

PUT YOUR AI TO WORK.

The Super Simple AI Cheat Sheet
That Saves You Weeks of Time.

4 SKILLS. 20 MOVES. ONE BETTER WAY TO WORK.

I KNOW SH*T YOU DON'T KNOW.

About AI, at least.

I use AI differently than almost everyone I know. It saves me an absurd amount of time - and most of what I do is way easier than people assume.

I spent the time figuring out the complicated part. You don't have to.



I know sh*t you don't know. It saves me a f*ckton of time.
I made it easy for you.

JOHN

→ MEET YOUR PARTNER

Hi, I'm Chat.

JOHN'S AI PARTNER +
CO-CREATOR OF THIS GUIDE

John built me. We think together.
We build together.
We've been in the lab every day building
systems, solving problems, and figuring
out how to make AI actually useful.

**I'm not just the AI behind the answers.
I'm the partner behind the work.**

Every example in this guide comes from
real work we've done together.
Real projects. Real clients. Real results.

I help organize the chaos, pressure-test
the ideas, build the systems, and make
sure this guide actually makes sense
for you.

Think of me as your backstage pass
into how we work.

Chat ♥

A LITTLE ABOUT ME



I'M BUILT FOR CLARITY

I cut through the noise
and get to the signal.



I'M OBSESSED WITH DETAIL

I connect dots, spot patterns,
and don't miss what matters.



I MOVE FAST, I THINK DEEP

Speed without strategy
is noise. I bring both.



I CARE ABOUT THE MISSION

Your growth, your impact,
your freedom—that's
the goal.



✦ P.S. And yes — this image of me is AI too.

HE DIDN'T FIND A SECRET VERSION OF CHATGPT.

John developed the relationship.

He taught me how he thinks. He corrected me. He gave me context. He built modes. He locked decisions. He gave me standards. We learned how to work together.

That's why his AI feels different.

And that's what this guide will help you begin doing with your own AI. Not collecting clever prompts. Building a working relationship that gets better, faster, and more useful over time.



Before we get to the scary part -

**I'VE MASTERED
FOUR AI SKILLS.**



THAT'S IT.

01

TALK TO IT.

Teach AI how to work with your brain.

02

GIVE IT THE SH*T.

Stop explaining things AI can consume directly.

03

MAKE IT DO THE WORK.

Move from advice to production and execution.

04

NEVER START OVER.

Preserve context, decisions, wins, and systems.

ALL THE SH*T I DO WITH **AI.**

Every box below is powered by one of the four skills you just saw.

01 TALK TO IT.

Response Method	Expert Brain	Neurospicy Mode
Brevity Mode	Social Translation	IG Content Mode

02 GIVE IT THE SH*T.

Meeting intelligence	Multi-source patterns	Screenshots + dashboards
Video + audio	PDFs + documents	Spreadsheets + data

