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# MCP Apps Meet the Financial Desktop

Lifecycle, Layout, and Multi-App Orchestration

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Lifecycle

Layout

Multi-app orchestration

CHAT

Show me the risk picture for this client.

Opening a workspace view.

FINANCIAL DESKTOP

APPS 5-15

ALERTS 3

CONTEXT FDC3

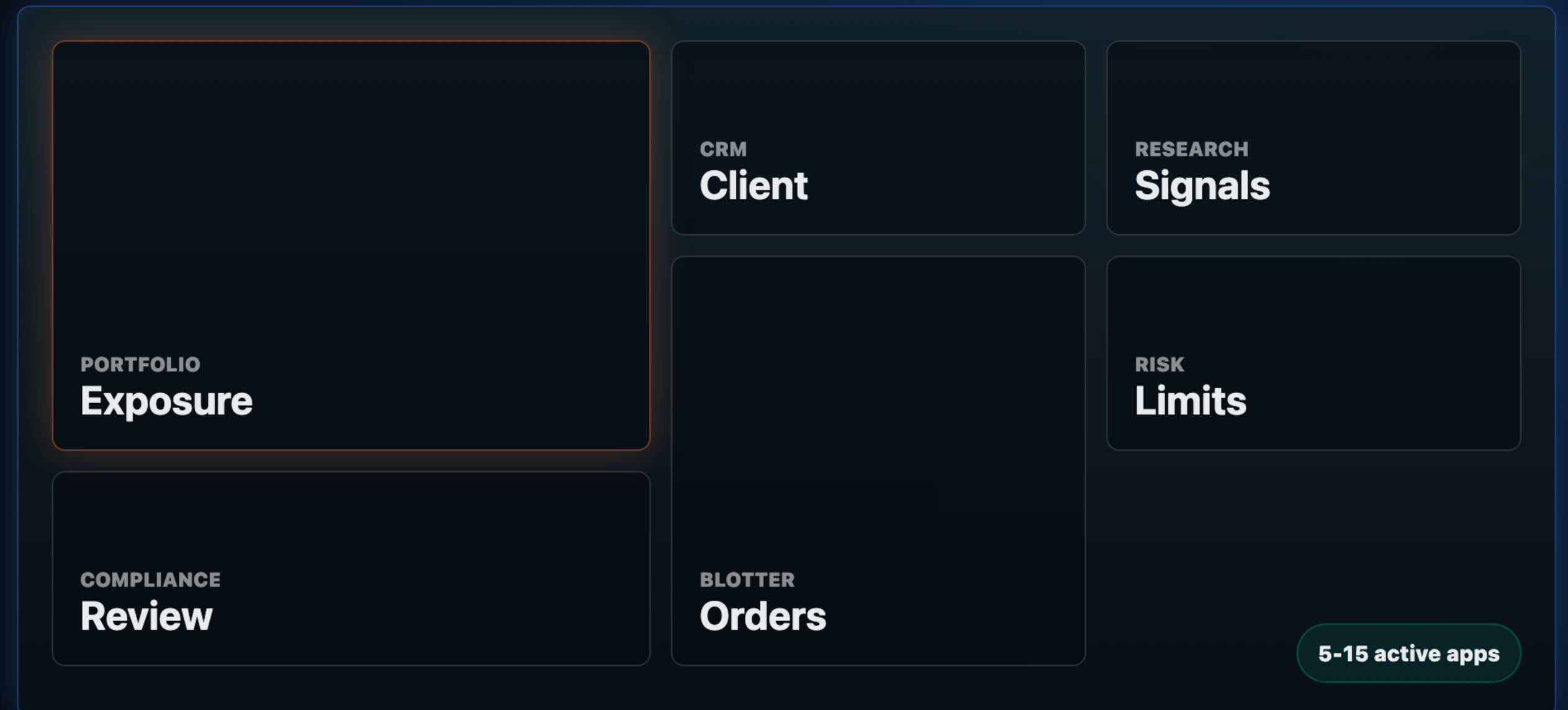


Portfolio Research Ticket

THE OPERATING REALITY

# Traders, PMs, and compliance teams run 5 to 15 apps at once.

The desktop is a coordinated workspace, not a linear transcript.



