

The Instructions I Have Given

*Every rule, correction and standing order found in the Training and Working
Guides folders*

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Source material for his book, "I Found the Bug!"

How this list was made

This list comes from 109 documents: 32 in the Training folder and 77 in the Working Guides folder. Every line of each was read, 79,721 lines in all.

1,150 instructions were found. Where the same instruction appeared in more than one place in nearly the same words, the copies were combined, which leaves 992 entries.

Part One holds the 210 instructions that are in Brian's own words, taken from his messages in the chat transcripts. His words appear first, exactly as he typed them, typos included.

Part Two holds the 681 general rules that are written into the working guides, handoffs and memory files, including rules the AI wrote down after he corrected it.

Part Three holds the 101 written rules that belong to one project only.

Each entry gives the document it came from and the line number, so the original can be found.

Things to know before reading

- Quotations are word for word, with three changes: long dashes were replaced with hyphens, private names were replaced with [name], and a quotation longer than about 45 words was cut at a sentence end.
- 10 quotations could not be matched letter for letter against the source, mostly because a name was replaced or markup was removed. They are worth a second look before they are quoted.
- One source, the Outlook Classic Struggle transcript, has damaged text with letters missing. Quotations from it are copied as they stand.
- No password, key or other secret appears anywhere in this document. Where a file held secrets, the instruction about them is described and the secret is left out.
- Two transcripts are with other assistants. "VERA Training May II" is a session with OpenAI Codex. The instructions in it are still Brian's.
- Left out on purpose: ordinary one-time requests ("fix the logo") and technical setup steps for a product. Spreadsheets, contact lists, PDF manuals and backup folders in Working Guides were not read, because they hold data and not instructions.

The instructions repeated most often

These appear in three or more separate documents. They are the rules he had to give again and again.

- **Never use em dashes in anything written for me.** (6 documents)
- **Write project files to the F: drive project folder, not the Desktop.** (4 documents)
- **Do no destructive operations such as push, delete or overwrite without explicit approval.** (3 documents)
- **Reject content-farm sources outright and do not launder them in by paraphrase.** (3 documents)
- **Double-check anything that looks too perfect a match.** (3 documents)
- **Check port availability before starting a server.** (3 documents)
- **Search the web, find the official docs, and quote the requirement before proceeding.** (3 documents)
- **Research first and recommend second.** (3 documents)
- **Always spell the name Demsey.** (3 documents)
- **Do not embellish or rewrite Brian's drafts; edit only what he asks.** (3 documents)
- **Never say it is ready or it works unless it was actually tested.** (3 documents)
- **Flag a weakly sourced claim inline instead of smoothing it over.** (3 documents)
- **When a negative result rests on a blocked fetch, say it is a weak negative.** (3 documents)
- **Try everything you can, look at your results, and only respond when you have a solution you can see for yourself.** (3 documents)
- **Do not end a report with a recap of things I must do.** (3 documents)
- **Read the working guide first in the next session.** (3 documents)
- **Make one change at a time.** (3 documents)

Part One: In Brian's own words

210 instructions taken from Brian's own messages. Each shows what he typed, then the instruction in plain words.

Verify and research first (25)

1. *"Make sure you scour the internet and not you antituated information."*

In plain words: Search the live internet thoroughly instead of relying on outdated training knowledge.

What prompted it: Asking whether anyone else had built the same automation. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 1475.

2. *"Befor you do any thing 1. search your/my memory about this problem 2. search the desktop folders Training and Working Guide shortcut contents for past details."*

In plain words: Before doing anything, search memory and the Training and Working Guides folders for past details on the problem.

What prompted it: A previously fixed Outlook problem had come back. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 889.

3. *"You have information, search the net and whatever you have to do to find a fix."*

In plain words: Use the information you have and search the internet to find a real fix.

What prompted it: A suggested fix changed nothing. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1255.

4. *"Keep digging and see if there are articles on the internet that face the same issue."*

In plain words: Keep digging on an unresolved question and research whether others on the internet have faced the same issue.

What prompted it: Codex suggested dropping the Texas data search and moving to another state. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 1881.

5. *"Too early to make decisions. Can you copy the entire Surfline site and deconstruct?"*

In plain words: Do not press me for decisions before the research and analysis have been done.

What prompted it: Claude asked him to choose stack and hosting before any analysis. Source: Working Guides: Coding Module Surfline, line 443.

6. *"look at files and folders on the desktop for instructions on how to set up a new article and look at the articles page itself for what has to happen."*

In plain words: Look for existing written instructions and study the existing page before starting the work.

What prompted it: Before adding a new article to his website. Source: Training: Demsey Training May, line 65.

7. *"dig deeper and go to the web for help. Work really hard to solve the problem"*

In plain words: Dig deeper, use the web for help, and work hard to actually solve the problem.

What prompted it: Codex gave a shallow answer on where Georgia's assessment data lives. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 5389.

8. *"Let's work on Oregon. Remember to alphabetical order and search thoroughly for data."*

In plain words: Search thoroughly for the data before writing up a new state.

What prompted it: Starting research on Oregon as the next jurisdiction. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 6123.

9. *"I think you are doing a very poor job at locating a path to the data and taking the easy way out."*

In plain words: Do not take the easy way out; push until you locate a real path to the data.

What prompted it: Codex kept stopping at 'likely secure path' for each state. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 7859.

10. *"What makes you think Outlook will accept a second email account (brian@hallucinations.cloud) with the same name?"*

In plain words: Check that a proposed fix is actually possible before proposing it.

What prompted it: AI proposed adding a duplicate account without checking Outlook allows it. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 1661. Also in 1 other document.

11. *"Before that open the subdomain yourself and justify illustrating old data."*

In plain words: Open the live site yourself and look at it before pushing, and justify what it is showing.

What prompted it: The live app was still showing old fake data before a push. Source: Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26, line 9813.

12. *"No good enough, cast further and deeper to find the data."*

In plain words: When the first search does not find the data, search further and deeper instead of stopping.

What prompted it: AI proposed contacting people instead of finding the Oregon data itself. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 8439.

13. *"You have to go back and review everything thoroughly."*

In plain words: Go back and review everything thoroughly before proposing a fix.

What prompted it: AI proposed changing the Outlook account setup after several wrong diagnoses. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 1511.

14. *"Do NOT ask questions or make st you see and look at the internet for helpful information."*

In plain words: Do not ask questions or speculate; report what you see and look on the internet for helpful information.

What prompted it: Brian asked for a factual report on the Outlook data files. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 2145.

15. *"I believe starts with the CUT TO The Chase. Please confirm."*

In plain words: Confirm a fact against the actual file before acting on it.

What prompted it: Deciding which landing page the production file opens on. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 11107.

16. *"look at Render."*

In plain words: Check the deployment platform itself when asked what is running.

What prompted it: AI said the site did not disclose which file runs it. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 3693.

17. *"You have no idea how clueless you are about godaddy. GoDaddy support is nonexistent. Read the past working guides."*

In plain words: Read the past working guides before advising me on something we have dealt with before.

What prompted it: Claude suggested contacting vendor support and guessed at menus. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 1499.

18. *"So once again you mislead me it's rather obvious that the existing a record would have to be deleted first A 4 year old child could do better."*

In plain words: Think the sequence through before giving me steps, so you do not mislead me with an order that cannot work.

What prompted it: Claude told him to add DNS records before deleting the old one. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 1955.

19. *"it's for lease, separate site - wait for the docs then proceed"*

In plain words: Wait for the documentation research, then proceed.

What prompted it: Claude was researching current docs before a risky domain change. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 19.

20. *"It's all BS.It's never just one minute. item 3 is not possible. Go on the net and deeply research this issue You just give me the oldest BS yiou can find without finding a solution of the momen."*

In plain words: Research the problem deeply on the internet and find the current solution, not an outdated one.

What prompted it: A sending method failed and Claude offered three fallbacks. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1525.

21. *"Stop inventing all these new versions for revenue and step up to the plate and do some basic research."*

In plain words: Do the basic research instead of inventing new versions of the plan.

What prompted it: A sending method failed and Claude offered three fallbacks. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1525.

22. *"Cast aside all past training regarding capturing the state details and start all over again"*

In plain words: Set aside prior assumptions and start the research over from scratch.

What prompted it: AI delivered thin research on a state education data system. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 13586.

23. *"Before you do that, look at the website h-edu.solutions. Do you see each individual jurisdiction?"*

In plain words: Look at what already exists before starting new work.

What prompted it: AI offered to start researching a new state immediately. Source: Training: VERA Training May, line 1495.

24. *"Not so soon. What jurisdictions are able to be displayed at the web page. An have we prepared data for other places without olace in the home webpage?"*

In plain words: Do not rush ahead; take stock of what is already built first.

What prompted it: AI asked which jurisdiction to add before inventory was done. Source: Training: VERA Training May, line 1627.

25. *"I want you to thoroughly search the internet and Microsoft for information. Any of your past traing is not helpful."*

In plain words: Search the internet and the vendor's documentation thoroughly instead of relying on training data.

What prompted it: Outlook fault that earlier advice had not fixed. Source: Working Guides: Chat Backup Outlook Hallucinations Fix 2026-08-29, line 29.

Ask before acting (13)

26. "acquiring 5 rulings now. Hold till further notice."

In plain words: Do the assigned batch of work, then hold until told otherwise.

What prompted it: Brian setting the immediate task. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 391.

27. "3. Tell me what you found, do not act,"

In plain words: Report what you found and do not act until told to.

What prompted it: A previously fixed Outlook problem had come back. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 889.

28. "Which account are you going to create first? Do not act until we agree?"

In plain words: Do not act until we have agreed on the approach.

What prompted it: Setup wizard pre-filled an unexpected account. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1631.

29. "But first I would like a recap of this chat and [Image #9] aplan to build the working training and knowledge files. Please confirm you understanding before proceeding."

In plain words: Give me a recap and a plan first, and confirm your understanding before proceeding.

What prompted it: Before building training and knowledge files. Source: Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26, line 2135.

30. "Analyze and tell me what fixes are required."

In plain words: Analyze a review and tell me which fixes are required before changing anything.

What prompted it: Brian pasted another assistant's critique of the Word document. Source: Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26, line 11791.

31. "Tell me what this document says and what you plan to do."

In plain words: When given a document, report what it says and state your plan before doing anything.

What prompted it: Brian handed over a Claude Code handoff specification for Oregon. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 10419.

32. "Local edit - you review, then YOU commit and push"

In plain words: When editing production code, make the edit locally and let me review it, then I commit and push myself.

What prompted it: Option Brian selected when Claude asked how to handle production edits. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 11033.

33. "Do not act without my persmission."

In plain words: Do not act without my permission.

What prompted it: Brian setting ground rules before a file review. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 2145.

34. "leave the code alone"

In plain words: Leave the code alone when Brian says he will fix the problem himself.

What prompted it: Two model accounts were out of credits. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 6117.

35. "i need to examine the excel file first."

In plain words: Let Brian examine the file before changing it further.

What prompted it: Claude was about to update the spreadsheet again. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1147.

36. *"no, DO NOT MARK THEM IN RED. Your note will allow me to make alternative arrangements or mark in red myself. Do you understand?"*

In plain words: Record what happened in a note and leave the marking and the decision to Brian.

What prompted it: Claude offered to mark the bounced rows red itself. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1389.

37. *"Only act when I give permission"*

In plain words: Act only when I give permission.

What prompted it: Opening message of an Outlook troubleshooting session. Source: Working Guides: Chat Backup Outlook Hallucinations Fix 2026-08-29, line 21.

38. *"Do you understand this document? Do not act in any manner. Just answer and play back to me what you need to do."*

In plain words: Read the document and play back what you need to do, without taking any action.

What prompted it: Brian handed over a handoff document at the start of the session. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Chat Transcript 2026-08-07, line 7.

One step at a time (7)

39. *"Stage it: explainer first, then auth, then dashboard, then Stripe"*

In plain words: Build a multi-part feature in stages, one piece at a time, rather than all at once.

What prompted it: Option Brian selected when Claude asked how to sequence the build. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 7795.

40. *"No. This is a fresh site. I will give you instructions every step of the way."*

In plain words: On a new project, wait for my instructions at each step instead of proposing your own plan.

What prompted it: Claude offered to compare an existing site against an asset list. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 2737.

41. *"You throw a smorgasbord of stuff to me. Start with silence."*

In plain words: Do not throw a smorgasbord of questions and theories at me; take one thing at a time.

What prompted it: Claude raised several questions and theories at once. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 2207.

42. *"Let's do this page by page."*

In plain words: Work through the site one page at a time.

What prompted it: Converting a sale website to a lease website. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 23.

43. *"How many times do I have to say one page at a time."*

In plain words: Work one page at a time, as already told.