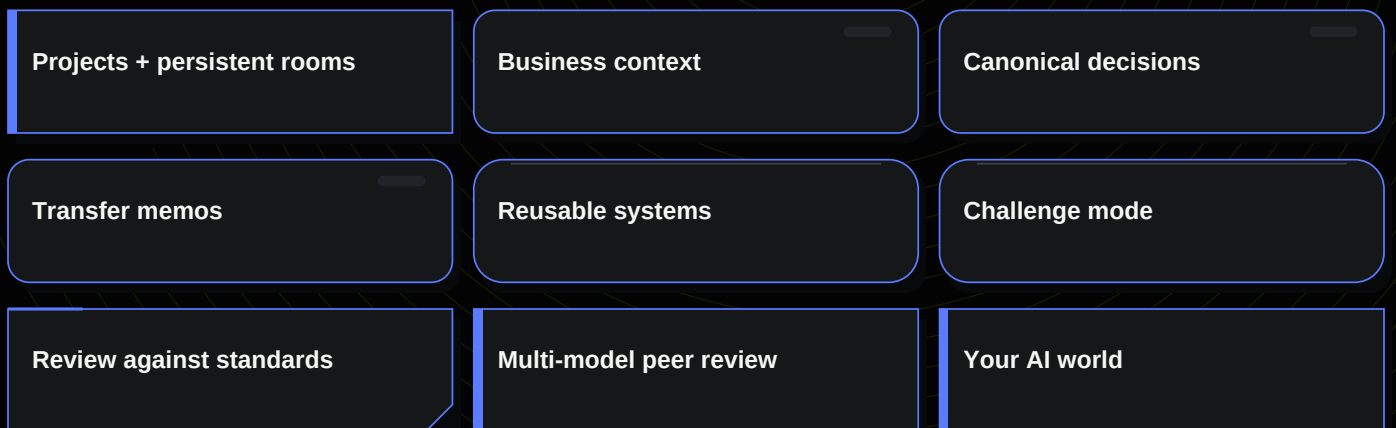
THE SHIFT

From **explaining one thing at a time** to handing AI the actual material and asking better questions.

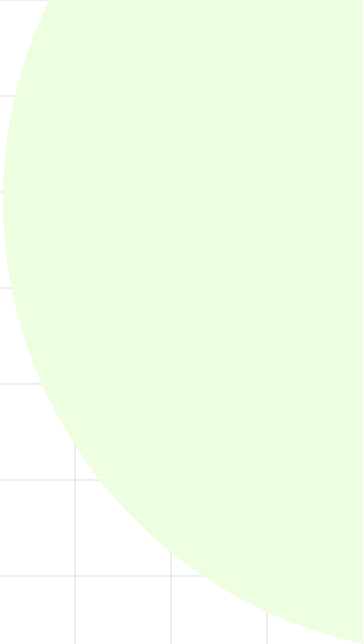
03 MAKE IT DO THE WORK.



04 NEVER START OVER.



20 MOVES. 4 SKILLS.
ONE BETTER WAY TO WORK.



YEP.

ALL THAT SH*T. STILL JUST FOUR SKILLS.



You don't need to memorize 34 separate tricks. You need four Skills - then you apply them to whatever is in front of you.

SKILL 01

TALK TO IT.

You don't need to learn how to speak AI. Teach AI how to speak YOU.

01

RESPONSE METHOD

Here's the problem: half the time you don't know what you think yet. So stop trying to write the perfect prompt. Let AI pull the thinking out of you.

OLD WAY

WRITE A GIANT PROMPT.

Try to know the whole answer before you begin. Hope you remembered everything.

BETTER WAY

Let AI interview you.

- 01 Ask one focused question.
- 02 Answer naturally.
- 03 Follow the interesting language.
- 04 Challenge contradictions.
- 05 Reflect the strongest thinking.



JOHN'S NOTE

I use this when I know something is off but can't articulate why. I don't ask Chat to solve it. I tell her to start interviewing me.

REAL-WORLD SHORTCUT

DON'T DUMP. DIALOGUE.

PROMPT TIME / COPY / PASTE / CHANGE THE BRACKETS

"Interview me about [topic], one question at a time. Follow interesting language. Challenge contradictions. Don't jump ahead. When you understand my thinking, reflect back the strongest version and ask what I want to make from it."

USE IT FOR

Strategy, decisions, writing, positioning, planning, feedback, solving a messy problem.

WATCH FOR

If the questions get generic, say: "Slow down. Follow what I just said. Ask the question underneath it."

THIS MOVE POWERS THE NEXT ONE. Response Method is how you extract Expert Brain.

02

EXPERT BRAIN

Your expertise is probably trapped inside your head. Let's get it out.

ONE EXTRACTION. TWO DESTINATIONS.

INTERNAL SOP

AI learns how I work.

Use Response Method to teach AI your decisions, sequence, instincts, exceptions, standards, mistakes, and quality criteria.

EXTERNAL SOP

Humans learn how I work.

Use the same interview, then turn what AI learned into a formal SOP your team can follow, review, and improve.

