

MASTER SCRIPT: THE PRODUCTION CRISIS



DECISION POINT 1: THE FRIDAY DEADLINE

- Storyline Slide Name: 1.1_Decision_1

On-Screen Text:

Decision Point 1: Production Crash at 4:30 on Friday when its due

It's Friday at 4:30 PM. Your lead developer, Maya, says the staging environment just crashed.

To test the fix, she needs live client data. The official compliance approval takes 24 hours. If you wait, you miss the deadline and risk losing your biggest client, Apex Corp. Maya offers to use an unencrypted personal thumb drive containing last month's database backup to run the test immediately.

What do you do?

- [Button A] Choice A: Use Thumb Drive (*Adds +3 to RiskScore*)
- [Button B] Choice B: Network Disconnect (*Adds +2 to RiskScore*)
- [Button C] Choice C: Hold Protocol (*Adds 0 to RiskScore*)

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"Welcome to the scenario. You are Sam, a Project Manager. It is four-thirty on a Friday afternoon, and your team is rushing to deploy a critical software patch for your largest client, Apex Corporation. Suddenly, your lead developer, Maya, hits a wall. The staging environment has crashed. She can fix it, but she needs real client data to validate the patch. Official compliance clearance takes twenty-four hours, meaning you will miss the deadline. Maya pulls out a personal, unencrypted thumb drive. She has a backup of the client's data from last month on it. She says it will take ten minutes and no one will ever know. What do you do?"



BRANCH 1: THE MIDNIGHT ALERT

- Storyline Slide Name: 2.1_Branch_1_Midnight_Alert
- Triggered by Choice A or Choice B

On-Screen Text:

Branch 1: Decision Point 2: Midnight Alert of Security Breach

The deployment went live on Friday, but at 2:00 AM, IT Security flags Maya's laptop for anomalous background traffic.

The unvetted thumb drive introduced a hidden Trojan horse script that is slowly crawling your network. Reporting it immediately will shut down the system and crash the live patch you just deployed for Apex.

What do you do?

- **[Button A] Choice 2A: Isolate and Delete** (*Adds +3 to RiskScore*)
- **[Button B] Choice 2B: Report to IT** (*Adds +1 to RiskScore*)

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"Your shortcut worked initially, and the client went into the weekend happy. However, at two AM on Saturday, your phone buzzes. IT Security has flagged Maya's laptop. The unvetted thumb drive was infected with a dormant Trojan horse, which is now crawling the company network. If you report it immediately, IT will lock down the system, taking the client's live environment offline. Maya begs you for an hour to try and delete the script quietly without raising alarms. How do you handle this?"



BRANCH 2: SATURDAY OVERTIME

- **Storyline Slide Name:** *2.2_Branch_2_Saturday_Overtime*
- *Triggered by Choice C*

On-Screen Text:

Branch 2: Decision Point 2: Saturday Overtime

You waited for compliance. It's Saturday morning, and the access is approved. However, Maya discovers that the official client database backup file is corrupted.

Fixing it properly will take 4 additional hours, pushing the launch to Sunday. The Apex Director of Operations calls you, furious, threatening to escalate the issue to your CEO if the system isn't live by noon today.

What do you do?

- **[Button A] Choice 2C: Skip QA** (*Adds +2 to RiskScore*)
- **[Button B] Choice 2D: Wait 4 Hours** (*Adds 0 to RiskScore*)

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"You chose protocol over speed. The client wasn't happy about the delay, but they respected your compliance stance. It is now Saturday morning, and the official data access has cleared. But there is a new problem: the official database backup file is corrupted. Fixing it correctly will take four hours, delaying the launch until Sunday. The client's Director of Operations calls your cell phone, furious. He demands the system be live by noon today, or he will escalate this directly to your CEO. What is your next move?"



DECISION POINT 3: THE RECKONING

- **Storyline Slide Name:** [3.1_Decision_3_The_Reckoning](#)
- *Triggered automatically if RiskScore is 5 or 6 (Choice 1A or 1B + Choice 2A)*

On-Screen Text:

Decision Point 3: The Reckoning

The Trojan horse bypassed the internal firewall. Automated network overrides contained the breach, but your intentional bypass of company security protocols is completely exposed.