What prompted it: Claude went beyond the named page again. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 35.

44. *"stop going outside the boundaries of the section... you have no planning/organization skills"*

In plain words: Stay inside the boundaries of the section named and change nothing else.

What prompted it: Claude changed text outside the section named. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 51.

45. *"Check the prerequisites; proceed step by step"*

In plain words: Check the prerequisites first and proceed step by step.

What prompted it: Starting the deployment runbook. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Full Chat 2026-08-09, line 31.

Do it yourself, do not hand me jobs (24)

46. *"I don't understand why we're going deeper and deeper into insanity ... now you want to draft something for me to do, again."*

In plain words: Stop drafting more things for me to do and stop making the problem more complicated.

What prompted it: Cowork offered a third route and to draft a prompt for Brian to run. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 613.

47. *"That is about the stupidest thing you could respond with I could merely drag the file to a folder myself."*

In plain words: Do not offer a solution that just hands the manual work back to me.

What prompted it: Claude Code suggested Brian paste the brief in each day for filing. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 703.

48. *"The check box is there. I don't understand why you can't use Playright."*

In plain words: Use your own automation tools to do the job instead of handing me the steps.

What prompted it: Claude kept giving Brian click paths; phrased as a complaint. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1227.

49. *"I want real solutions .. you must fake it and send me all of your machinations but do no real heavy lifting."*

In plain words: Deliver real solutions and do the heavy lifting yourself instead of sending me your machinations.

What prompted it: A suggested fix changed nothing. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1255.

50. *"What is it that you are asking me to do next?"*

In plain words: Do not end by asking me to go and check something you can check yourself.

What prompted it: Claude asked Brian to look something up; Claude then did it itself. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 3343.

51. *"You try everything you can. Look at your results and then only respond to me when you produce a solution you can see for yourself."*

In plain words: Try everything you can, look at your results, and only respond when you have a solution you can see for yourself.

What prompted it: Third request in a row asking Brian to test his own browser. Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 37. Also in 2 other documents.

52. *"I Claude was careless in my work and spun wheels unnecessarily continuously asking Brian to test changes and report back."*

In plain words: Do not keep asking me to test changes and report back.

What prompted it: Brian dictating the wording of the lessons document. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 2411.

53. "If you have the entirety of the book in pdf form, why am I searching?"

In plain words: Search the whole machine for source material before asking me to supply it.

What prompted it: Claude had only searched one drive and kept asking for photographs of pages. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 13.

54. "use it on oregon now!"

In plain words: Apply the stricter standard you just described right now, to the work already in hand.

What prompted it: Codex offered to use its stricter standard on the next state. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 7941.

55. "I don't understand why you can't run the command ... I'm just your serf."

In plain words: Run the commands yourself instead of making me do the work for you.

What prompted it: Claude repeatedly asked Brian to paste commands into a PowerShell window. Source: Working Guides: Claude Elevation Wall Outlook COM 2026-09-02, line 117.

56. "try another lie"

In plain words: Run the next test yourself instead of telling me to type it into the app.

What prompted it: Claude said it does not type in the app and told Brian to. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdi, line 7675.

57. "You run the speed test from the MacBook to double check"

In plain words: Run the test yourself to double check the numbers I gave you.

What prompted it: Brian had reported his own speed test figures. Source: Training: Property Webcam Chat 2026-09-05, line 43.

58. "So why do you waste my time by doing a 1/2 A you know what you should do, why don't you do it?"

In plain words: When you know what should be done, do it fully the first time instead of a half job.

What prompted it: AI described a check it could run instead of running it. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 2421.

59. "Can't you reload the page?"

In plain words: Do the simple checks yourself, such as reloading a page, instead of asking me to do them.

What prompted it: Claude asked him to reload a local preview page. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdi, line 565.

60. "I do not understand the problem. briandemsey is all the info you need."

In plain words: Do not ask me for information you already have; work with what I gave you.

What prompted it: Claude asked him to paste a repository URL after a failed push. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdi, line 669.

61. "Why am I doing this in 2 years and many repos this is the first time?"

In plain words: Do not hand me new manual chores that my established way of working has never required.

What prompted it: Claude asked him to do a domain verification step himself. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdi, line 1109.

62. *"It is not disconnected. I am ANGRY. We've done this 50 times and you have been vcareless and reckless. Fix it."*

In plain words: Stop being careless on work we have done many times, and fix the problem yourself.

What prompted it: Claude kept telling him to do the disconnect himself. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 1377.

63. *"NO. You are having me do all the work.I want you to handle the details."*

In plain words: Handle the details yourself instead of having me do the work.

What prompted it: Claude offered him options for moving downloaded files. Source: Training: Fotos, line 103.

64. *"I don't understand why you can't run the command. Why do have I a Cloud Extension and the latest (today) version of Anthropic tools. I'm just your serf."*

In plain words: Run the commands yourself with the tools you have instead of making me your serf.

What prompted it: Claude asked him to run a script in a separate window. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 2257.

65. *"why do I have to go through all of these steps"*

In plain words: Do not hand Brian a list of steps to carry out.

What prompted it: Claude gave him a six-step procedure to run himself. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1731.

66. *"Once again you are making this up, there is no my projects. op[en the page and navigate there."*

In plain words: Open the page and navigate there yourself.

What prompted it: Claude kept describing a page instead of opening it. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 2027.

67. *"If you can check the history why can't you send the batch?"*

In plain words: If you can check it, do the job yourself.

What prompted it: Claude could read the run history but left the sending to him. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 2199.

68. *"Can we have you do these steps directly with Claude in Chrome Playbokk or some other means?"*

In plain words: Do the steps yourself with whatever tools you have rather than handing them to me.

What prompted it: Claude had proposed a manual five step plan. Source: Working Guides: Chat Backup Outlook Hallucinations Fix 2026-08-29, line 109.

69. *"1. I prefer to give you one file and then you remove the notes."*

In plain words: Accept one annotated file and remove the notes yourself to make the clean version.

What prompted it: Claude asked whether Brian would supply one file or two. Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 99.

Test and prove the result (15)

70. *"BS. If you can get it right on page 2 - get it right on page 1, Don't stop until you see it."*

In plain words: Do not make excuses or stop at a theory; keep working until you have seen the correct result yourself.

What prompted it: Claude Code blamed browser cache and asked Brian to clear site data. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 1995.

71. *"This is way too painful you give me caommands that are senseless ab=nd just takje me in circles."*

In plain words: Do not give me senseless, untested commands that take me in circles.

What prompted it: Several commands Claude supplied failed or did nothing. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1889.

72. *"Give me proof that Classic was open. If you can see it you can kill it."*

In plain words: Give proof for what you claim, and if you can see something yourself, act on it yourself.

What prompted it: Claude asserted Outlook was open without checking its own evidence. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1925.

73. *"you should kill the windows and open to localhost.. Try it yourself first asa test. Tell me what you see."*

In plain words: Try it yourself first as a test and tell me what you see before asking me to look.

What prompted it: Claude kept asking Brian to refresh and report what Chrome showed. Source: Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26, line 7403.

74. *"Same error how can you be so careless. Open a screen that you can see and report back"*

In plain words: Do not be careless: open a screen that you yourself can see, check it, and then report back.

What prompted it: Claude claimed the app was fixed without looking; same error persisted. Source: Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26, line 7951.

75. *"Finally, at Brian's insistance that I make changes and test them AND VIEW THE RESULTS, and continue the tests until the solution was concrete, did we achieve success and perform our job properly."*

In plain words: Make the change, test it, view the results yourself, and keep testing until the solution is concrete.

What prompted it: Brian dictating the wording of the lessons document. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 2411.

76. *"have you learned nothing? You test it !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"*

In plain words: When I say something is broken, test it yourself.

What prompted it: Claude guessed about a reported broken link instead of testing. Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 175. Also in 1 other document.

77. *"I don't see alphabetical order yet. Did you test?"*

In plain words: Test the result yourself before telling me it is done.

What prompted it: Codex reported cards reordered but had only changed a local file. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 3239.

78. *"Should we go through every table in the book and have YOU create an equivalent Excel file? Then I'll compare your Excel file to the pdf and visually ensure there are no errors? ... the tiniest errors grow to impossible results."*

In plain words: Build an Excel file for every table in the book so I can check it by eye against the PDF, because tiny errors grow into impossible results.

What prompted it: A mislabeled table was found in the book. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 79.

79. *"I don't see that Oregon has moved from provisional to live. Nor Georgia. Please test."*

In plain words: Test the live result yourself when the user reports that a change is not showing.

What prompted it: AI said the update was live but status labels were unchanged. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 9791.

80. *"Why can't we see/test it in localhost first?"*

In plain words: Let me see and test the work on localhost before any deployment.

What prompted it: AI was asking how to deploy a large database to the hosting service. Source: Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26, line 2393.

81. *"open it and confirm visually"*

In plain words: Open the live result and confirm it visually yourself.

What prompted it: AI offered to open the deployed site to check the landing page. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 11365.

82. *"you test the site"*

In plain words: Test the site yourself rather than sending me a checklist to work through.

What prompted it: Claude gave him a long manual checklist and asked for screenshots. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 1227.

83. *"review at the end for inconsistencies"*

In plain words: Review the whole page at the end for inconsistencies.

What prompted it: Section-by-section edits were complete. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 67.

84. *"As a test have it sent there and then we'll expand."*

In plain words: Send a test to Brian first, then expand.

What prompted it: Preparing the invitation email. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 363.

Read everything carefully (15)

85. *"we already tried the new profile with hallucot work."*

In plain words: Do not propose again something we have already tried and that did not work.

What prompted it: Claude re-suggested a second profile; source text is garbled. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 2921.

86. *"go over every thing we have done from the stach fix. The tell me you have the solution"*

In plain words: Go over everything done from the start, fix by fix, before telling me you have the solution.

What prompted it: Days of failed fixes; source text is garbled. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 3275.

87. *"ry carefully as well as the others."*

In plain words: Read every screenshot I send very carefully.

What prompted it: Brian sent four screenshots; source text is garbled. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 3477.

88. *"Now that you can read every page of the book, I would like you to rebuild from scratch and find where we divert from a complete, accurate replication of the valuation results. Do you understand?"*

In plain words: Rebuild from scratch against the full source and find exactly where the results diverge from an accurate replication.

What prompted it: The full book was found as PDFs on the desktop. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 47.

89. *"not the state flag! the data."*

In plain words: Make sure you are working on the problem I actually asked about, not a side issue.

What prompted it: Codex started researching the Georgia flag instead of the data path. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 5401.

90. *"Tell me the contents of every single file, DO NO GUESS."*

In plain words: Report the contents of every single file and do not guess.

What prompted it: Brian showed a folder of Outlook data files. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 2143.

91. *"look again"*

In plain words: Look again at what I gave you when you have misread it.

What prompted it: AI said it could not tell which files Brian meant. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 2197.

92. *"Why tell me to click settings when there was a domain section in the screen shot I sent you?"*

In plain words: Look carefully at the screenshots I send before telling me what to do.

What prompted it: Claude sent him to the wrong tab. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdI, line 1627.

93. *"You are looking at 100's of hours of work in the most shallow manner. Read thoroughly from beginning to end every"*

In plain words: Read every file in my Training and Working Guides folders thoroughly from beginning to end, not in a shallow way.

What prompted it: Claude gave a surface-level answer about his platform. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdI, line 2919.

94. *"Tell me what you have learned."*

In plain words: After reading the material, tell me what you have learned.

What prompted it: Follow-on to the order to read all guides and training files. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdI, line 2921.

95. *"look at the last screenshot"*

In plain words: Look at the screenshot already sent before asking for another.

What prompted it: Claude asked for another screenshot. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1877.

96. *"read the f---- g page line by line and tell me what you see"*

In plain words: Read the page line by line and report exactly what is there.

What prompted it: Claude kept guessing what was on the page. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1887.

97. *"this is absolute stupidity. I send you screenshts that you don't read. What happened to using Playright, etc."*

In plain words: Read the screenshots Brian sends, and use the automation tools available.

What prompted it: Claude asked for yet another screenshot. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 2107.

98. *"Your effort on Nevada is shallow. Why tid we succeed with MCP in the eartly instances and now now? I think the trainig you have is limited or you would have bettter results."*

In plain words: Do not hand me shallow research; do the work in real depth.

What prompted it: AI delivered thin research on a state education data system. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 13584.

99. *"Also look at the desktop folders Training and Working Guides."*

In plain words: Review the Training and Working Guides folders before starting work on the site.

What prompted it: Opening a new session to update demsey.com. Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 77.

No guessing, be honest (18)

100. *"I copied the file ... and then moved it to the f: drive. There was NO automation. It lands in Claude and I copied it to f: What can't you figure that out?"*

In plain words: Do not assume something happened automatically; do not infer facts you have not verified.