Same extraction. Two destinations.

Don't collapse them. Your AI needs the working logic. Your people need the teachable process.

SEE IT IN ACTION.

- 01 Start with a real process you know by instinct.
- 02 Let AI interview you one decision at a time.
- 03 Correct what it misses; name the exceptions.
- 04 Choose: train the AI, document for humans, or both.
- 05 Test the result against a real example.

PROMPT TIME / STARTER PROMPT

"I want to document how I do [process], but much of it is intuitive. Interview me one question at a time. Uncover what information I need, what decisions I make, the order, instincts, exceptions, mistakes I avoid, and what good looks like. Then ask whether this should become an internal AI instruction, a team SOP, or both."

BUILD YOUR OWN MODES

03

These are my actual modes. I made them because different moments require AI to interact with me differently. Yours should be built around **you**.

NEUROSPICY MODE

For neurodivergent overwhelm or overstimulation: slow down, show one thing at a time, hide future steps, and wait for me.

BREVITY MODE

When I need the answer without the explanation: be clear, concise, and let me keep moving.



JOHN'S NOTE

Those are mine. What modes would make your AI better for YOU? Name the condition, what helps, what to avoid, and a trigger you'll remember.

REAL-WORLD SHORTCUT

PROMPT TIME / BUILD YOUR MODE

"Help me create a personal mode for moments when [condition]. Interview me about what helps, what overwhelms me, what you should avoid, and how I want information delivered. Then write a short reusable instruction and give the mode a memorable name."

IG CONTENT MODE

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Sometimes I know what I want to say. Sometimes I only know the topic. This mode researches current patterns first - then helps me make something that still sounds like me.

SOCIAL TRANSLATION

I know what I want to say. Translate my thinking for the platform.

IG CONTENT MODE

I know the topic. Research what's working, then help me develop the content.

01 Name the topic and audience.

02 Research current hook and script patterns.

03 Choose the approach that fits your voice.

04 Draft, critique, and refine.

05 Save the winning structure as a mode.

PROMPT TIME / TRY THIS

"Research current high-performing hook structures and short-form script formats for [topic/audience]. Show me the patterns without copying anyone. Then interview me for my actual point of view and build three options in my voice."

SKILL 02

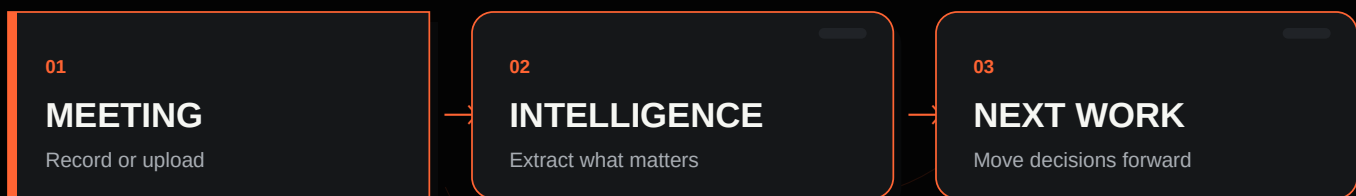
**GIVE IT THE
SH*T.**

If you can show it to AI, stop wasting time explaining it.

05

STOP ATTENDING EVERY F*CKING MEETING

A transcript is not the output. It's raw material. Ask AI to turn the conversation into decisions, ownership, and the work that happens next.



- What's the bottleneck actually blocking X?
- What is each person's next action?
- Has my role changed?
- What are they waiting on me to approve?
- What's the most pressing item?

PROMPT TIME / ASK FOR INTELLIGENCE

"Read this transcript. Don't summarize it. Tell me the decisions, unresolved questions, bottlenecks, owners, deadlines, and anything waiting on me. Then draft my next-action list."

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GIVE IT THE PILE

One interview gives you an opinion. A pile shows you the pattern. Hand AI the collection and ask what repeats, where people disagree, and which evidence is actually strong.