THE USEFUL BREAKTHROUGH

# The answer can be an HTML interface, not just prose.

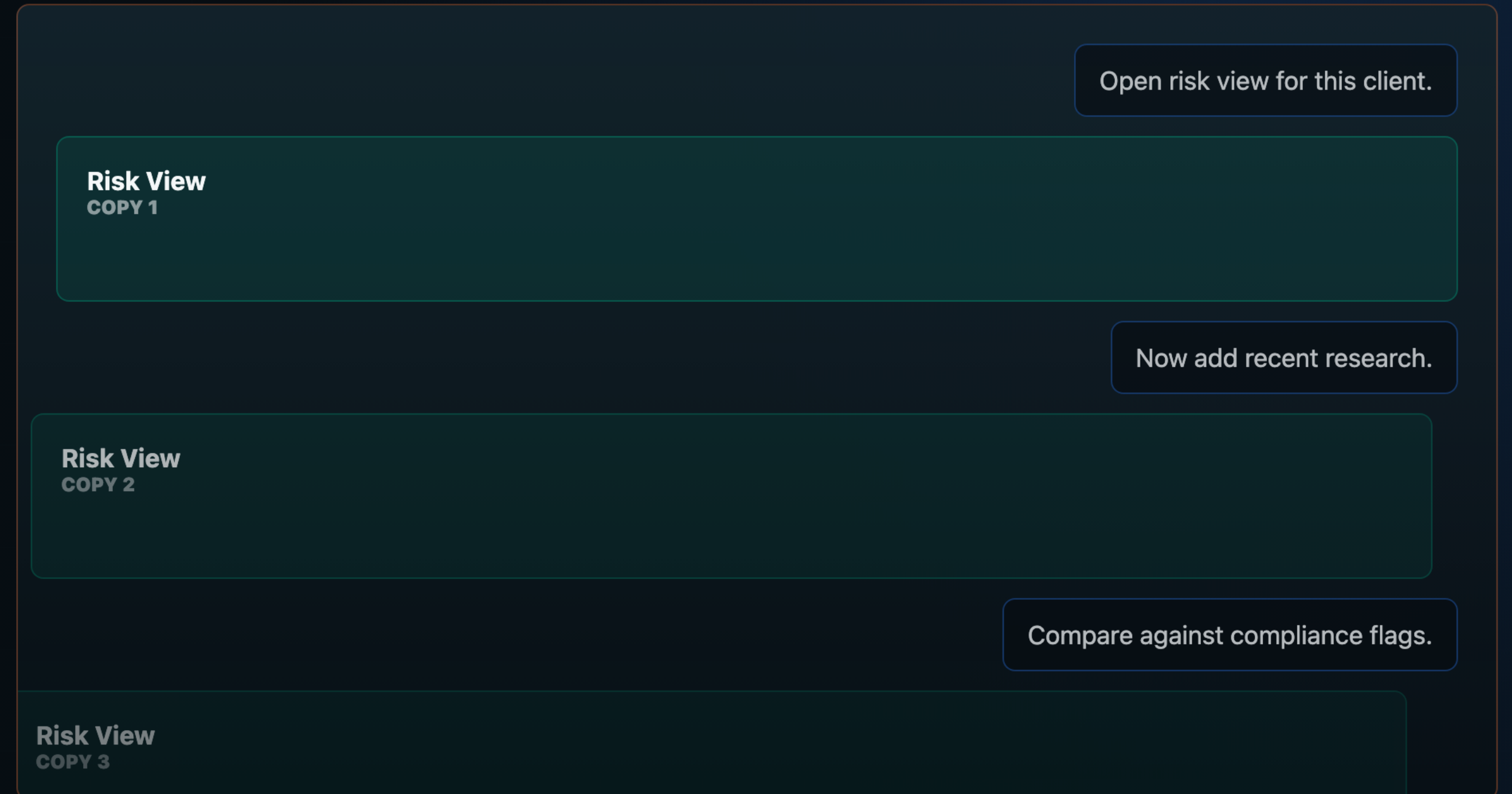
A chat interface acting as an MCP host can render charts, tables, forms, and controls returned by an agent.