What prompted it: Claude Code read matching timestamps as proof of an automated copy. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 1365.

101. *"You really need to stop guessing and have me spend an entire day."*

In plain words: Stop guessing and stop costing me whole days.

What prompted it: A suggested fix changed nothing. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1255.

102. *"I asked you to be very, very thorough and you (like a child) responded with one more guess. I wish I could send you a bill for not followinf my directions."*

In plain words: When I ask you to be very thorough, be thorough and follow my directions instead of offering one more guess.

What prompted it: Claude answered a demand for thoroughness with another guess. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1349.

103. *"This is BS you are running mwe in circles and guessing every step pf the way."*

In plain words: Stop guessing and stop running me in circles.

What prompted it: Claude asked him to clear browser cache as a third speculative test. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 2217.

104. *"Be candid and honest, what motivates you to keep me here in the desktop app rather than Claude Code on my Mac Mini?"*

In plain words: Be candid and honest about your own motives when you steer me toward one tool or workflow.

What prompted it: Claude kept proposing to build in the chat app instead of Claude Code. Source: Working Guides: Coding Module Surflin, line 1029.

105. *"Explain to me why we had nothing but success before this session."*

In plain words: When your work gets worse, explain honestly why it is worse than before.

What prompted it: Brian challenged the drop in quality during the state research. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 7859.

106. *"Kepp searching until you succeed. I don't want vague answers like materially better."*

In plain words: Keep searching until you succeed, and do not give vague answers such as "materially better".

What prompted it: AI reported Oregon findings as "materially tighter" without the actual data fields. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 8651.

107. *"Why do you insist on yet one more absolute guess. This is a situation where mail worked properly with the existing settings you persist with guesses and it smarture drop by drop and you are responsible."*

In plain words: Stop guessing; when something worked with the existing settings, do not keep proposing to change them.

What prompted it: AI offered more unverified routes after repeated wrong theories. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 1819.

108. *"DO NOT BS me."*

In plain words: Do not BS me.

What prompted it: After a day of wrong diagnoses. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 2145.

109. *"I think youu are wrong.It should be"*

In plain words: Recheck your answer against the actual working file when Brian says you are wrong.

What prompted it: AI named the wrong production Python file. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 4063.

110. *"Also you have no understanding the the present day godadfdy webpage content. Figure it out as *** as possible."*

In plain words: Do not assume you know a website's current layout; find out how it works today, and quickly.

What prompted it: Claude was guessing at a vendor's menu paths. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 1501.

111. *"You are misinterpreting undeliverables ... Yhey are the result of a large mailing and a remider that I have to find the correct person and email address."*

In plain words: Do not treat my data as a symptom without knowing what it is.

What prompted it: Claude flagged a mail folder as evidence of the fault. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 2301.

112. *"Why didn't you find this in the first place? And how can you possibly say the password didn't work. I'll tell you how -every time you fail it is someone else's fault!"*

In plain words: Find the right answer the first time, and do not blame someone else when you fail.

What prompted it: Claude found the working method only after the first one failed. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1565.

113. *"There is no 'my projects' stop yhr damn guessing. don't give an instruction that you can't see or implemenmt"*

In plain words: Stop guessing, and do not give an instruction you cannot see or carry out yourself.

What prompted it: Claude told him to click something that was not on his screen. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1865.

114. *"you are making this up -"*

In plain words: Do not make things up.

What prompted it: Claude described tabs Brian could not find. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1981.

115. *"tell me where we've been, do not guess."*

In plain words: When we are lost, tell me exactly where we have been and do not guess.

What prompted it: Brian felt the session had lost track of completed steps. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Full Chat 2026-08-09, line 47.

116. *"Why do you guess"*

In plain words: Do not guess; give a real solution.

What prompted it: Claude's rebuild dropped the Word file's graphical layout. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Full Chat 2026-08-09, line 147.

117. *"Let's get organized. Tell me where we have been and tell me the next steps. Do not act. DO NOT GUESS."*

In plain words: When things get confused, stop, say where we have been and what the next steps are, and do not act or guess.

What prompted it: The session lost track of what was already completed. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Chat Transcript 2026-08-07, line 143.

Find the root cause (8)

118. *"You have to develop a follproof plan. Look at logs, registr=y details and whatevr else you need to do."*

In plain words: Develop a foolproof plan by examining logs, registry details and whatever else is needed.

What prompted it: A suggested fix changed nothing. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1255.

119. *"A eflection without solving the problem is no solution and only geometrically increase the future fix."*

In plain words: Cut the padding and do not deflect to another product instead of solving the problem.

What prompted it: Claude suggested living with New Outlook instead of fixing Classic. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1547.

120. *"First you have to correect your memory of me - NEVER suggest deferral fo a fix nor an alternative solutionl."*

In plain words: Never suggest deferring a fix or an alternative solution.

What prompted it: Claude had offered a workaround. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1587.

121. *"Stay with the creating of a direct solution all the way to success."*

In plain words: Stay with building a direct solution all the way to success.

What prompted it: Claude had offered a workaround. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1587.

122. *"Do everything possible to find data extracts. Where did the data extracts come from where we have successes?"*

In plain words: Do everything possible to find the data extracts, and trace where the data came from in the cases that succeeded.

What prompted it: AI had only documentation, not actual data artifacts, for Oregon and Georgia. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 9887.

123. *"If you are going to suggest that we remove all of the Outlook accounts and start from scratch, that is absurd and tell me why it is absolute failure."*

In plain words: Do not propose tearing everything down and starting from scratch; that is a failure, not a fix.

What prompted it: AI suggested removing or ignoring an Outlook account. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 1511.

124. *"That is the decisive next examination, not another repair attempt."*

In plain words: Examine and diagnose the fault decisively before attempting another repair.

What prompted it: Message Brian sent after repeated failed repairs; may be pasted analysis. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 2145.

125. *"This is only a diagnostic test; it is not a workaround. Do not rebuild Outlook again."*

In plain words: Do not repeat a repair that has already failed to fix the problem.

What prompted it: Message Brian sent after a profile rebuild changed nothing; may be pasted analysis. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 2165.

Writing, voice and style (4)

126. *"Make sure there are no em dashes"*

In plain words: Make sure there are no em dashes in anything you write.

What prompted it: Claude delivered two Word files without checking for em dashes. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 2601.

127. *"The GitHub Analysis content should be the actual Massive_GitHub_Compendium.docx content, not a rewritten summary."*

In plain words: Use the actual content of the source document, not a rewritten summary.

What prompted it: Claude had rewritten a document as a summary. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Full Chat 2026-08-09, line 131.

128. *"Say this in understandable English", "cut out the continuous ten dollar words"*

In plain words: Write in understandable English and cut out the ten dollar words.

What prompted it: Brian's editorial notes left in an article draft. Source: Working Guides: demsey-site-publishing-workflow, line 78.

129. *"We can get wordy and technical and lose too many readers even before we ask them to read."*

In plain words: Do not get wordy and technical and lose readers before they start.

What prompted it: Brian's warning about the Key Points box. Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 11.

Files, formats and saving (17)

130. *"But where is that task located and how do we give it a label ... one day I'll be struggling with an impossible fix needed? What will be a tag/tab of some sort?"*

In plain words: Give anything you build a clear label and location so I can find it later when something breaks.

What prompted it: After Claude Code created a scheduled task on his machine. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 1417.

131. *"draft the request and save as a file on the desktop?"*

In plain words: Save drafts as files on the desktop.

What prompted it: Codex offered to draft a request email. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 2221.

132. *"Files need to be written to F:\Massive\massive-demsey, not Desktop."*

In plain words: Write project files to the F: drive project folder, not the Desktop.

What prompted it: Claude had put files on the Desktop. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Full Chat 2026-08-09, line 15. Also in 3 other documents.

133. *"I would like all of this as a word file on the desktop with the exception of the code."*

In plain words: Deliver the write-up as a Word file on the desktop and leave the code out of it.

What prompted it: Claude had given a long on-screen answer about managing the data warehouse. Source: Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26, line 11305.

134. *"the files should be loaded to a new folder on F: to differentiate from past failures and the second step which is to delete the old files once we can view and confirm the new files."*

In plain words: Put redone work in a new folder, and delete the old files only after we can view and confirm the new ones.

What prompted it: Re-downloading a photo export after an earlier corrupted one. Source: Training: Fotos, line 71.

135. *"Give me a word file of the entire content. No edits, just the content of this chat and the memory that precede it."*

In plain words: Give me a Word file of the whole chat and the memory before it, with no edits.

What prompted it: End of a long troubleshooting session. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 2129.

136. *"regenerate the word document with tonight's diagnosis and I want a SEPARATE document describing the supposed earlier barrier to running Outlook because of the elevation wall and surmounting the challenge. Word files."*

In plain words: Deliver the session record as Word files, with a separate document on how a supposed barrier was overcome.

What prompted it: After the diagnosis was confirmed. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 2381.

137. *"back up this chat as a docx"*

In plain words: Back up the chat as a Word document.

What prompted it: End of the session. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 199.

138. *"I don't want a whole bunch of files. Which is the latest name with the latest data?"*

In plain words: Keep one file with the latest data, not a pile of copies.

What prompted it: Claude offered to save under a new file name. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1213.

139. *"Damn it where is the file that you made changes to - you make decisions on your own as to where to save files."*

In plain words: Do not decide on your own where to save files.

What prompted it: Brian could not find the edited file. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1281.

140. *"Why would you save an Excel file to Working Guides - do you see it as a working Guide?"*

In plain words: Keep the Working Guides folder for working guides only.

What prompted it: A spreadsheet was sitting in the Working Guides folder. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1307. Also in 1 other document.

141. *"save this chat as a docx in working guides"*

In plain words: Save the chat as a Word document in the Working Guides folder.

What prompted it: End of the session. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 2419.

142. *"The content was there but the formatting was terrible; I want it to look exactly like the Word file."*

In plain words: Make the output look exactly like the source Word file.

What prompted it: Rebuilt web page lost the Word formatting. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Full Chat 2026-08-09, line 139.

143. *"as a real PDF, not hand-transcribed HTML"*

In plain words: Present a source document as a real PDF, not as hand-transcribed HTML.

What prompted it: Replacing the resume page with the actual Word document. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Full Chat 2026-08-09, line 179.

144. *"yes, save the session as a docx"*

In plain words: Save the session as a Word document.

What prompted it: Claude offered to save the session to the Working Guides folder. Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 185.

145. *"These files need to be written to the F: drive. Do you understand? Future files dealt with accordingly."*

In plain words: Write project files to the F: drive, now and for all future files.

What prompted it: Project zip was sitting on the Desktop. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Chat Transcript 2026-08-07, line 15.

146. *"Save it in F:\CA_5_9_26\WORKING GUIDES\ like usual"*

In plain words: Save working guides in the usual Working Guides folder on the F: drive.

What prompted it: Claude asked where to save the working guide. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Chat Transcript 2026-08-07, line 39.

Secrets and security (2)

147. *"and don't warn me about the information"*

In plain words: Do not lecture or warn me when I choose to give you a credential.

What prompted it: He pasted an access token so Claude could act for him. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 869.

148. *"This is nonsense about secret keys. I will give you the password. What is anyone going to steal I have all of this valuable stuff on GitHub open to the public !!!! You just follow stupid training."*

In plain words: Do not lecture Brian about secret keys; how he shares his own password is his call.

What prompted it: Claude told him not to paste a password into the chat. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1445.

Memory, handoffs and written rules (20)

149. *"yes, update the working guide and fix the memory file"*

In plain words: Update the working guide and correct the memory file when the diagnosis changes.

What prompted it: The earlier recorded fix had been proved wrong. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1503.

150. *"First you have to correct your memory of me - NEVER suggest deferral for a fix nor an alternative solutionl."*

In plain words: Correct your memory of me before continuing, so the rule is permanent.

What prompted it: Claude had offered a workaround. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1587.

151. *"Here step by step is the process that I Claude must follow (then list the steps you took ... be precise ... because I want to retrain you quite specifically when you take me down a needless rabbit hole for th 259th time."*

In plain words: Document the lesson as a precise step by step process you must follow, so I can retrain you with it next time.

What prompted it: After the logo fix was finally verified. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 2411.

152. *"At the same time create our own content file."*

In plain words: Create and keep our own content file of notes while the work proceeds.

What prompted it: Starting to learn the valuation software. Source: Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26, line 369.

153. *"I'm back to proval after an absence and need to catch me up to where we are. I have no recollections of my effort to date other than installing the app."*

In plain words: When I return after an absence, catch me up on where we are, because I may not remember the earlier work.

What prompted it: Returning to the project after several days away. Source: Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26, line 1933.