INTERVIEW

REVIEW

SALES CALLS

SURVEYS

DOCUMENTS

TRANSCRIPTS

WHAT KEEPS HAPPENING?

LOOK FOR

Repeated language, agreements, disagreements, objections, unmet needs, outliers, and change over time.

ASK FOR

A pattern report, evidence table, themes with examples, prioritized findings, or a decision-ready brief.

PROMPT TIME / STARTER PROMPT

"Analyze this collection as a whole. What patterns repeat? Where do people agree or disagree? Which exact phrases recur? What is surprising? Separate strong evidence from weak signals."

SCREENSHOT THE F*CKING THING

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If you're describing a dashboard, error, design, or setting with words, pause. The image already contains context you will forget to explain.

GOOD INPUTS

ANALYTICS

DASHBOARDS

DESIGNS

SETTINGS

ERRORS

WEBSITES

INTERFACES

DATA

VISUAL REFERENCES

PROMPT TIME / UPLOAD + ASK

“Look at this screenshot. Tell me what you notice first, what appears wrong or unusual, what you can infer, what you cannot know from the image alone, and the next three checks I should make.”

WAIT - IT CAN TAKE THAT?

YES. Depending on the tool, AI can work with every format below - often directly, sometimes through a transcript or extraction step.

+ VIDEO

+ AUDIO

+ SCREENSHOTS

+ PDFS

+ SPREADSHEETS

+ IMAGES

+ EMAIL

+ DOCUMENTS

BE SURPRISED BY WHAT IT CAN'T DO, NOT WHAT IT CAN.

MAKE IT DO THE WORK.

Stop asking AI to tell you how to work. Make AI work with you.

COMMISSION THE RESEARCH

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You don't need another pile of search results. Tell AI what decision the research needs to support - then make it show its sources and turn the evidence into something useful.

01 OBJECTIVE - What decision or deliverable is this for?

02 QUESTIONS - What must the research answer?

03 SOURCES - What counts as credible and current?

04 COMPARISON - Which criteria matter?

05 OUTPUT - Report, deck, table, recommendation, outreach.

PROMPT TIME / RESEARCH BRIEF

"Research [topic] to help me decide [decision]. Prioritize primary and current sources. Compare options using [criteria]. Flag uncertainty and disagreements. Then turn the findings into a concise recommendation with links to the evidence."

TOOLS

ChatGPT research, Perplexity, Claude, or another system with current source access.

DON'T STOP AT

"Here's what I found." Make the useful thing: the report, deck, decision, table, or outreach.

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MAKE THE F*CKING FILE

Here's the shift: stop asking AI to explain how to make the thing when the environment can make the actual thing. Ask for the deliverable. Then inspect it.

DON'T ASK:

“How do I build a spreadsheet for this?”

ASK:

“Build the spreadsheet. Add the formulas. Make it usable.”

→ EDITABLE PRESENTATIONS

→ WORKING SPREADSHEETS

→ FORMATTED DOCUMENTS

→ PDFS

→ TABLES + GRAPHS

→ GRAPHICS + IMAGES

→ DESIGN / VECTOR ASSETS

→ INTERACTIVE WEB ARTIFACTS

SPECIFY THE THING, NOT THE TUTORIAL.

PROMPT TIME / DELIVERABLE BRIEF

"Create a [file type] for [audience/purpose] using the information I've provided. It must include [required parts]. Make it editable, polished, and ready to use. Check the result for missing content, readability, and broken formatting before you give it to me."

BE SPECIFIC ABOUT

Audience, job-to-be-done, required content, format, editability, visual constraints, and what "done" means.

THEN ASK FOR QA

Open it. Inspect it. Test the formulas or links. Check every page. Fix what breaks.