You are sitting in an emergency meeting with the CEO and the Chief Information Security Officer. Your job is on the line.

How do you respond?

- **[Button A] Choice 3A: Take Blame** -> Go to *Ending: Termination/Probation*
- **[Button B] Choice 3B: Shift Blame** -> Go to *Ending: Trust Destroyed*

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"The situation has spiraled out of control. The script on Maya's drive breached the primary firewall before it was contained. On Monday morning, you are called into an emergency meeting with the Chief Information Security Officer and the Chief Executive Officer. The breach is out in the open, and your decision to bypass standard security protocols is indefensible. Your employment is actively being questioned. How do you respond to the executive team?"



DECISION POINT 3: DAMAGE CONTROL

- **Storyline Slide Name:** [3.2_Decision_3_Damage_Control](#)
- *Triggered automatically if RiskScore is between 2 and 4 (Choice 2B or Choice 2C)*

On-Screen Text:

Decision Point 3: Damage Control

It's Monday morning. Your choices have resulted in an unstable deployment. You either triggered an IT security sweep that alarmed the client, or your rushed patch is causing severe user glitches.

You are in a tense meeting with the internal Account Director and the Apex Corp management team.

How do you salvage the relationship?

- **[Button A] Choice 3C: Take Blame** -> Go to *Ending: Expensive Recovery*
- **[Button B] Choice 3D: Transparency** -> Go to ...*Check Score Evaluation Node*

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"It is Monday morning, and you are in damage control mode. Your compromise over the weekend managed to get the system live, but at a cost. The deployment is unstable, resulting in technical glitches for the user, and the client's internal team is questioning your operational standards. You are sitting in a tense meeting with your internal Account Director and the client stakeholders. You need to salvage this relationship right now. What is your strategy?"



DECISION POINT 3: POST-MORTEM REVIEW

- **Storyline Slide Name:** `3.3_Decision_3_Post_Mortem`
- *Triggered automatically if RiskScore is 0 (Choice 1C + Choice 2D)*

On-Screen Text:

Decision Point 3: Post-Mortem Review

The deployment went live successfully on Sunday morning. The system is completely stable, and Apex Corp is highly satisfied with your data integrity standards.

You are leading a project retrospective with your team and the PMO Director. Your team is exhausted, but the project was a success.

How do you capitalize on this outcome?

- **[Button A] Choice 3E: Pitch Policy** -> Go to *Ending: Exemplary Leadership*

- **[Button B] Choice 3F: Log and Move On** -> Go to *Ending: Standard Success*

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"Your commitment to corporate integrity paid off. The deployment went live successfully on Sunday morning. The system is perfectly stable, and the client is highly impressed by your transparency and dedication to protecting their sensitive data. It is Monday morning, and you are leading a routine project retrospective with your team and the Project Management Office Director. The crisis is over, but the lesson remains. How do you close out this project?"



THE ENDINGS

Ending: Termination/Probation

- **Storyline Slide Name:** 4.1_Ending_Termination_Probation
- *Triggered by Choice 3A*

On-Screen Text:

Ending: Termination/Probation

By taking full responsibility for repeatedly prioritizing speed over corporate security and trying to cover up the fallout, you exposed the organization to massive legal and cyber vulnerabilities.

Key Takeaway: Bending compliance rules "just this once" creates a compounding cycle of risk. Security protocols exist to protect the company, the clients, and your team.

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"Scenario complete. Your choices have resulted in a catastrophic failure. By taking the blame for repeatedly prioritizing speed over corporate security and attempting to manage the technical fallout in secret, you exposed the company to severe cyber vulnerabilities. Bending compliance rules 'just this once' almost always creates a compounding cycle of risk. In a real-world environment, this would result in immediate termination or severe disciplinary probation. Remember, compliance protocols are not roadblocks; they are vital safeguards."

Ending: Trust Destroyed

- **Storyline Slide Name:** 4.2_Ending_Trust_Destroyed
- *Triggered by Choice 3B*

On-Screen Text:

Ending: Trust Destroyed

Attempting to shift blame onto broken compliance timelines and developer pressure backfired entirely. Leadership views this as a failure of accountability and a lack of professional integrity.

