecraft
Who	Entities, handles, networks, actors, or infrastructure owners.	Target profiling & footprinting.
What	Specific event, payload, payload behavior, or assertion.	Defining the anomaly substance.
Where	IP addresses, GEOINT coordinates, domains, or physical sites.	Spatial / Spatial-Digital context.
When	Timestamps, epoch markers, log dates, or historical sequence.	Temporal analysis & timeline mapping.
Why	Motivation, strategic intent, or underlying system mechanics.	Hypothesis generation.
How	TTPs (Tactics, Techniques, Procedures), vector, or mechanism.	Technical replication & verification.

Phase 3: The 10-Step Landry Scientific Investigative Loop

The 5W+1H variables are fed directly into the 10-step execution engine to enforce zero-hallucination standards and rational rigor.

1. **Observe Anomaly (The WTF Event):** Document the exact baseline deviation using unedited raw artifacts (e.g., raw logs, verbatim code, or original OSINT scrapes).
2. **Define Intel Requirement (5W+1H Mapping):** Convert the deconstructed 5W+1H parameters into formal intelligence

requirements (IRs) and collection targets.

3. **Hypothesize (Variable Isolation):** Formulate testable hypotheses (H_1 , H_2 , ..., H_n) addressing the *Why* and *How*, ensuring each hypothesis is falsifiable.
4. **Design Experiment:** Develop targeted collection scripts, GEOINT verification protocols, or OSINT search trees designed specifically to attempt to disprove H_n .
5. **Collect (Verbatim Facts Only):** Execute collection across primary sources (peer-reviewed, primary registries, official logs). Extract immutable facts without interpretation.
6. **Analyze:** Evaluate collected data against hypotheses using structured analytic techniques (e.g., Analysis of Competing Hypotheses - ACH).
7. **Decision Loop (Rejection Engine):** If empirical evidence contradicts H_n , reject or modify immediately. Return to Step 3 if necessary.
8. **Conclusion (Verified Only):** Record only statements supported directly by verified evidence or immutable facts.
9. **Replicate:** Validate that independent investigators or automated scripts produce identical findings given the same inputs and parameters.
10. **Report:** Deliver the standardized deliverable (OSINT Intelligence Report or LaTeX Technical Document) containing AI Disclosure, SEO Keywords, and complete source attribution.