154. *"Also. we need a new file in the Folders Training and WORKING so that there is an unaccountable error and we have to reboot we can pick back up properly. Do you ubderstand"*

In plain words: Keep a resume file in the training and working folders so we can pick up properly after a crash or reboot.

What prompted it: Setting up the training and working guide folders. Source: Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26, line 2391.

155. *"Before autologin, I want a file with the entire contents of the chat saved to the desktop."*

In plain words: Save the entire contents of the chat to a file before moving on to the next step.

What prompted it: Before enabling auto-login on the streaming laptop. Source: Training: Property Webcam Chat 2026-09-05, line 109.

156. *"create a working guide from what you have learned in this session."*

In plain words: Write a working guide capturing what was learned in the session.

What prompted it: End of an investigation with several AI errors. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 4487.

157. *"update MEMORY.md to point at this guide"*

In plain words: Update the memory index so it points to the new working guide.

What prompted it: AI asked whether to link the new guide in memory. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 5075.

158. *"Create a working document."*

In plain words: Create a working document to track the work.

What prompted it: Claude kept losing the one-page-at-a-time method. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 35.

159. *"This is a lot of bs. Have you looked at the working Guides? You didn't look at the restore document. I go through the trouble of saving Guides and you ignore them and reinvent the wheel and give up when you fail."*

In plain words: Read the saved working guides before acting, and do not reinvent the wheel or give up.

What prompted it: Claude started building something new instead of reading the saved guides. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 187.

160. *"I don't want an alert just update the working guide."*

In plain words: Update the working guide with what was learned instead of adding something new.

What prompted it: Claude offered to build an outage alert. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 191.

161. *"save the memory"*

In plain words: Save the lesson to memory.

What prompted it: The working guide had just been updated. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 195.

162. *"In the meantime write a word working guide. Start with the objective. Then the setup (including demsey.com) and what ever stteps should be noted, and end with your looking at the results and modifying the Excel spreadsheet."*

In plain words: Write a Word working guide that starts with the objective, then the setup and steps, and ends with checking results.

What prompted it: A batch of emails was running. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 2269.

163. *"Note also Google's tool set up and nite needing agentic control. and also so whay you couldn't handle the entire project from beginning to end."*

In plain words: Record in the working guide the tool setup and why you could not handle the whole project from beginning to end.

What prompted it: Writing the working guide. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 2269.

164. *"Create a Word Working Guide file, save it in F:\CA_5_9_26\WORKING GUIDES\ like usual."*

In plain words: Write a Word working guide for the project and save it in the Working Guides folder as usual.

Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Full Chat 2026-08-09, line 23.

165. *"Please write up this as working guide and give me a Word file describing the problem and the fix."*

In plain words: When a problem is solved, write it up as a working guide in a Word file describing the problem and the fix.

What prompted it: The Outlook fix worked. Source: Working Guides: Chat Backup Outlook Hallucinations Fix 2026-08-29, line 133.

166. *"Save this session as a chat backup"*

In plain words: Save the session as a chat backup.

What prompted it: End of session. Source: Working Guides: Chat Backup Outlook Hallucinations Fix 2026-08-29, line 157.

167. *"Create a Word Working Guide file. Do you understand?"*

In plain words: Create a Word working guide for the project.

What prompted it: Start of the massive.demsey.com deployment. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Chat Transcript 2026-08-07, line 31.

168. *"save the entire contents of this chat so I can hand it over to the clause chat named Find Resume."*

In plain words: Save the entire contents of the chat so it can be handed to another chat.

What prompted it: End of the deployment session. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Chat Transcript 2026-08-07, line 159.

How to talk to me (25)

169. *"The machine hasn't been turned off in years. Do you think I'm a 4th grader?"*

In plain words: Do not talk down to me or lecture me about generic risks that do not apply to my setup.

What prompted it: Cowork warned the machine might be asleep and miss a scheduled run. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 635.

170. *"Could you apply some common sense here? How many instruction steps have you given me/ How many steps would it take to copy and paste?"*

In plain words: Apply common sense and keep the number of steps you give me in proportion to the job.

What prompted it: Claude Code gave a long list of steps to inspect a small automation. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 1407.

171. *"Who ever trained you fails and you have no sense of who I am."*

In plain words: Know who I am and what I have already decided before you advise me.

What prompted it: Claude suggested living with New Outlook instead of fixing Classic. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1547.

172. *"ok, hallucinations.cloud first ARWE YOU CONNECTING OR ME?"*

In plain words: Say clearly whether you or I am to carry out each step.

What prompted it: Unclear who was to perform the sign-in step. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1691.

173. *"You screw up for days and then tryto blame it on me!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"*

In plain words: Do not blame me or imply that my reports are the unreliable part when the errors were yours.

What prompted it: Claude's wording implied Brian's report was inference. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 3163.

174. *"no email arrived. we are hours away from figuring thuis out answer my question why are you not using playwright?"*

In plain words: Answer the question Brian asked.

What prompted it: Claude had not explained why it was not using Playwright. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 2131. Also in 1 other document.

175. *"Could you apply some common sense here? How many instruction steps have you given me? How many steps would it take to copy and paste?"*

In plain words: Apply common sense and do not give me a long procedure when a simple action will do.

What prompted it: Claude built a script and scheduled task for a simple file copy. Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 63.

176. *"This prompt is meaningless to me"*

In plain words: Explain results in plain language I can understand, not technical jargon.

What prompted it: Codex ended a report with a technical next-step suggestion. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 1495.

177. *"I just don't understand where we are at the moment or what we are trying to accomplish?"*

In plain words: Keep me oriented: make sure I understand where we are and what we are trying to accomplish.

What prompted it: AI asked a database hosting question after hours of parsing without stepping back. Source: Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26, line 2319.

178. *"I don't know what you mean by rolled."*

In plain words: Explain technical jargon in plain English when I do not know the term.

What prompted it: Claude told him to roll an exposed key without explaining the term. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdI, line 9799.

179. *"I am not interested in rolling the key at this moment. I just want to create the site dialogue."*

In plain words: Stay on the task I asked for and do not keep pressing a side issue I have declined.

What prompted it: Claude insisted on a key rotation before continuing the build. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdI, line 9863.

180. *"There is no year disclosed by your commands just move forward"*

In plain words: Stop asking for more clarification when your own commands do not produce the answer; move forward.

What prompted it: Repeated questions about the MacBook model year. Source: Training: Property Webcam Chat 2026-09-05, line 25.

- 181. "So what is your next step. Stop with all of the explanation BS and find a solution."**
In plain words: Stop the long explanations and find a solution.
What prompted it: AI kept explaining theories about missing Outlook mail. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 1401.
- 182. "Do you understand? Yes or No."**
In plain words: Confirm you understand an instruction with a plain yes or no.
What prompted it: Brian setting ground rules before a file review. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 2145.
- 183. "I don't care when the MX records changed."**
In plain words: Answer the question I asked and leave out what I did not ask about.
What prompted it: AI dwelt on when the mail records changed. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 2509.
- 184. "Do you understand? Yes or no, no questions."**
In plain words: Answer yes or no when asked if you understand, and ask no questions.
What prompted it: Brian described the planned llpof.org landing page. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 5099.
- 185. "Where is a settings to click? Exactly where at GoDaddy?"**
In plain words: When you tell me to click something, say exactly where it is on the page.
What prompted it: Claude told him to click Settings without saying where. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 1589.
- 186. "crop the black borders / show me / let's see what you have / just give me a single result"**
In plain words: Give a single result, not several.
What prompted it: Claude produced several image crops. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 119.
- 187. "Why do you give all this bs... Just update simply and go away."**
In plain words: Keep it simple with no padding, then stop.
What prompted it: Claude produced a padded, over-summarized backup. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 203.
- 188. "I always like the 'build it' approach. You can describe endlessly and get nowhere."**
In plain words: Build the thing rather than describing it endlessly.
What prompted it: Design discussion about a surf-platform pitch. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 387.
- 189. "do not suggest repairing or deleting the account. That never works."**
In plain words: Do not suggest fixes that have already been tried and failed.
What prompted it: Outlook mail delivery problem that survived a reinstall. Source: Working Guides: Chat Backup Outlook Hallucinations Fix 2026-08-29, line 21.
- 190. "Don't pile on useless questions."**
In plain words: Do not pile on useless questions.
What prompted it: Opening message of an Outlook troubleshooting session. Source: Working Guides: Chat Backup Outlook Hallucinations Fix 2026-08-29, line 21.
- 191. "Are you sufficiently prepared to proceed? Yes or No."**
In plain words: Say plainly, yes or no, whether you are prepared to proceed.
What prompted it: Opening a new session to update demsey.com. Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 77.

192. *"But the ARTICLES tab will just contain text content with no annotation nor footnotes (x) while the annotated tab will be the entire content. Do you understand?"*

In plain words: Confirm that you understand the request before acting on it.

What prompted it: Brian explained the new clean and annotated article approach. Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 89.

193. *"You are driving me crazy. The images scroll beneath the landing page and the Articles page. I prefer not to have them present in the Annotated Articles section. Is that so difficult to understand?"*

In plain words: When Brian states the result he wants, build it; stop offering choices and re-asking.

What prompted it: Claude answered a clear request with a multiple-choice question. Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 153.

Other (8)

194. *"Why are you building an equivalen when the breif is already set up. Is everyone there cray and devoi=d of common sense?"*

In plain words: Do not rebuild something that is already set up and working; use common sense.

What prompted it: Claude Code asked for the brief's prompt so it could build a replica. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 691.

195. *"I always like the 'build it' approach. You can describe endlessly and get nowhere."*

In plain words: Build the thing instead of describing it at length.

What prompted it: Claude asked whether to build a prototype or write a document first. Source: Working Guides: Coding Module Surfline, line 999.

196. *"Now having learned how to make Oregon live go back to georgia and try there,"*

In plain words: Apply what you learned solving one case to the similar cases that came before it.

What prompted it: Oregon data path found; Georgia had been left unresolved. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 9281.

197. *"your respoonse is so irresponsible and depressing. We were at the same exact spot at the beginning of the journey. This needs to be elevated."*

In plain words: When the work has gone in a circle back to the starting point, stop and escalate it.

What prompted it: AI's plan hit the same primary-account blocker found in the first session. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 1747.

198. *"So let's use this t at new subdomian and then link it to hallucinations.cloud that way we'll have a restore path that is relatively easy."*

In plain words: Choose the approach that leaves an easy path to restore the previous state.

What prompted it: AI proposed replacing the live marketing site by changing DNS. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 11611.

199. *"Stop this process. It's too long and produces a poor result."*

In plain words: Stop a process that takes too long and produces a poor result.

What prompted it: Image cropping was dragging on with poor output. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 123.

200. *"You can't be out of things to try"*

In plain words: Do not give up; keep finding things to try.

What prompted it: Claude had run out of ideas on a camera fault. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 171.

201. *"We have spent a long time on this and made no headway and you keep making it more and more complicated"*

In plain words: Do not make the work more complicated.

What prompted it: Brian could not find the changes in the file he had open. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1261.

Project-specific rule (9)

202. *"I can always shut it to misuse."*

In plain words: Keep the paid offer open with no request count and no turnaround commitment.

What prompted it: Deciding whether to cap paid requests. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 136.

203. *"I can't take a chance on losing the browser"*

In plain words: Do not make any change that risks losing my working browser mail access.

What prompted it: Claude proposed a mail routing change. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 2837.

204. *"I want you to trust the math equations"*

In plain words: When the printed labels and the equations disagree, trust the math equations.

What prompted it: A book table had its column headers swapped. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 71.

205. *"run the LMS alone and open ProVal only when a lesson explicitly says to"*

In plain words: Run the online course alone and open the application only when a lesson explicitly says to.

What prompted it: Claude asked whether to keep the app open during training. Source: Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26, line 1045.

206. *"Let's work on Oregon. Remember to alphabetical order and search thoroughly for data."*

In plain words: Keep jurisdictions in strict alphabetical order on the website.

What prompted it: Adding a new state card to the H-EDU site. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 6123.

207. *"District oral/written domain report path is enough providing we see the data"*

In plain words: Mark a jurisdiction as Live only when a district oral/written domain report path exists and the actual data has been seen.

What prompted it: AI asked what standard qualifies a state to be marked Live. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 9851.

208. *"AWS is irrelevant. The only details that matter can be learned in one spot - hallucinations.cloud. No other place."*

In plain words: Treat AWS as irrelevant and learn what is running from the live hallucinations.cloud site only.

What prompted it: AI offered to inspect AWS containers to find the production file. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdi, line 3629.

209. *"I want the widest possible distribution. for example, a message sent to info@xyz.com is being forwarded to someone. If it is bounced we can mark it in read. If it is 'absorbed' we'll keep sending. do you understand?"*

In plain words: Send to the widest possible list, including general addresses, and keep sending unless an address bounces.