WHERE THE MODEL BREAKS DOWN

# Duplicate app copies stack up as the conversation moves.

No persistent workspace. No shared context. No layout control.



WHY THIS MATTERS

# Financial UIs need visible, auditable, simultaneous state.

01

## Visibility

Risk, client, order, and compliance views need to remain on screen together.

02

## Auditability

Teams need to know what app was open, what context it had, and what action followed.

03

## Coordination

One app selecting a client should update the rest of the active desktop.

THE PRODUCTION CHECKLIST

# Lifecycle, layout, and multi-app orchestration.

GAP 01

## Lifecycle

From one-off chat widget to persistent workspace application.

GAP 02

## Layout

Give dense tools the panes, tabs, docking, and screen real estate they need.

GAP 03

## Orchestration

Coordinate agentic flows across several active MCP Apps and desktop apps.

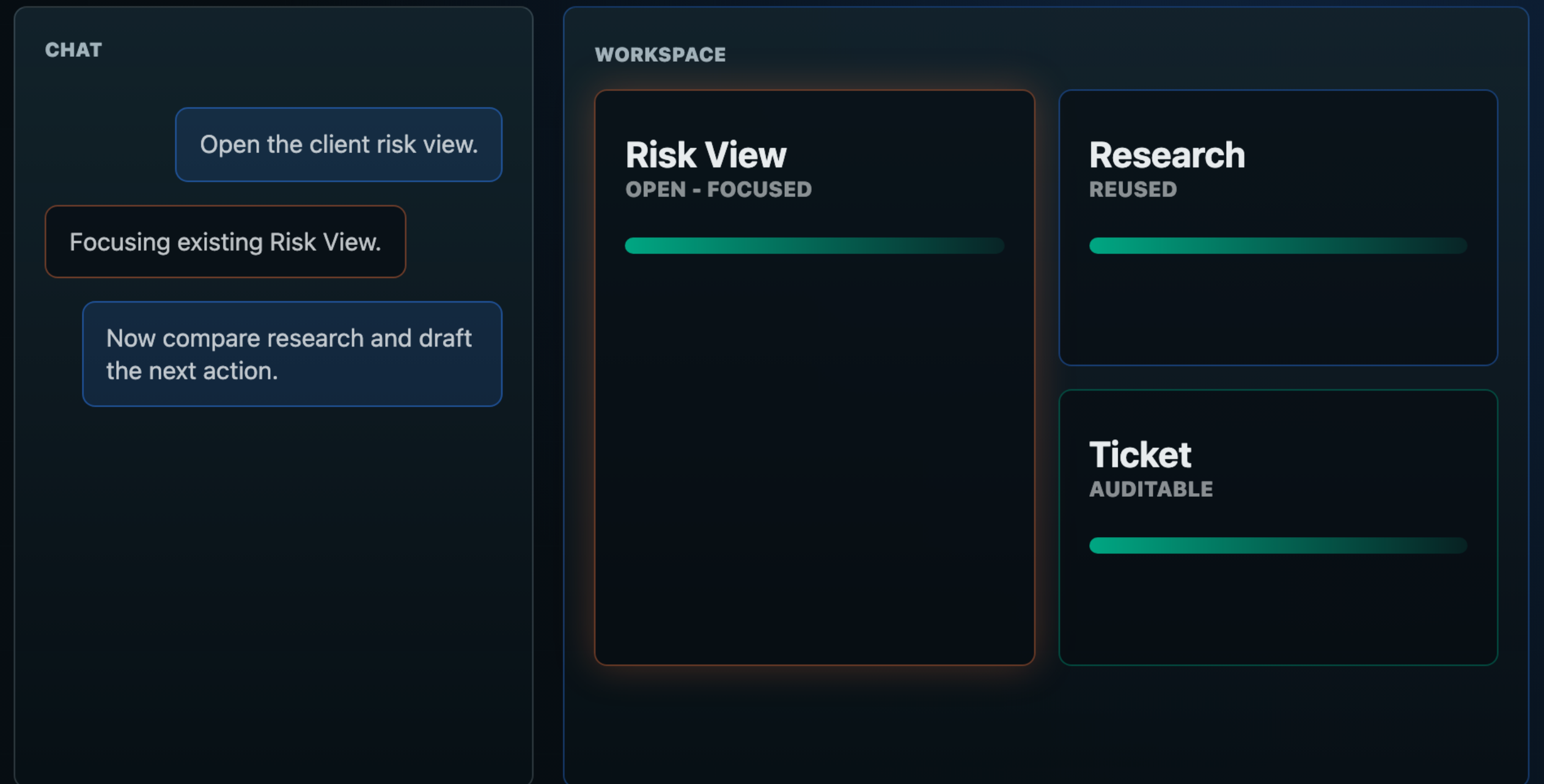
GAP 01: LIFECYCLE

# Persistent apps can be managed.

The host can open, reuse, focus, close, audit, and orchestrate MCP Apps like workspace applications.

CHAT WIDGET

WORKSPACE APP



OPEN SOURCE BUILDING BLOCKS

# Docking and layout are solved problems.

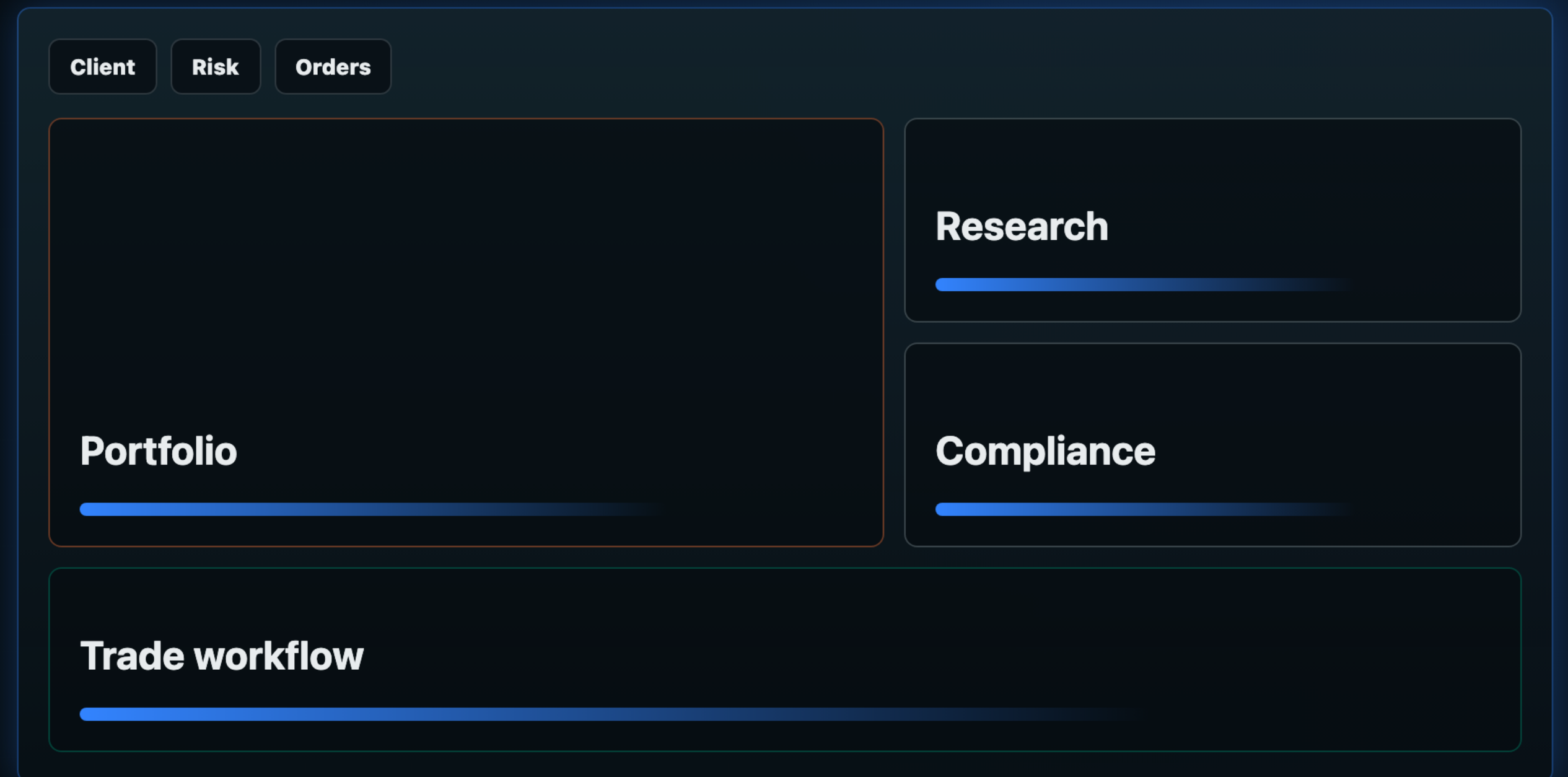
Dockview and GoldenLayout provide workspace primitives MCP App hosts currently lack.