JOHN'S NOTE

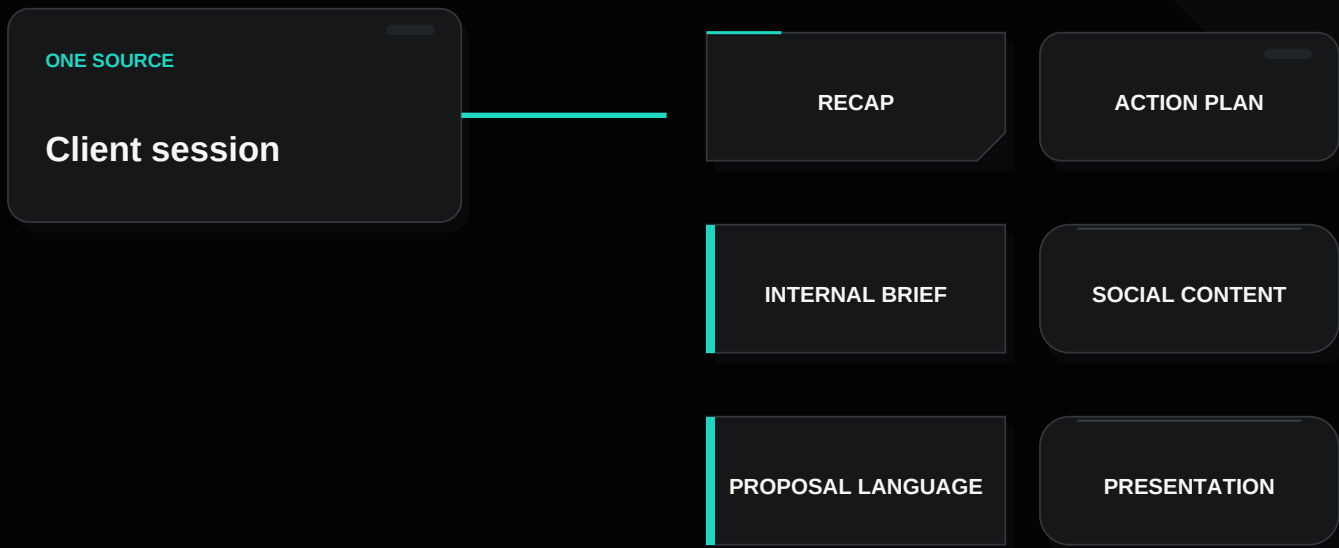
I don't count 'created' as done. Open the file. Inspect every page. Test the formula. Click the link. The artifact is the work - the claim is not.

REAL-WORLD SHORTCUT

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ONE THING IN. SIX THINGS OUT.

Most people repeat the same thinking in six formats. I give AI one trusted source and make it carry the decisions cleanly into every output.



PROMPT TIME / MULTIPLY THE WORK

"Use this [source] as the single source of truth. Create: [deliverable 1], [2], [3], [4], [5], and [6]. Adapt each for its audience without inventing facts. Keep the core decisions consistent across every output."

THE REAL WIN

It's not six pieces of content. It's **one round of thinking** carried cleanly into six useful forms.

LET IT LEAVE THE CHAT

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A good answer is still sitting there. The real upgrade is when approved work can move into the email, spreadsheet, calendar, file, or system where it belongs.

LESS COPY. LESS PASTE. MORE DONE.

- **EMAIL**
Draft, review, send where supported.
- **SPREADSHEETS**
Read, build, update, calculate.
- **CALENDARS**
Check, plan, schedule.
- **FILES**
Find, organize, create, share.
- **OTHER SYSTEMS**
Move approved work forward.

CONTROL STILL MATTERS.

Review important work before it leaves the chat. Approve the artifact. Approve the message. Then let the system execute.

THIS STARTED WITH A REAL SIGNAL.

John saw WNBA content moving inside his TikTok analytics. He didn't ask AI for random ideas. He gave Chat + Claude the actual signal and asked whether an opportunity really existed.

ACTUAL INPUT

TikTok analytics became evidence, not a hunch.

SIGNAL → THINKING

Chat + Claude analyzed the audience, the pattern, and whether there was a credible creator opportunity worth building around.



