

The Spec Workflow

Workspace is authored. Files are generated. One source of truth, two snapshots.

Three tiers

- **Source of truth** — lives in Notion or Linear, continuously evolving
- **Working snapshot** — .spec-cache/spec.md, gitignored, regenerated per session
- **Frozen snapshot** — docs/specs/feature-shipped.md, committed alongside the PR

Five-stage round-trip

- Session start: pull the spec from the workspace via MCP into .spec-cache/
- During session: agent reads and may write to the cache
- Session end: diff against workspace, sync changes back
- PR open: freeze a snapshot to docs/specs/, commit alongside code
- Cache discarded

Why this cannot drift

- One source of truth: the workspace
- The cache cannot drift because it is regenerated each session
- The frozen snapshot cannot drift because it is frozen
- Three tiers, three audiences, three different jobs

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