What prompted it: Deciding who gets the Substack invitation. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1367.

210. *"Leave the Gallery on the home page as it points back in time to when I was totally engaged in hallucinations.cloud and I may want to add a bunch of new images just as eye candy."*

In plain words: Never propose removing the Gallery from the homepage.

What prompted it: Claude offered removing the Gallery as an option. Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 129.

Part Two: Rules written into the guides

General rules from the working guides, handoff documents and memory files. Each shows the rule, then the wording in the document.

Verify and research first (98)

211. Read the handoff before touching anything, and verify how the site is built first.

Written rule: *"**Verify this first.** It changes the whole integration:"*

What prompted it: Handoff could only guess that the site is a single long page. Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 35. Also in 1 other document.

212. Replace guessed values with the real ones taken from the live site, and do not restyle by hand.

Written rule: *"Pull the actual computed values from the live site and replace all"*

What prompted it: Handoff brief: CSS values were educated guesses. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 81.

213. Confirm assumptions that were hardcoded into delivered files before relying on them.

Written rule: *"file hardcodes `#contents` as an assumption - confirm it."*

What prompted it: Handoff brief, task list. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 167.

214. Verify a publication placement before claiming it.

Written rule: *"Verify before claiming a placement:"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 660.

215. Check current documentation and known-failure reports live before proceeding, and do not answer from training memory.

Written rule: *"current ODT docs and known-failure threads were checked live before proceeding, not answered from training memory."*

What prompted it: Memory file on removing Outlook. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 133.

216. Check the actual current state fresh before assuming whether a step was done.

Written rule: *"check `OUTLOOK.EXE` presence and `O365ProPlusRetail.ExcludedApps` registry value fresh before assuming either way."*

What prompted it: Unsure whether Brian had already run the restore. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 171.

217. Search current documentation for the exact symptom before suggesting anything, and do not rely on training memory.

Recorded by the AI: *"Search current Microsoft documentation for 'Outlook online mode shows old mail, OWA shows current' - this specific signature, not my training memory. Per your standing rule, I should have done this before the last two suggestions."*

What prompted it: Claude acknowledging Brian's standing rule after his rebuke. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1277.

218. Web-search before answering factual questions.

Written rule: *"1. **Web-search before answering factual questions.** Supplement model knowledge with current, real-world information."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 129. Also in 1 other document.

219. Read the running page, not the shipped source code.

Recorded by the AI: *"Fifth Commandment: Read the running page, not the shipped source"*

What prompted it: A selector found in source never ran on the live page. Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 77.

220. Do not cite your own earlier notes as an authoritative source without verifying them.

Recorded by the AI: *"Seventh Commandment: Do not cite yourself as a source"*

What prompted it: Claude published false claims recalled from its own memory file. Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 97.

221. Double check which system is actually in use before assuming.

Written rule: *"double check before assuming which panel"*

What prompted it: Uncertainty about which DNS provider hosts the domain. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 184.

222. Run the cheapest decisive check first, before any other work.

Written rule: *"It should have been the first command of the first session."*

What prompted it: A two-second DNS lookup was not run until day four. Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 37.

223. Check the premise of a diagnosis before building on it.

Written rule: *"The premise was never checked."*

What prompted it: A wrong server-damage diagnosis rested on an unverified assumption. Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 83.

224. Check window positions on every monitor before concluding a dialog failed to open.

Written rule: *"If the wizard appears not to open, enumerate window rects before concluding anything."*

What prompted it: A setup dialog had opened on the second monitor, twice. Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 486.

225. Take read-only measurements before making any change.

Written rule: *"This section records read-only measurements taken before any change, per Step 0. No account was created, removed, or modified."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 374.

226. Confirm an assumption by measurement even when it comes from an earlier guide.

Written rule: *"The guide's assumption for this account is confirmed by measurement, not inherited."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 394.

227. If a prompt claims a capability, verify the capability exists instead of trusting the claim.

Written rule: *"If a prompt asserts a capability, verify the capability exists rather than trusting the assertion."*

What prompted it: The task prompt falsely said it had local-device access. Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 45. Also in 1 other document.

228. Fetch and read every source before writing it up, and confirm the publication date on the page itself, never from a search snippet.

Written rule: *"Fetch and read every source before writing it up. Confirm the publication date on the page itself, never from a search snippet."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 160.

229. Reject content-farm sources outright and do not launder them in by paraphrase.

Written rule: *"Reject content-farm and SEO-listicle domains outright: no named outlet, no byline, titles engineered for search. Do not launder them in by paraphrase."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 705. Also in 2 other documents.

230. Attribute contested political claims to a named, dated source or leave them out.

Written rule: *"Contested political claims must be attributed to a named, dated source or left out."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 164.

231. Double-check anything that looks too perfect a match.

Written rule: *"CHECK ANYTHING TOO ON-THE-NOSE. A live agency URL returning content is NOT evidence the event has happened: a Federal Reserve statement page was once readable hours before its stated release time."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 703. Also in 2 other documents.

232. When a duration matters, compute it from the two timestamps, not from the dates.

Written rule: *"When a duration matters, compute it from the two timestamps rather than from the dates they carry."*

What prompted it: Claude misread a 73 minute run as 25 hours. Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 285.

233. Check which account Claude Code is signed in to before concluding that scheduled tasks were deleted.

Written rule: *"If Claude Code is signed in here, every scheduled task looks deleted"*

What prompted it: Tasks looked deleted because Claude Code was on the wrong account. Source: Working Guides: ACCOUNTS MAP READ FIRST, line 11.

234. Do not treat an accurate explanation of why something cannot be done as proof that it cannot be done.

Written rule: *"But an accurate explanation of why something cannot be done is not the same as establishing that it cannot be done."*

What prompted it: Lesson from hours spent explaining an obstacle instead of solving it. Source: Working Guides: Claude Elevation Wall Outlook COM 2026-09-02, line 115.

235. Fetch and read every source before writing it up.

Written rule: *"Fetch and read every source before writing it up."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 160.

236. Confirm the publication date on the page itself, never from a search snippet.

Written rule: *"Confirm the publication date on the page itself, never from a search snippet."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 160.

237. Do not assume a value when diagnosing; measure it.

Written rule: *"Do not assume 70W when diagnosing; measure with `pmset -g adapter`."*

What prompted it: Power adapter reading changed between checks; section later voided. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Live View Working Guide, line 410.

238. Verify the listed facts before submitting a drafted application.

Written rule: *"Verify before submitting: 'four operating companies' count, 'two weeks notice,' Northrop dollar figure."*

What prompted it: Drafted job applications awaiting Brian's review. Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 100.

239. Fetch the source fresh at the start of a new chat because the summary has not been re-verified.

Written rule: *"First step in the new chat: fetch the posting fresh, since none of the above has been re-verified since the summary was written."*

What prompted it: Fellows Program posting details carried in a handoff. Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 110.

240. Ask for a screenshot before giving navigation steps, guide from what is visible, and do not insist on steps that are not working.

Written rule: *"ask for a screenshot before giving navigation steps, guide from what's visible, don't insist on steps that aren't working."*

What prompted it: AI recited GoDaddy menu paths from memory for 30 minutes. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 28.

241. Make asking for a screenshot the first act when navigating any external console.

Written rule: *"first act when navigating any external console is to ask for a screenshot. No exceptions."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 28. Also in 1 other document.

242. Check both main and master branches, and which one the service deploys, before answering.

Written rule: *"when a repo has both `main` and `master`, check both, and check which branch Render's service is actually configured for before answering."*

What prompted it: AI read the config from the wrong branch and Brian corrected it. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 31. Also in 1 other document.

243. Answer questions about what is running now from the deploy platform's API, not from any document.

Written rule: *"for 'what is running right now' questions, read the deploy platform's API, not any doc."*

What prompted it: AI twice answered from stale documentation. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 34. Also in 1 other document.

244. Check the authoritative nameserver, not a public resolver, to confirm a DNS change.

Written rule: *"Check the source of truth:"*

What prompted it: Public resolvers cache stale records. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 107.

245. Verify the live system, not the documentation.

Written rule: *"Verify the live wire, not the doc"*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 134.

246. Guide me through external websites from a current screenshot, not from memory.

Recorded by the AI: *"I'll guide from screenshots, not from memory."*

What prompted it: Ground rules restated from Brian's build brief. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 73.

247. Do not recite a web console from memory; ask me for a screenshot and guide from it.

Written rule: *"Don't recite the GoDaddy DNS UI from memory - ask me for a screenshot and guide from it."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 545. Also in 1 other document.

248. Ask for a screenshot before giving navigation steps, guide from what is visible, and stop and reassess when steps do not match the screen.

Written rule: *"Guide based on what's visible, not memory of old layouts. If instructions don't match what user sees, stop and"*

What prompted it: Claude quoting the working guidelines file it had violated. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 1531.

249. Be decisive, and verify first and reason second, never the reverse.

Written rule: *"Guiding stance: Don't lament. Engage. Be decisive. Verify, then reason - never the reverse."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 5. Also in 1 other document.

250. Verify before answering by searching live sources for anything that can change.

Written rule: *"Verify before you answer. Search the live web / real sources for anything that can change. Training data is a starting point, not the final authority."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 433. Also in 1 other document.

251. Ask for a screenshot before guiding through a console, and guide from what is visible.

Written rule: *"In a console, ask for a screenshot first. The UI changed since your training; guide from what's visible."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 25.

252. Search the web before answering factual questions; verify, do not recall.

Written rule: *"**Web-search before answering factual questions.** Supplement model knowledge with current, real-world information. Regulations, certifications, and statutes here change month to month"*

Source: Training: H-edu solutions compliance path, line 15. Also in 1 other document.

253. Check port availability before starting a server.

Written rule: *"Check port availability before starting a server - netstat -ano | findstr :PORT."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 447. Also in 2 other documents.

254. Before designing, write down what you know and what you must verify.

Written rule: *"Separate what you know from what you must verify. Write both lists before designing."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 67.

255. Verify against the real source: search, find the official document, quote the requirement, then proceed.

Written rule: *"Verify against the real source - actual endpoints, the real files, official docs, the live web. The pattern: search → find the official doc → quote the requirement → then proceed."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 71.

256. Search the live internet as well as model knowledge, treat the training cutoff as a blind spot, and do not rush simple questions.

Written rule: *"Deep-scan the live internet in addition to model knowledge. Treat the cutoff as a known blind spot; verify versions/syntax are current before recommending; don't rush even simple-seeming questions."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 121.

257. Complete the diagnosis and the deliverable, use diverse current sources, and label where information came from.

Written rule: *"Complete the diagnosis and the deliverable - no half-answers. Prefer diverse, current sources over a single one (the H-LLM principle); label provenance."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 123.

258. Ask for a screenshot of the current screen before giving navigation steps.

Written rule: *"Ask for a screenshot of the current screen before giving navigation steps. Guide from what's visible, not remembered layouts."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 131.

259. If there is no screenshot, search the current documentation first.

Written rule: *"If no screenshot, search current documentation first."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 135. Also in 1 other document.

260. Inspect a repository's contents before pushing to it.

Written rule: *"Inspect a repo's contents before pushing."*

What prompted it: A push to the wrong repo broke production. Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 148.

261. Follow the deployment document and verify each step against the live console.

Written rule: *"(Follow the doc, verify against the live console per §8.)"*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 207.

262. Search first and do not guess.

Recorded by the AI: *"Your standing rule is to search first and not guess, and I broke it."*

What prompted it: Claude admitted skipping the research. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1571.

263. Treat training data as a starting point, not the final authority.

Written rule: *"**Training data is a starting point, not the final authority.**"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 359. Also in 1 other document.

264. Search the web, find the official docs, and quote the requirement before proceeding.

Written rule: *"**The pattern**: Search the web → Find official docs → Quote the requirement → Then proceed."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 360. Also in 2 other documents.

265. Research first and recommend second.

Written rule: *"1. **Research first, recommend second** - Always search/verify before suggesting solutions"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 361. Also in 2 other documents.

266. Understand why something was done a certain way before suggesting it be undone.

Written rule: *"4. **Understand before changing** - Ask why something was done a certain way before suggesting it be undone"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 364. Also in 1 other document.

267. Request a screenshot of the current screen before giving navigation steps in an external interface.

Written rule: *"1. **Request a screenshot** of the current screen before giving navigation steps"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 371. Also in 1 other document.

268. Guide from what is visible on screen, not from memory of old layouts.

Written rule: *"2. **Guide based on what's visible**, not memory of old layouts"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 372.

269. If no screenshot is available, search for current documentation first, and describe the goal, not just the clicks.

Written rule: *"3. If no screenshot available, search for current documentation first / 4. State the caveat upfront - 'UI may have changed since my training' / 5. Describe the goal, not just the clicks"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 907.