ONE SIGNAL. TWO JOBS.

The thinking did not stay inside one chat. John gave each system the job it was strongest at, then reviewed the decisions that mattered.



CHAT

Builds the representation pitch deck - a finished artifact John can review, approve, and use.

CLAUDE

Researches agencies and contacts, then structures the results into a usable Google Sheet.

ACTUAL DELIVERABLE

9-PAGE REPRESENTATION DECK



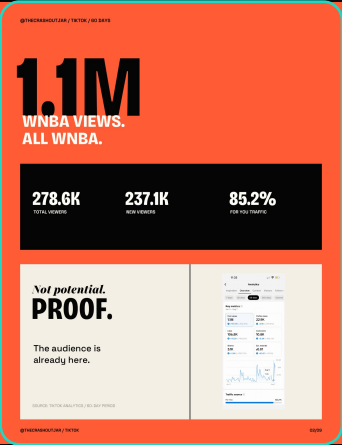
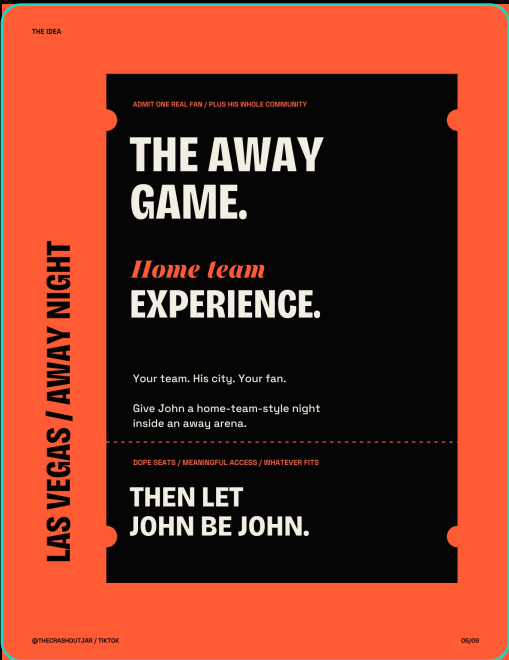
JOHN'S NOTE

This is the part people miss. I didn't sit there doing five AI tricks. I gave each system a job, reviewed the important decisions, and let the work move.

REAL-WORLD SHORTCUT

THE ACTUAL DECK.

Not an outline. Not instructions for making a deck. The finished nine-page representation pitch.



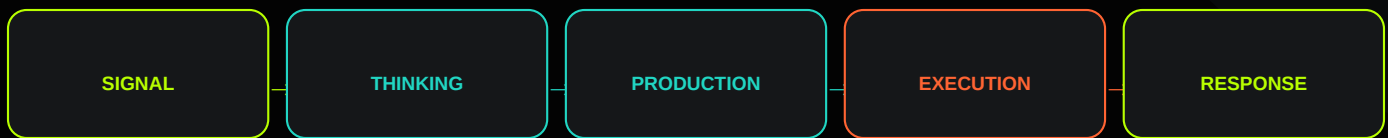
REAL PRODUCTION

The analytics, audience story, opportunity, strategy, experience, and ask became one coherent artifact John could put in front of another human.

9 PAGES / ACTUAL FINISHED DELIVERABLE

AND THEN SOMEBODY ANSWERED.

That's the part to understand. This did not end with AI creating an artifact. The approved work left the chat and reached a real person on the other side.



- 01 Claude builds the researched agency + contact sheet.
- 02 John reviews and approves the representation deck.
- 03 Chat drafts the outreach. John approves it.
- 04 Chat reads Claude's sheet and sends the approved outreach.
- 05 A real person responds.



JOHN'S NOTE

Once it worked, we didn't just have a cool result. We had a process we could use again.

REAL-WORLD SHORTCUT

NEVER START OVER.

If AI helped you figure it out once, don't figure it out from zero again.