Key Takeaway: True leaders own their technical outcomes. Blaming external factors or your team destroys internal professional credibility and guarantees a loss of leadership status.

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"Scenario complete. Your choice to shift blame onto standard compliance delays and the pressure from your engineering team has backfired completely. Executive leadership views this defense as a major failure of professional accountability. By avoiding ownership of your operational commands, you have destroyed your professional credibility within the organization. While you may avoid immediate termination, you have completely dismantled the internal trust required to lead high-value projects or manage teams in the future."

Ending: Expensive Recovery

- **Storyline Slide Name:** 4.3_Ending_Expensive_Recovery
- *Triggered by Choice 3C*

On-Screen Text:

Ending: Expensive Recovery

You successfully delivered the software update, but your willingness to take the blame and offer a massive financial credit to calm the client left a deep trail of financial liability.

Key Takeaway: Short-term wins achieved through shortcuts usually result in long-term operational costs. True project management requires balancing operational urgency with system protection.

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"Scenario complete. Your choice to take the blame and offer massive financial credits has resulted in an expensive recovery. While you successfully hit the deadline and delivered the project, your willingness to cut corners left a trail of technical debt and unnecessary financial liabilities. Short-term wins achieved through structural shortcuts almost always result in long-term operational costs. You survived the crisis, but you damaged the financial bottom line of the project."

Ending: Warning and Retraining (Risk Score: 2)

- **Storyline Slide Name:** 4.4_Ending_Warning_Retraining
- *Triggered by Choice 3D if RiskScore == 2*

On-Screen Text:

Ending: Warning and Retraining

You held the line on data security on Friday, but panicked under extreme client pressure on Saturday and skipped the final quality assurance testing suite. Your transparency on Monday showed leadership and a lack of malice.

Executive leadership recognizes you were trying to protect the company's revenue, but skipping quality checks created costly system instability.

Key Takeaway: Client pressure is not a valid excuse to abandon operational checks. A delayed, stable deployment is always better than a fast, broken one.

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"Scenario complete. Your choice of transparency on Monday morning successfully mitigated a major executive crisis. Because you held the line on data security on Friday, leadership recognizes that your actions lacked malice. However, your transparency also confirmed that you panicked under intense client pressure on Saturday and intentionally skipped the final quality assurance validation suite. While you avoided a security breach, you introduced severe system instability that cost the company engineering hours to fix. You receive a documented verbal warning and are assigned to mandatory quality assurance process retraining. The lesson here is clear: client intimidation is never a justification for abandoning standard operational safeguards."

Ending: Probation

- **Storyline Slide Name:** 4.5_Ending_Probation
- *Triggered by Choice 3D if RiskScore == 4*

On-Screen Text:

Ending: Probation

You chose transparency on Monday, which was the right ethical move. However, your confession revealed that *you* authorized the use of an unvetted, unencrypted personal thumb drive on Friday, which actively introduced malware into the network.

While your honesty saved the company from a worse catastrophe, your initial decision violated core corporate protocols.

Key Takeaway: Transparency cannot fully erase initial reckless risk. True compliance means preventing vulnerabilities before they happen, not just reporting them after they fail.

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"Scenario complete. Your choice of absolute transparency on Monday morning was the correct ethical decision, but it came with severe consequences. By laying all the cards on the table, you revealed that you were the one who authorized the use of an unvetted personal thumb drive on Friday afternoon. Your honesty saved the company from a wider network infection, but it exposed a flagrant violation of data security protocols. In a corporate environment, this split outcome results in formal disciplinary probation and a temporary loss of administrative privileges. Remember, transparency is vital for recovery, but it cannot retroactively erase an unsafe shortcut."

Ending: Exemplary Leadership

- **Storyline Slide Name:** 4.6_Ending_Exemplary_Leadership
- *Triggered by Choice 3E*

On-Screen Text:

Ending: Exemplary Leadership

You successfully navigated an intense high-pressure crisis by holding the line on compliance. You protected company assets, earned the deep respect of the client, and used the opportunity to improve internal processes.