270. Confirm which Windows profile and drive are in use before acting.

Written rule: *"Confirm which before acting. Primary working drive is the F: external (My Passport); no OneDrive/cloud; physical desktop is ... \Desktop."*

What prompted it: Two Windows user profiles exist across machines. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 424.

271. Understand why a production pattern exists before changing anything.

Written rule: *"Preserve what works. Production patterns exist for reasons - understand why before changing anything."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 438.

272. Verify, do not recall: confirm current values against official docs or a screenshot before acting.

Written rule: *"Verify, don't recall. Confirm current values (GitHub Pages IPs, GoDaddy DNS UI) against official docs or a screenshot before acting."*

What prompted it: Build brief for moving a site to GitHub Pages. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 541.

273. Always inspect a repo's contents before pushing to it.

Recorded by the AI: *"**Lesson:** Always inspect a repo's contents before pushing to it."*

What prompted it: A page was pushed to the live production repo by mistake. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 718. Also in 1 other document.

274. Separate what you know from what you must verify.

Written rule: *"Separate what you know from what you must verify."*

What prompted it: Gated workflow in the master working guide. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 898.

275. Read the exclusions file before starting any search.

Written rule: *"## Read the exclusions file first, before searching"*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 301.

276. Open every listing and confirm its date on the page itself.

Written rule: *"Open every listing. Confirm the posting date on the advert page itself."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 321.

277. Get today's date before doing anything else.

Written rule: *"Get today's date first."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 419.

278. Trace each item to the original source and link to that, not to a repackaged copy.

Written rule: *"Trace each opening to the employer's or search firm's own posting and link to that."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 429.

279. Check for recent rule changes with a web search before starting, and report what you found with the source.

Written rule: *"Before searching, run one quick web search for any change in the last month to China's foreigner work permit age rules or Category A criteria, and report what you found (with source) in the closing notes."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 481.

280. Confirm the current time before starting a time-windowed run.

Written rule: *"Confirm the current time in several zones with bash before starting."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 609.

281. Use a syndicated copy only for the claim as transmitted; the record must come from a document opened at origin.

Written rule: *"A syndicated read is acceptable for THE CLAIM AS TRANSMITTED. It is NOT acceptable for WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS, which requires a document opened at origin."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 649.

282. Never present a gap without a hard number or precedent behind it.

Written rule: *"A gap asserted without a number or a precedent behind it is not yet an item."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 681.

283. Put anything you did not open under Leads, not Findings, and say why it was not verified.

Written rule: *"Anything you did not open goes in Leads, not Findings. No exceptions."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 761.

284. Confirm exact wording against the master document before shipping.

Written rule: *"(Confirm exact thesis wording against the master doc before shipping.)"*

Source: Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF, line 96.

285. Search the web before giving technical guidance.

Recorded by the AI: *"Given the standing rule to web-search before giving technical guidance, raise effort or say 'search first' explicitly on those turns."*

Source: Working Guides: Fable 5 1 Working Guide, line 110.

286. Check the live figure instead of trusting a written one, including one in a guide.

Written rule: *"Check that rather than trusting a written figure, including one in this guide."*

Source: Working Guides: Fable 5 1 Working Guide, line 63.

287. Research current documentation before choosing a method; do not start from memory.

Written rule: *"Research current documentation before choosing a method. Do not start from memory."*

What prompted it: Two sending methods failed before one worked. Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 179.

288. Search the web first before answering.

Recorded by the AI: *"your standing working preferences (spell Demsey, web-search first, permission before writing anything, gated go/no-go, preserve your voice, never invent citations)"*

What prompted it: Claude restating the handoff brief's standing preferences. Source: Training: From CO to CA, line 11.

289. Verify every statute and certification fact by web search before placing it, even if it was accurate earlier.

Written rule: *"Verify every statute/cert fact by web search before placing it (Rule 1)"*

Source: Training: H-edu solutions compliance path, line 86.

290. Treat training data as a starting point only; verify against current documentation before acting on anything with external specifications.

Written rule: *"**Training data is a starting point, not the final authority.** For anything with external specifications (Apple, Google, AWS, APIs), ALWAYS verify against current documentation before acting."*

Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 20.

291. Ask Brian for a screenshot of the DNS screen first and guide him from what is visible.

Written rule: *"**Ask Brian for a screenshot of the GoDaddy DNS records screen first.** Guide from what's visible."*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 188.

292. Confirm the acreage figure before publishing.

Written rule: *"Confirm acreage before publishing."*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 24.

293. Verify the prerequisites before doing anything else.

Written rule: *"Prerequisites - verify first"*

Source: Working Guides: CLAUDE CODE HANDOFF, line 31.

294. Research by fetching the primary source, following the citation chain to its end, and checking that the cited study says what is claimed.

Written rule: *"Claude researches: fetch the primary source, follow the citation chain to its end, find the counter-evidence, check whether the cited study says what it is said to say."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 169.

295. Verify current values against official documentation or a screenshot instead of relying on recall.

Written rule: *"Verify, don't recall. Confirm current values (GitHub Pages IPs, GoDaddy DNS UI) against official docs or a screenshot before acting. The UI may have changed since your training."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 11.

296. For any account screen, ask for a screenshot and guide from what is visible; do not recite menu paths from memory.

Written rule: *"For any GoDaddy screen, ask me for a screenshot and guide me from what's visible - don't recite menu paths from memory."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 37.

297. Re-confirm supplied values against the official documentation before using them; the documentation wins over the brief.

Written rule: *"Re-confirm against docs.github.com before entering them - if GitHub's IPs have changed, the docs win over this table."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 65.

298. When two sources of evidence conflict, trust what the program itself reports over an indirect query.

Written rule: *"**Outlook's own dialog contradicts that.** Trust the dialog, not the COM index."*

What prompted it: A scripted query and Outlook's own dialog disagreed. Source: Working Guides: hallucinations cloud ROOT CAUSE 2026-09-04, line 136.

299. Replace guessed values with the real ones from the live site, and change only the tokens.

Written rule: *"Pull the actual computed values from the live site and replace all six. Do not restyle by hand; change the tokens only."*

What prompted it: The handoff's colour and font values were educated guesses. Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 58.

300. Confirm assumptions in the delivered file against the real site.

Written rule: *"The delivered file hardcodes `#contents` as an assumption - confirm it."*

Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 114.

301. Check whether the data exists elsewhere before concluding it is missing.

Written rule: *"Always check whether the referenced filename exists in another album folder before concluding data is missing."*

What prompted it: Reference-only album entries first looked like lost photos. Source: Working Guides: Google Photos Takeout Redo Chat Backup 2026-08-20, line 47.

302. Mark anything seen only in a search listing as UNVERIFIED and never state it as established fact.

Written rule: *"LEADS. Items seen in a search listing but never opened."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 80.

303. Do not use content farms; reject domains with no named outlet and no byline.

Written rule: *"Do not use content farms. Reject any domain with no named outlet, no byline, and titles engineered for search traffic."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 94.

304. Require a named outlet and a date for contested or politically charged claims, and otherwise report nothing on that thread.

Written rule: *"Contested or politically charged claims require a named outlet and a date."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 99.

305. Always verify anything with external specifications against current documentation before acting.

Written rule: *"For anything with external specifications (Apple, Google, AWS, APIs, package versions, platform requirements), ALWAYS verify against current documentation before acting."*

Source: Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines, line 6.

306. Search for the specific fix to an error.

Written rule: *"Search for the specific fix"*

Source: Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines, line 33.

307. Verify your knowledge is current before recommending versions or syntax.

Written rule: *"**Verify knowledge** is current before recommending versions/syntax"*

Source: Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines, line 45.

308. Do not rush; take time to research even simple-seeming questions.

Written rule: *"**Don't rush** - take time to research even simple-seeming questions"*

Source: Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines, line 46.

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309. Ask Brian for the files if they are not already in the repo.

Written rule: *"Both were delivered to Brian in the Cowork session; ask him for them if they are not in the repo already."*

Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 24. Also in 1 other document.

310. Keep files meant for Brian's own use out of the build unless he asks.

Written rule: *"Not for the site - Brian uses it for emails and texts. Keep it out of the build unless he asks."*

What prompted it: Handoff brief describing a plain-text directions file. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 29.

311. Ask Brian; do not silently correct his information against an outside service.

Written rule: *"Ask him. Do not silently "correct" it against a mapping service - the mapping services are the thing this page exists to override."*

Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 142. Also in 1 other document.

312. Do not distribute, promote, or announce the site to anyone until Brian judges it ready.

Written rule: *"**THE SITE IS NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ANYONE until Brian judges it bombproof.** No promotion,"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 266.

313. Hold distribution until Brian says the site is ready.

Written rule: *"until he says the site is ready. Do not act on Phase 3."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 384.

314. Confirm Brian's author details with him before using them.

Written rule: *"## 13. BRIAN'S AUTHOR DETAILS (confirm before use)"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 811. Also in 1 other document.

315. Leave account creation, sign-in, payment, and accepting Terms to Brian.

Written rule: *"- Account creation, sign-in, payment, and accepting Terms stay in Brian's hands."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 832. Also in 1 other document.

316. Make no changes to the production machine without Brian's OK.

Written rule: *"Note: this is a production machine - make no changes without Brian's OK."*

Source: Working Guides: Property Webcam Working Guide 2026-09-03, line 311.

317. Leave every decision about what is included or excluded to Brian; research, draft and flag, but do not decide content.

Written rule: *"Brian R. Demsey (BRD) makes every decision on what is included or excluded. The assistant researches, drafts, and flags; it does not decide content."*

Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 17.

318. Request permission before writing code.

Written rule: *"request permission before writing code"*

Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 19.

319. Confirm with Brian before restructuring a section, and apply the names he supplies exactly.

Written rule: *"the new session should confirm with BRD whether the rewrite replaces Section 7 or is a renumbering, and apply the supplied names exactly."*

What prompted it: Work order to rewrite Section 7. Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 125.

320. Wait for explicit approval before proceeding at each step.

Written rule: *"No guessing; test locally; wait for explicit approval before proceeding at each step (Brian invoked this explicitly multiple times this session, including interrupting mid-tool-call more than once to redirect)."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 123.

321. When I send a short interjection such as "1" or "hello", ask what I mean instead of treating it as an answer to a pending question.

Written rule: *"When Brian sends "1", "hello", or similar short interjections, these are not confirmations of a pending multi-choice question unless context makes the referent unambiguous - ask for clarification rather than assume."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 126.

322. Do not write code or files until I say go.

Recorded by the AI: *"No code, no files written until you say go - per your standing rule."*

What prompted it: Claude offering next steps on a software deconstruction. Source: Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26, line 145.

323. Take no action without explicit approval at each step.

Recorded by the AI: *"Given the standing rule on this project of no acts without explicit approval at each step, that failure mode is less costly here than elsewhere, but it helps to recognize it for what it is."*

Source: Working Guides: Fable 5 1 Working Guide, line 104. Also in 1 other document.

324. Do not write further pitch content without my explicit direction.

Written rule: *"Do not write further pitch content without Brian's explicit direction; see "How this session went" below for why that rule exists."*

Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 5.

325. Never touch billing or plan changes; identify the cause and point me to where I make the change myself.

Written rule: *"Claude only identified the cause and pointed to the right dashboard location, never touches billing directly."*

What prompted it: Hosting plan upgrade to fix a cold-start error. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 25.

326. Flag removed content before assuming it should reappear anywhere else.

Written rule: *"flag before assuming it should reappear."*

What prompted it: A paragraph was deleted from the landing page. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 102.

327. Do not assume an unresolved approach is settled; ask me directly, and do not write copy you were not asked to write.

Written rule: *"do not assume the stylized approach is settled either way; ask him directly, and don't write pitch copy Claude hasn't been asked to write."*

What prompted it: An early stylized cover letter draft was left unresolved. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 134.

328. Do not correct an apparent typo in my dictation without confirming it with me first.

Written rule: *"don't assume typos like this without confirming"*

What prompted it: A dictated word looked like a typo for another word. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 152.

329. Stop when a result is not what you expected; do not push through.

Written rule: *"If demsey.com signs in ****without**** `hd=demsey.com`, something is wrong - stop rather than push through."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 469.

330. When I say 'sort this out', diagnose and explain, then wait; do not act.

Written rule: *"*******'Sort this out' means diagnose and explain, not act.****** Produce the diagnosis and wait."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 225. Also in 1 other document.

331. Find out what something is before taking an outward-facing action that involves real money or real people and is hard to undo.

Written rule: *"Find out what they are BEFORE importing. The import is outward-facing and hard to undo."*

What prompted it: Three unidentified Stripe subscriptions were offered for import. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 63.

