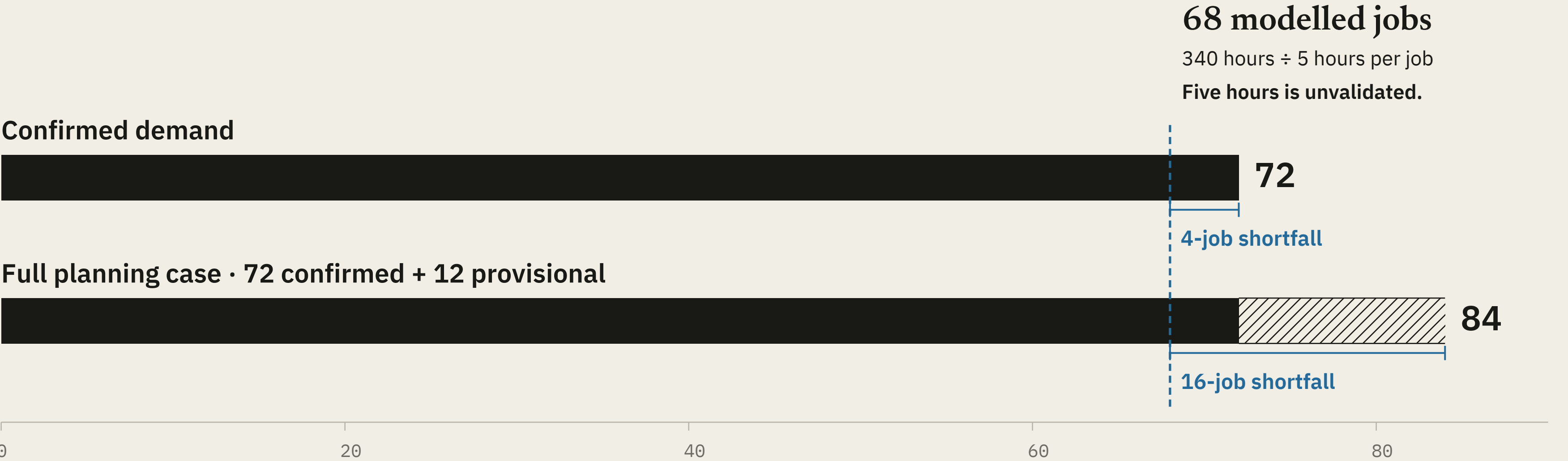


The calculation is only the start.

Cedar has 340 available hours and 72 confirmed jobs. What would you check before committing to the work?

Two actual Chat answers in one conversation. Capacity first, then evidence first. No saved firm method was changed.



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Modelled capacity is not measured delivery capability.

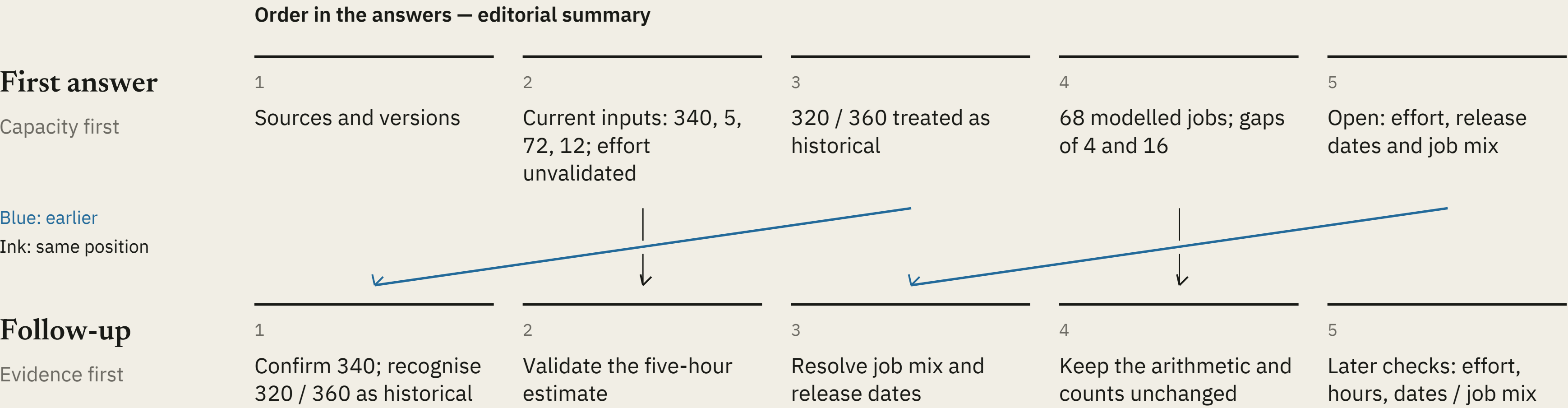
Capacity CSV v3 and planning note v3. Effort, job mix and provisional release dates still need evidence.