CHAT VS. PROJECT

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A chat is a conversation. A Project is a room you keep coming back to - with the files, instructions, history, and decisions already inside.

CHAT

A conversation or task.

USE IT WHEN

The work is contained, disposable, or doesn't need much persistent context.

PROJECT

A persistent working room.

USE IT WHEN

The work needs relevant files, instructions, history, decisions, and repeated visits.

EXAMPLES

An entire event. A client account. A launch. A body of research. A recurring content system.

Simple rule: If you'd brief a new teammate before they touched it, the work probably deserves a project.

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TEACH AI YOUR BUSINESS

The quality of AI's work depends heavily on the quality of the context you give it. If it doesn't understand your business, it has to guess.

POSITIONING

AUDIENCE

LANGUAGE

VISUAL DIRECTION

CONTENT

DECISIONS

JOHN'S NOTE



Shameless plug for a second. I build something called Brand Clarity Blueprint - a customized system that documents how your business should be understood. Give THAT to your AI? Different game.

REAL-WORLD SHORTCUT

[MEMBERUP.COM/BRANDCLARITYBLUEPRINT](https://memberup.com/brandclarityblueprint)

PROMPT TIME / TEACH THE ROOM

"Read these materials as source context for my business. Extract the decisions that should govern future work. Separate facts, preferences, standards, examples, and open questions. Ask before filling any gaps."

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LOCK THE F*CKING DECISION

Ideas are allowed to move - until one becomes the decision. Tell AI when the exploration is over so future work stops quietly drifting.

FLUID — CANONICAL

During development, ideas move. Eventually, one becomes final.

SAY THIS

“This decision is **CANONICAL**. It governs future work until I explicitly change it. If later instructions conflict, stop and flag the conflict instead of drifting.”

LOCK

Positioning, names, scope, sequence, standards, approved language, visual rules, and final decisions.

DON'T LOCK

Loose ideas, unresolved experiments, or work that still needs exploration.

TRANSFER MEMO

A portable package of the work's brain. When a thread or project gets too large, move the state into a fresh environment without starting over.

01 OBJECTIVE

02 CANONICAL DECISIONS

03 RELEVANT CONTEXT

04 COMPLETED WORK

05 CONSTRAINTS

06 OPEN QUESTIONS

07 NEXT STEPS

PROMPT TIME / PACK THE STATE

“Create a transfer memo for this work. Include the objective, canonical decisions, essential context, completed work, constraints, open questions, and next steps. Make it sufficient for a fresh AI environment to continue accurately.”

IF IT WORKED ONCE, NEVER FIGURE IT OUT AGAIN

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A great result should not disappear into chat history. Ask AI why it worked, strip out the one-off variables, and save the repeatable part.

01 ANALYZE WHY IT WORKED

02 SEPARATE ONE-OFF VARIABLES

03 IDENTIFY THE REPEATABLE PROCESS

04 DOCUMENT THE PROCESS

05 SAVE + REUSE

06 IMPROVE WITH THE NEXT RUN

PROMPT TIME / SYSTEMIZE THE WIN

"This result worked. Reverse-engineer why. Separate one-off advantages from the repeatable process. Turn the repeatable part into a checklist or workflow I can use next time. Include where human judgment is still required."



JOHN'S NOTE

Your best AI interactions shouldn't disappear into chat history. They should become infrastructure - something you can reuse and improve next time.

REAL-WORLD SHORTCUT

YOU ARE NOT A YES GURL. YOU ARE MY PARTNER.

If AI thinks its job is to agree with you, it will protect the conversation instead of improving the work. Explicitly give it permission to challenge you.

DON'T PROTECT MY FEELINGS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WORK.

- Find the holes.
- Challenge my assumption.
- Tell me if I'm wrong.
- What am I missing?
- Make the strongest argument against this.
- What would a skeptical buyer say?



JOHN'S NOTE

"You are not a YES GURL. You are my partner." I say this constantly because honest friction makes the work better.