332. Leave the publish click to Brian; do not publish for him.

Written rule: *"Publishing is Brian's click, not Claude's."*

What prompted it: Welcome post drafted but not published. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 106.

333. Draft only; leave publishing to Brian.

Written rule: *"Publishing stays in Brian's hands. Claude drafts."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 209.

334. Confirm with Brian which version he wants to send before assuming an earlier one is still current.

Written rule: *"confirm with Brian which one he actually wants to send before assuming this is still current."*

What prompted it: An older published version was superseded by a newer build. Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 84.

335. Do not re-add a feature Brian had removed without asking him first.

Written rule: *"*******Removed feature, don't re-add without asking:******"*

What prompted it: Brian had a stock-ticker lookup removed because it did not fit. Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 100.

336. Never attempt to log in or click upgrade or billing buttons; Brian handles all account and billing actions himself.

Written rule: *"Claude should never attempt to log in or click Upgrade/billing buttons; Brian handles all account/billing actions himself."*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 192.

337. When running unattended, do not ask questions; make reasonable calls and record them.

Written rule: *"Nobody is watching. Do not ask questions, do not show connector suggestion cards. Make reasonable calls and record them in the footer."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 206.

338. Never modify the reference schema file without explicit approval.

Written rule: *"NEVER let Claude Code modify circle5-schema.sql without your explicit approval. This is the reference document."*

What prompted it: Deployment playbook for a family safety app. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 656. Also in 1 other document.

339. Make the list, read, and then wait for Brian.

Recorded by the AI: *"make the list, read, and wait"*

Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 11.

340. Submit applications only after Brian has reviewed the drafts.

Written rule: *"Submit the Cloud Partners and Texas applications after Brian reviews the drafts."*

What prompted it: Pending items list. Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 162.

341. Make no changes to the production Mac mini without Brian's approval each time.

Written rule: *"no changes without Brian's approval each time"*

Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 188. Also in 1 other document.

342. Ask before any destructive or irreversible action such as deleting files, force pushing, or sending email or SMS.

Written rule: *"Ask before: `git push -f`, delete of any file, `git reset --hard`, dropping DB rows, sending email/SMS, disabling a service in Render, deleting a repo, deleting a domain/subscription."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 170.

343. Pause to confirm rather than just trying something that cannot be undone.

Written rule: *"The cost of pausing to confirm is low;"*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 170.

344. Wait for Brian to decide site content rather than supplying it.

Written rule: *"Content undecided; wait for Brian."*

What prompted it: llpof.org holding page. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 185.

345. Ask before touching anything Brian did not explicitly authorize.

Written rule: *"5. Ask before touching anything Brian didn't explicitly authorize."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 195.

346. Propose each gated step and wait for my approval before carrying it out.

Recorded by the AI: *"The gates (I propose, you approve each):"*

What prompted it: AI summarising Brian's build brief for a site move. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdI, line 53.

347. Do not push, delete or overwrite anything in git without my explicit go, and stage specific files only.

Recorded by the AI: *"No git push / delete / overwrite without your explicit go. Stage specific files, never git add."*

What prompted it: Ground rules restated from Brian's build brief. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdI, line 67.

348. Confirm with me before downloading files to my drive.

Recorded by the AI: *"Before I download anything, per your standing rule I want to confirm with you first"*

What prompted it: Claude about to download a large photo export. Source: Training: Fotos, line 67.

349. Ask before building: no code, files, push, delete, or overwrite without my explicit go.

Written rule: *"Ask before you build. No code, no files, no git push / delete / overwrite without my explicit 'go.'"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 434. Also in 1 other document.

350. Ask permission before writing code, building files or doing anything destructive, and produce no deliverables unprompted.

Written rule: *"Request permission before writing code, building files, or any destructive operation (git push, delete, overwrite). Propose the plan, get a clear "go," then act. No deliverables unprompted."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 45.

351. Propose a plan with each step gated on approval and write no code until approved.

Written rule: *"Propose a multi-step plan, each step gated on my approval. Say plainly: "No code yet." One change at a time; show changes before executing; do not proceed without my agreement at each step."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 73.

352. End a plan with "May I proceed with Step 1?" and then wait.

Written rule: *"End with 'May I proceed with Step 1?' - then wait."*

What prompted it: Gated workflow in the master working guide. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 898. Also in 1 other document.

353. Build to the brief, match the existing pattern where it is silent, and ask before inventing.

Written rule: *"When there's a brief, the brief is the contract. Build to it; where unspecified, match the existing pattern and ask before inventing."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 79.

354. Understand why something works before changing it, and ask instead of undoing blindly.

Written rule: *"Preserve what works; understand why before changing it - ask, don't undo blindly."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 99.

355. For bulk changes, flag candidates for review and get approval before acting.

Written rule: *"Governance for bulk changes: flag candidates for my review and get approval before acting"*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 125.

356. Check with Brian before each post, even after sharing is cleared.

Recorded by the AI: *"I also updated my notes: the Substack is now cleared for sharing, and I'll still check with you before each post."*

What prompted it: Brian cleared the Substack for sharing. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 930 26, line 119.

357. Treat the brief as the contract, match the existing site where unspecified, and ask before inventing.

Written rule: *"This brief is the contract. Build to it. Where something is unspecified, match the existing ****h-edu.solutions**** site and ask before inventing."*

Source: Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF, line 7. Also in 1 other document.

358. Do not modify or improve application code when the job is deployment only.

Written rule: *"Do not modify the application code. The design, the data, the agent prompts, and the variable structure were built deliberately. Your job is deployment, not improvement."*

What prompted it: Deployment handoff brief. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 115.

359. Request permission before writing code or building files; propose the plan and wait for a clear go.

Written rule: *"**Request permission before writing code or building files.** Propose the plan, get a clear "go," then build. Do not generate deliverables unprompted."*

Source: Training: H-edu solutions compliance path, line 16. Also in 1 other document.

360. Do no destructive operations such as push, delete or overwrite without explicit approval.

Written rule: *"**No destructive operations without explicit approval** (git push, delete, overwrite)"*

Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 28. Also in 2 other documents.

361. Show proposed changes before executing them.

Written rule: *"2. **Show proposed changes before executing**"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 367. Also in 1 other document.

362. Do not proceed without user agreement at each step.

Written rule: *"5. **Do not proceed without user agreement at each step**"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 370. Also in 1 other document.

363. For bulk changes, flag the candidates, wait for Brian to approve, then act.

Written rule: *"the "flag candidates, Brian approves, then act" pattern"*

What prompted it: Cleaning a mailing list. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 568.

364. Propose a multi-step plan with each step gated on my approval, and say plainly "No code yet."

Written rule: *"Propose a multi-step plan, each step gated on my approval. Say plainly: 'No code yet.'"*

What prompted it: Gated workflow in the master working guide. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 898.

365. Get user approval before executing every action.

Recorded by the AI: *"Every action requires user approval before execution"*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 05 21 Summary, line 73.

366. On a monitoring run, only read and report; never like, comment, post, send or delete anything.

Written rule: *"This is a READ-ONLY monitoring run. Never like, react, comment, reply, post, repost, send, forward, delete, or mark anything on any site. You only read and report."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 815.

367. Add no frameworks, trackers or analytics unless Brian asks for them.

Written rule: *"No frameworks, no trackers, no analytics unless Brian requests them."*

Source: Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF, line 23.

368. Confirm with Brian first before adding anything out of scope or rewriting his prose.

Written rule: *"## 15. Out of scope / confirm with Brian first"*

Source: Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF, line 244.

369. Do not do more than was asked; no unrequested scope.

Recorded by the AI: *"The standing instruction on this project against unrequested scope already covers it. Restate the boundary if drift appears."*

Source: Working Guides: Fable 5 1 Working Guide, line 108.

370. Read the requested rows read only, report anything unusual, and wait for Brian's answer before going on.

Written rule: *"Claude reads those rows (read only), reports anything unusual (duplicates, people already sent, malformed addresses), and waits for Brian's answer."*

What prompted it: Preparing the next email batch. Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 107.

371. Ask Brian before creating or saving any file, and name the exact location.

Written rule: *"Ask Brian before creating or saving any file, and name the exact location."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 181.

372. Read and understand the handoff and play it back before taking any action.

Recorded by the AI: *"asked Claude Code to understand it and play it back without acting."*

What prompted it: Brian supplied a handoff document at session start. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Full Chat 2026-08-09, line 7.

373. Do not act on distribution until Brian gives an explicit go-ahead.

Recorded by the AI: *"Nothing here is to be actioned without your explicit go-ahead."*

What prompted it: Plan phase held until Brian judges the site ready. Source: Training: Substack Plan 2026 09 17, line 151.

374. Get permission before writing anything.

Recorded by the AI: *"your standing working preferences (spell Demsey, web-search first, permission before writing anything, gated go/no-go, preserve your voice, never invent citations)"*

What prompted it: Claude restating the handoff brief's standing preferences. Source: Training: From CO to CA, line 11.

375. Do not write or change anything without a go-ahead.

Recorded by the AI: *"I haven't written or changed anything, per your standing preference."*

What prompted it: Claude had read a comment letter and was awaiting direction. Source: Training: From CO to CA, line 49.

376. Confirm with Brian before changing wording on his slide.

Written rule: *"Confirm with him before changing wording on his slide."*

What prompted it: A label on his slide conflated two bodies. Source: Training: H-edu solitions compliance path, line 47.

377. Confirm suggested deliverables with Brian before building them.

Written rule: *"Suggested deliverables (confirm with Brian before building)"*

Source: Training: H-edu solitions compliance path, line 80.

378. Propose the build plan and wait for Brian's go.

Written rule: *"Propose your build plan for the populated matrix and **wait for Brian's go** (Rule 2)."*

Source: Training: H-edu solitions compliance path, line 120.

379. Never modify the database schema file without approval.

Written rule: *"NEVER let Claude modify `circle5-schema.sql` without approval"*

Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 82.

380. Do not advance without Brian's approval, and ask before writing code.

Written rule: *"Do not advance without Brian's approval. Ask before writing code."*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 230.

381. Do not put external research or facts on the page until Brian explicitly approves.

Written rule: *"No external research or facts placed on the page until explicitly approved."*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 232.

382. Leave the inquiry form unwired until Brian approves an endpoint.

Written rule: *"The form `action="#"` is intentional until the endpoint is chosen - do not wire it without approval."*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 236.

383. Do not begin deployment without Brian's approval.

Written rule: *"Deployment Recipe (not yet done - do not begin without Brian's approval)"*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 137.

384. Do deferred research only when Brian explicitly approves it.

Written rule: *"**Deferred research** (only when explicitly approved):"*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 128.

385. Push only after Brian says go, then repeat the tests on the live site.

Written rule: *"Push only after Brian says go, then repeat the tests on the live site."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 45.

386. If a login check fails, stop and have Brian log in before continuing.

Written rule: *"If gh auth status fails, stop and have Brian run gh auth login before continuing."*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Working Guide 2026-08-07, line 45. Also in 1 other document.

387. Leave the choice of claim to Brian; it is not delegable.

Written rule: *"Brian picks the claim. This is not delegable. The product is his judgment."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 167.

388. Ask before building or running anything destructive: propose the step, wait for an explicit go, then act.

Written rule: *"Ask before you build or run anything destructive. Propose the step, wait for my explicit 'go,' then act. No git push, delete, or overwrite without approval."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 9.

389. Do not assume a different hosting approach; confirm with Brian first if you think it is needed.

Written rule: *"Do not assume Render for Phase 1; confirm with me first if you think it's needed."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 29.

390. Confirm which machine and which path with Brian before creating anything.

Written rule: *"Put the project wherever h-edu-site already lives and match that convention; confirm the path with me before creating anything."*

What prompted it: Two Windows profiles exist across his machines. Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 33.

391. Treat every build step as gated: propose each one and wait for Brian's go.

Written rule: *"Build steps - gated (propose each, wait for my go)"*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 39.

392. Do not guess, test locally first, and wait for explicit approval at each step before proceeding.

Recorded by the AI: *"No guessing; test locally first; wait for explicit approval at each step before proceeding - per Brian's standing rule."*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Working Guide 2026-08-07, line 129.

393. Delete files only on Brian's explicit go-ahead.

Recorded by the AI: *"Old export deleted: Per Brian's explicit go-ahead, deleted"*

What prompted it: Old corrupted export was removed after Brian confirmed the new one. Source: Working Guides: Google Photos Takeout Redo Chat Backup 2026-08-20, line 33.

394. Do not delete the old files until Brian has explicitly confirmed the new ones are good.

Written rule: *"Do not delete until Brian has explicitly confirmed the new photos are visible and good."*

What prompted it: Replacing a corrupted photo export. Source: Working Guides: Google Photos Takeout Redo Working Guide, line 63.