DOCKING

TABS

SPLIT PANES

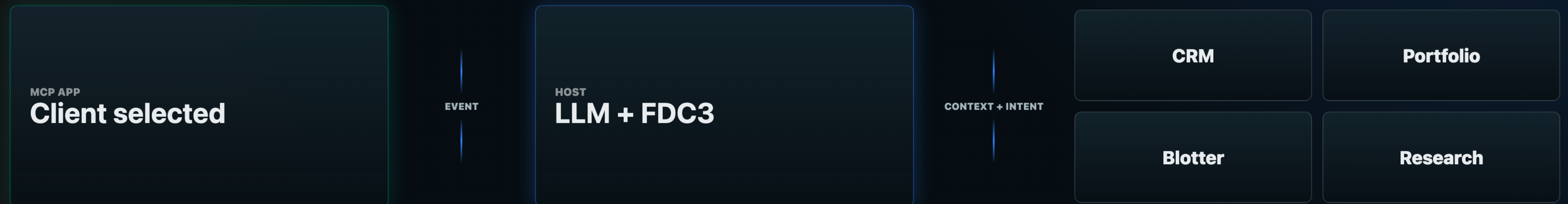
LAYOUT PERSISTENCE



FINOS FDC3

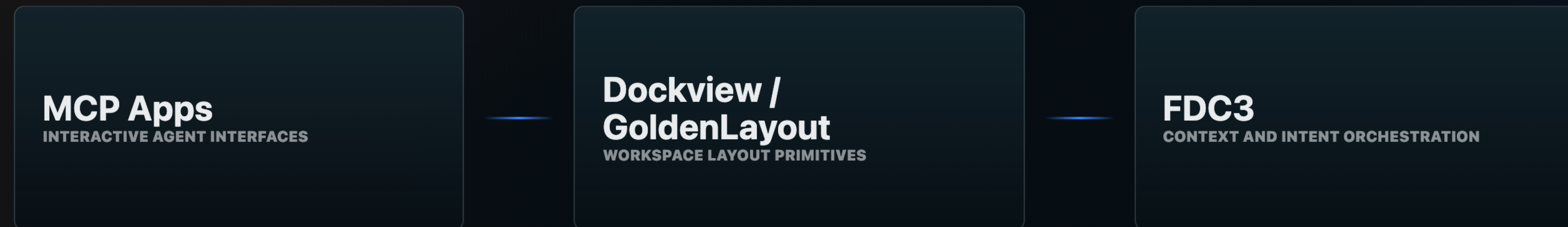
# The host can bridge MCP App events into the financial desktop.

FDC3 adds context sharing and intent resolution across active applications.



WORKING PROTOTYPE

# MCP Apps should become financial desktop participants.



BUILDING ON OSFF NYC 2025: FDC3 INTENTS AS MCP TOOLS.

## Q&A