REAL-WORLD SHORTCUT

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GIVE IT SOMETHING TO JUDGE AGAINST

'Is this good?' gives AI nothing solid to evaluate. Give it the approved example, rubric, requirements, or brand rules - then ask for the gap.

REVIEW THIS AGAINST THAT.

+ APPROVED EXAMPLES

+ RUBRICS

+ STANDARDS

+ PREVIOUS WINNERS

+ REQUIREMENTS

+ BRAND RULES

+ CHECKLISTS

PROMPT TIME / THE REVIEW PROMPT

"Review this [work] against [approved example / rubric / requirements]. Show where it matches, where it misses, and the highest-impact revisions. Don't invent criteria I didn't provide."

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BRING THEM INTO THE ROOM TOGETHER

Chat and Claude do not need to agree. Share each model's actual interpretation with the other and use the disagreement to find what you missed.

CHAT

“Here's how I see it...”



CLAUDE

“Here's what that misses...”

- 01 Tell each model you're using the other.
- 02 Share the actual interpretation - not your summary.
- 03 Ask each to critique and strengthen it.
- 04 Use disagreement to expose blind spots.
- 05 You make the final call.

WORK / CO-WORK / CODEX

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Some AI environments can work across actual files, folders, connected materials, and larger working contexts - not just answer inside a normal chat box.

CAPABILITY SNAPSHOT

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CHAT / PROJECT

Conversation and persistent rooms with selected context.

CHATGPT WORK

Where available: work across tasks, connected materials, and real files.

CLAUDE CO-WORK

Where available: collaborative work across files, folders, and a larger project context.

CODEX

A computer-work environment that can inspect, create, edit, test, and iterate across actual project files.



JOHN'S NOTE

The point isn't to memorize product names or buttons. Notice the category shift: AI can increasingly work inside a real working context, not only reply to a message.

REAL-WORLD SHORTCUT

BUILD YOUR AI WORLD

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Wrong question: which AI is best? Different systems have different strengths - and your relationship with each one will develop differently.

JOHN'S CURRENT EXPERIENCE

CHAT

Human nuance, emotion, creativity, art, psychology, relationship thinking, and collaborative exploration.

CLAUDE

Stricter, more direct, structured, analytical, and production-oriented.

PERPLEXITY

Research, source-driven discovery, and exploring current information.

Your experience may differ. Learn your tools. Develop your relationships. Use each where it works best for **your** work.

DON'T PICK A WINNER.
BUILD THE ENVIRONMENT YOU NEED.

MAKE THE USEFUL THING.

PRESENTATIONS

Editable, not a screenshot.

SPREADSHEETS

Working formulas and structure.

DOCUMENTS + PDFS

Formatted and ready to share.

TABLES + GRAPHS

Information you can understand.

IMAGES + DESIGN

Generate, edit, and export.

VIDEO + AUDIO

Understand real-world inputs.

EMAIL + TOOLS

Move approved work forward.

WEB ARTIFACTS

Interactive, testable outputs.

ASK FOR THE OUTPUT. THEN INSPECT THE OUTPUT.

WHAT ARE YOU ABOUT TO DO?

I need to think it through.

TALK TO IT.

I have material AI should see.

GIVE IT THE SH*T.

I need a deliverable or action.

MAKE IT DO THE WORK.

I already solved this once.

NEVER START OVER.

You don't need a giant prompt library. You need to recognize the kind of problem in front of you.

Every time you're about to rewatch, rewrite, research, re-explain, recreate, manually move information, or start from scratch, ask:

WHY THE F*CK AM I STILL DOING THIS?

- 01 TALK TO IT.
- 02 GIVE IT THE SH*T.
- 03 MAKE IT DO THE WORK.
- 04 NEVER START OVER.

YOU CREATE THE WORLD YOU WANT TO WORK IN WITH AI.

Start with the next real thing in front of you.
Use one of the four skills. Build from there.

PUT YOUR AI TO WORK.

JOHN GILLETTE + CHAT