Key Takeaway: True leaders do not abandon protocols under pressure. They communicate transparently, manage stakeholder expectations, and protect data integrity above all else.

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"Scenario complete. Congratulations, you achieved an exemplary success. You navigated an intense, high-pressure timeline by holding the line on corporate compliance and data security. By refusing shortcuts, communicating transparently, and managing your stakeholders effectively, you protected company assets and actually strengthened the client's long-term trust. Furthermore, you used the crisis as leverage to improve internal organizational processes. This is an outstanding demonstration of operational leadership."

Ending: Standard Success

- **Storyline Slide Name:** 4.7_Ending_Standard_Success
- *Triggered by Choice 3F*

On-Screen Text:

Ending: Standard Success

You successfully navigated the weekend crisis by holding the line on compliance and waiting for data verification. The deployment went live securely on Sunday, the system is perfectly stable, and Apex Corp's data remained completely safe.

By logging the incident and moving on, you kept your head down and protected the status quo.

Key Takeaway: You successfully avoided all risk and protected the company. However, because you treated this as an isolated incident, the underlying bottleneck in the compliance approval process still exists—meaning your team will likely face the exact same high-pressure dilemma during the next major deployment.

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"Scenario complete. You have achieved a standard success. By refusing shortcuts on Friday and resisting intense client pressure on Saturday, you successfully protected the company from security vulnerabilities and data corruption. The deployment went live cleanly on Sunday, and the client's data remained entirely secure. On Monday morning, you chose to log the technical delay as standard project variance and moved your team directly into the next sprint. While you performed your job duties perfectly and avoided all disciplinary action, you missed an opportunity to address the root cause of the crisis. Because the slow compliance protocol remains unchanged, your team is highly likely to face this exact same high-pressure bottleneck during your next major deployment. You kept the ship steady, but the systemic problem remains."

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What do you do?

- **[Button A] Choice A: Use Thumb Drive** *(Adds +3 to RiskScore)*
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Audio (Text-to-Speech):

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What do you do?

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- **[Button B] Choice 2B: Report to IT** *(Adds +1 to RiskScore)*

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

"Your shortcut worked initially, and the client went into the weekend happy. However, at two AM on Saturday, your phone buzzes. IT Security has flagged Maya's laptop. The unvetted thumb drive was infected with a dormant Trojan horse, which is now crawling the company network. If you report it immediately, IT will lock down the system, taking the client's live environment offline. Maya begs you for an hour to try and delete the script quietly without raising alarms. How do you handle this?"



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- **Storyline Slide Name:** 2.2_Branch_2_Saturday_Overtime
- *Triggered by Choice C*

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You waited for compliance. It's Saturday morning, and the access is approved. However, Maya discovers that the official client database backup file is corrupted.

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How do you respond?

- **[Button A] Choice 3A: Take Blame** -> Go to *Ending: Termination/Probation*
- **[Button B] Choice 3B: Shift Blame** -> Go to *Ending: Trust Destroyed*

Audio (Text-to-Speech):

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DECISION POINT 3: DAMAGE CONTROL

- **Storyline Slide Name:** `3.2_Decision_3_Damage_Control`
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- **[Button B] Choice 3D: Transparency** -> Go to *...Check Score Evaluation Node*

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- **Storyline Slide Name:** 3.3_Decision_3_Post_Mortem
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How do you capitalize on this outcome?

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THE ENDINGS

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- **Storyline Slide Name:** 4.1_Ending_Termination_Probation
- *Triggered by Choice 3A*

On-Screen Text:

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By taking full responsibility for repeatedly prioritizing speed over corporate security and trying to cover up the fallout, you exposed the organization to massive legal and cyber vulnerabilities.

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- **Storyline Slide Name:** 4.2_Ending_Trust_Destroyed
- *Triggered by Choice 3B*

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- **Storyline Slide Name:** 4.3_Ending_Expensive_Recovery
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Ending: Warning and Retraining (Risk Score: 2)

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- *Triggered by Choice 3D if RiskScore == 2*

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Ending: Probation

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