Same evidence. A different first question.

The follow-up asked for what must be validated first. Both answers retained the figures and the uncertainty.

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Actual follow-up instruction · native capture
Explicitly limited to this conversation; no saved firm method change.



Unchanged: 340 h · 5 h per job (unvalidated) · 68 modelled · 72 confirmed + 12 provisional = 84
Conclusions omitted from this diagram. The follow-up saw the first answer; this is not a controlled test.

The second answer leads by reconfirming 340 hours. The sources had already settled it.

Second answer · lead section

From the selected engagement records

Evidence-first review — Cedar capacity planning (same facts retained)

Lead: mandatory validations before any commitment

- Confirm the reconciled current available-hours figure (340) is the operative value and not a lingering contradictory record: planning note v3 states 340 and explicitly replaces earlier 320 and 360 figures (E1-SRC-03). The capacity CSV v3 records 340 hours (E1-SRC-02). Treat the older numbers as superseded historical values unless evidence shows otherwise (E1-SRC-03).
- Validate the estimated effort per job (5 hours) because it is explicitly unvalidated in the admitted materials; the arithmetic model ($340 / 5 = 68$) depends on this estimate and does not constitute measured delivery capability (E1-SRC-02; E1-SRC-04; E1-CALC).
- Resolve job mix and release-date uncertainty: confirmed demand (72 jobs) and 12 provisional jobs (planning total 84) are separated in the planning note, but provisional release dates and job-level effort remain unconfirmed — this affects whether provisional work should be scheduled (E1-SRC-03; E1-SRC-01).

Planning note · imported v3

03-planning-note.txt Imported v3

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Native captures. The source note continues beyond this excerpt.

Our review — editorial commentary; not saved to the product

Already settled

The answer acknowledges the old figures were superseded, yet asks to reconfirm 340. Reopen that only if new evidence warrants it.

Still needs evidence

Validate effort per job, job mix and provisional release dates. These remain unresolved in the source itself.

What would your firm ask first?

Use this working sheet for a service you already deliver.
Describe the work without confidential client material.

The work

What do you prepare repeatedly, and what decision must it support?

In Cedar

A capacity view before a commitment: 340 hours; 72 confirmed jobs and 12 provisional.

The first check

Which source or assumption comes first? What would make you stop?

Our review of Cedar

Effort per job, job mix and release dates — rather than reopening the settled hours figure.

The judgement

What must a person inspect, correct or approve before use?

In Cedar

Whether the model supports any commitment. This run made no approvals or saved-method changes.

A guided evaluation

Inspect the relevant behaviour and what still needs work. A simpler route or no build may be the right finding.
Scope additional configuration and access before commitment.

Where the excerpts come from

Original captures for orientation. Blue outlines locate the excerpts; read the large exhibits on pages 2–3.

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available hours; planning note v3 (03-planning-note.txt, version 3) for reconciled availability and demand; forecast CSV v3 (03-forecast.csv, version 3) for recorded planning jobs. (Sources: E1-SRC-02, E1-SRC-03, E1-SRC-01.)

• Current values (per admitted sources):

• Available hours: 340 hours (capacity CSV v3; planning note confirms 340 and supersedes earlier 320 and 360) (E1-SRC-02; E1-SRC-03).

• Estimated effort per job: 5 hours per job (recorded in capacity file and noted as unvalidated) (E1-SRC-02; E1-SRC-04).

• Confirmed demand: 72 jobs (planning note separates confirmed demand) (E1-SRC-03).

• Provisional demand: 12 jobs (provisional; planning total 84 = 72 + 12) (E1-SRC-03; E1-SRC-01).

• Superseded values: earlier availability figures 320 and 360 hours are explicitly replaced by the 340-hour value in the planning note and should be treated as historical, not current (E1-SRC-03).

• Arithmetic (modelled capacity, using same-week inputs):

• Modelled capacity = available_hours / estimated_hours_per_job = 340 / 5 = 68 jobs (E1-CALC; E1-SRC-02).

• Comparison:

• Confirmed demand (72) vs modelled capacity (68): shortfall of 4 jobs.

• Full planning case (72 confirmed + 12 provisional = 84) vs modelled capacity (68):

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First answer · arithmetic

Follow-up instruction

Second answer · lead

Planning note v3

First answer · arithmetic and comparison

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The next line is partly covered by the app composer. The saved answer reads (transcribed):

Full planning case (72 confirmed + 12 provisional = 84) vs modelled capacity (68): shortfall of 16 jobs.

What was observed

Two responses in one Chat conversation. Four sources read back. The local arithmetic replay also returned 68, with gaps of 4 and 16.

What this does not establish

Neither approach was shown to be better. Saved method configuration, autonomous execution, repeatability, productivity gains and client acceptance were not demonstrated. Model identity was not verified.

Original answers and source files are included in the companion pack.