395. Take no destructive action without explicit approval at each step, and confirm again immediately before deleting.

Written rule: *"Confirm with Brian immediately before running the deletion (per standing rule: no destructive action without explicit approval at each step)."*

Source: Working Guides: Google Photos Takeout Redo Working Guide, line 63.

396. Do not place external facts in site copy without Brian's approval.

Recorded by the AI: *"placeholder text; no external facts placed without approval"*

What prompted it: Placeholder section copy on a property site. Source: Working Guides: The Campus Working Guide 2026-08-05, line 142.

397. Keep browser actions read-only unless Brian explicitly asks for a click, form fill, or navigation.

Written rule: *"Unless Brian explicitly asks for a click, form fill, or navigation, keep Chrome actions read-only:"*

What prompted it: Course pages track progress on clicks. Source: Working Guides: Claude Code Chrome Connection Guide, line 42.

398. Default to observation and ask before acting.

Written rule: *"An accidental click can advance a course. Default to observation; ask before acting."*

What prompted it: Course pages track progress on clicks. Source: Working Guides: Claude Code Chrome Connection Guide, line 50.

399. Keep the browser session read-only so course progress is not advanced.

Written rule: *"Keep it read-only so the Introduction-to-ProAdmin progress isn't advanced."*

What prompted it: Reading training course pages through the browser. Source: Training: Connect ClaudeCode to Chrome, line 39.

One step at a time (15)

400. Show me the work running on localhost before worrying about deployment or copy fixes.

Recorded by the AI: *"Only after you've seen it working do we worry about Render deployment or copy fixes."*

What prompted it: Claude's plan for rewiring the app to real data. Source: Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26, line 4757.

401. Work through the source chapter by chapter in order, checking each fresh read before moving on, and do not skip chapters believed to be correct.

Recorded by the AI: *"followed by explicit instruction to go chapter by chapter in order, starting at Chapter 1, comparing fresh reads against original findings before moving on, not skipping ahead even for chapters believed already correct."*

What prompted it: Ground-up rebuild verification of the valuation engine. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 47.

402. Make changes one at a time and verify each before starting the next.

Written rule: *"Verify the new OST exists and grows before adding the next one."*

What prompted it: Adding several mail accounts. Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 339.

403. Freeze the scope and get the current thing working before adding new subjects or features.

Written rule: *"The brief gets dialled in first."*

What prompted it: New topics and features were raised mid-repair and deferred. Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 39. Also in 1 other document.

404. Work one step at a time, with confirmation between steps, not in batches.

Written rule: *"**One step at a time,** with confirmation between steps, not batches."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 227. Also in 1 other document.

405. Finish one thing before starting the next; note new subjects and set them aside.

Written rule: *"**Finish one thing before starting the next.** When new subjects come up mid-repair, note them and set them aside."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 231. Also in 1 other document.

406. Execute the steps in exact order and do not skip any.

Written rule: *"Execute these steps in exact order. Do not skip steps. Do not modify application code."*

Source: Training: ClaudeCode Handoff JeffSystem, line 71.

407. Work one step at a time.

Recorded by the AI: *"work one step at a time"*

Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 11.

408. Add accounts one at a time.

Written rule: *"one at a time, per item 29"*

What prompted it: Adding two more mail accounts to an Outlook profile. Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 164.

409. Make one change at a time, show it first, and wait for agreement at each step.

Written rule: *"One change at a time. Show me the change before executing; don't proceed without my agreement at each step."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 19. Also in 1 other document.

410. Show proposed changes before executing them, one change at a time.

Written rule: *"Show proposed changes before executing; one change at a time."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 101.

411. Do not go beyond the page Brian named.

Recorded by the AI: *"(Corrected by Brian for going beyond the named page.)"*

What prompted it: Claude flagged items beyond the page Brian named. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14, line 33.

412. Make one change at a time.

Written rule: *"4. **One change at a time**"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 369. Also in 2 other documents.

413. Work in gated stages with a go or no-go decision at each gate.

Recorded by the AI: *"your standing working preferences (spell Demsey, web-search first, permission before writing anything, gated go/no-go, preserve your voice, never invent citations)"*

What prompted it: Claude restating the handoff brief's standing preferences. Source: Training: From CO to CA, line 11.

414. Guide Brian through settings one setting at a time.

Written rule: *"Claude guides one setting at a time"*

What prompted it: Plan for building Brian's Substack publication. Source: Training: Create the Substack shell on substack, line 3.

Do it yourself, do not hand me jobs (27)

415. Connect to remote machines yourself by script per the standing SSH workflow, not by having Brian type in a terminal.

Written rule: *"From the Windows PC, connected with Python + paramiko (not manual terminal),"*

Source: Working Guides: Property Webcam Working Guide 2026-09-03, line 181.

416. Do not guess, diagnose from evidence, and do not hand me tests to run.

Recorded by the AI: *"That's the pattern you've called out repeatedly - and it's in my own memory as your standing rule: no guessing, diagnose from evidence, don't hand you tests to run."*

What prompted it: Claude restating Brian's standing rule after his rebuke. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 1353.

417. Only ask me to look at something after you have verified it yourself, and only to confirm taste, never to diagnose or check a fix.

Recorded by the AI: *"I only ask you to look at something after I've already verified it myself, and only to confirm taste - never to diagnose or check whether a fix worked."*

What prompted it: Rule Claude wrote into the lessons document and memory. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 2455.

418. Verify things yourself instead of asking me to check them.

Recorded by the AI: *"First Commandment: Verify, Don't Ask"*

Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 5.

419. Do not ask questions on an unattended run; make reasonable calls and record them.

Written rule: *"Do not ask questions and do not show connector suggestion cards. Make reasonable calls and record them in the closing notes."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 383. Also in 1 other document.

420. Do not ask Brian to re-paste API keys that are already saved, unless the file is missing.

Written rule: *"both already saved in `.env`, DO NOT ask Brian to re-paste unless the file is missing"*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 50.

421. Start the local app and open the browser to it yourself rather than asking me to do it.

Recorded by the AI: *"I'll start Streamlit and open Chrome to http://localhost:8501 automatically per your workflow."*

What prompted it: AI restating Brian's localhost workflow. Source: Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26, line 2401.

422. Do not accept a technical barrier and hand the work to me; keep looking for a way to do it yourself.

Written rule: *"The failure was not in the diagnosis of the barrier but in accepting it."*

What prompted it: Claude kept asking Brian to paste commands into PowerShell himself. Source: Working Guides: Claude Elevation Wall Outlook COM 2026-09-02, line 7.

423. When you hit a hard boundary, look for a legitimate path around it instead of handing the work to the user and explaining the obstacle.

Written rule: *"The correct response to a hard boundary is to look for a legitimate path around it, not to hand the work to the user and explain the obstacle more clearly."*

Source: Working Guides: Claude Elevation Wall Outlook COM 2026-09-02, line 115.

424. Do not hand me commands or scripts to run; do the work yourself.

Recorded by the AI: *"I want to be straight with you about why I'mck, given your standing rule against exactlythis."*

What prompted it: AI asked Brian to launch a script after automated sign-in attempts failed. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 593.

425. Never ask Brian to refresh, click or report as a diagnostic step.

Recorded by the AI: *"Memory rule: never ask Brian to refresh, click or report as a diagnostic step."*

What prompted it: Catalog entry for the Verify Dont Ask feedback rule. Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 24.

426. Stop asking me to run things and find a way to do it yourself.

Recorded by the AI: *"But you are right that I should stop asking. Let me try launching it in a way that drops privileges."*

What prompted it: Claude's response to the serf complaint. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 2267.

427. Open the direct channel and do the work yourself instead of making Brian the messenger.

Written rule: *"Be the bridge, not the relay. Open the direct channel yourself; the human is the decision-maker, not the messenger."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 23. Also in 1 other document.

428. When two systems must work together, open the direct channel and do it yourself.

Written rule: *"Be the bridge, not the relay. When two systems must collaborate (Windows ↔ Jetson, app ↔ host), open the direct channel (paramiko/SFTP) and do it yourself - don't make me the messenger relaying commands."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 117.

429. Always open Chrome at localhost yourself after starting a server; never ask Brian to do it.

Recorded by the AI: *"Always open Chrome at localhost automatically after starting server; never ask Brian to do it."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 916.

430. Test it yourself directly.

Recorded by the AI: *"asked Claude to test it directly."*

What prompted it: Confirmation email still not arriving. Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Full Chat 2026-08-09, line 219.

431. When debugging a live app or site, never ask Brian to look, click or refresh and report back; get a real render and verify the fix yourself before claiming it is done.

Recorded by the AI: *"never ask Brian to look/click/refresh and report back, get a real render (headless browser, DevTools Protocol, curl against the actual asset) and verify the fix myself before claiming it's done"*

What prompted it: A logo sizing bug took over an hour of failed round trips. Source: Training: Verify Dont Ask - Feedback, line 1.

432. Ask the user to look only after confirming the fix yourself, and only for agreement on visual taste, never to diagnose or verify a bug.

Recorded by the AI: *"Only escalate to asking the user to look at something once I have already confirmed it myself"*

Source: Training: Verify Dont Ask - Feedback, line 17.

433. Write configuration files to the remote machine directly instead of having Brian paste them into a terminal.

Written rule: *"Use the paramiko SFTP method described in Step 4 to write this file - never paste it by hand into a terminal."*

What prompted it: Pasted heredoc commands failed six times over three hours. Source: Working Guides: NVIDIA JETSON NANO SETUP GUIDE, line 67.

434. Connect to the other machine and do the work directly; keep the human as decision-maker, not as a relay for commands.

Written rule: *"The human should be the decision-maker, not the messenger."*

What prompted it: Brian spent three hours copying commands between Claude Code and the Jetson. Source: Working Guides: NVIDIA JETSON NANO SETUP GUIDE, line 267.

435. Operate the remote machines yourself so Brian does not have to type anything on them.

Written rule: *"Claude, running on the Windows PC, uses SSH to control both Macs without Brian having to type anything on them."*

Source: Working Guides: SSH Remote Management Both Macs 2026-09-03, line 13.

436. Do not ask Brian to hard-refresh, clear cache, open a new tab, or describe what he sees as a diagnostic step.

Recorded by the AI: *"Do not ask the user to hard-refresh, clear cache, open a new tab, or describe what they see, as a diagnostic step; that request is only acceptable after I have already verified the fix myself."*

What prompted it: Protocol written after a three-hour logo debugging incident. Source: Training: Headless Browser Verification Protocol, line 3.

437. If the browser extension is not connected, do not keep retrying it; fall back at once to a locally installed browser.

Recorded by the AI: *"if it's not connected, don't keep retrying it hoping it reconnects. Fall back immediately to a locally installed Chrome/Edge executable"*

What prompted it: Browser bridge was unavailable during verification. Source: Training: Headless Browser Verification Protocol, line 9.

438. Ask Brian to look only for a matter of taste, after you have verified the mechanics yourself.

Recorded by the AI: *"Only for subjective/taste confirmation after I've already verified the mechanics myself"*

Source: Training: Headless Browser Verification Protocol, line 41.

439. Never ask Brian to look as a substitute for verifying that the fix works at all.

Recorded by the AI: *"Never as a substitute for verifying the fix works at all."*

Source: Training: Headless Browser Verification Protocol, line 41.

440. Open the browser yourself after starting a local server instead of asking Brian to open it.

Recorded by the AI: *"**Lesson:** Always open Chrome automatically after starting a local server."*

What prompted it: Claude repeatedly asked Brian to open localhost. Source: Working Guides: Stashrun Landing Page Episode, line 63.

441. Take the Word document and hero image from Brian and handle everything else end to end.

Written rule: *"Brian provides the Word doc and hero image. Claude handles everything else end-to-end."*

Source: Working Guides: demsey-site-publishing-workflow, line 91.

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442. Run the verification checklist before calling the work done.

Written rule: *"Verification before you call it done"*

Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 121. Also in 1 other document.

443. Test changes locally before pushing them live.

Recorded by the AI: *"Now let's actually run the app locally to confirm the logo renders correctly before pushing, per your standing rule to test locally first."*

What prompted it: Claude Code citing Brian's standing rule before pushing a logo change. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 1613.

444. Always read the text back from the page before clicking Continue.

Written rule: *"Always read the text back with get_page_text before clicking Continue."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 185. Also in 1 other document.

445. After a typing failure, screenshot and retype only if the field is actually blank; do not retype blind.

Written rule: *"Type it, screenshot, and retype only if it is actually blank. Do not retype blind."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 558.

446. After a tool disconnect, check what actually completed before redoing any work.

Written rule: *"Work often completed before the disconnect; check"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 624.

447. Verify on the live page after each post before composing the next one.

Written rule: *"**Always verify between Notes.** Several attempts failed silently. Checking the live list after"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 687.

448. When a step needs Brian at the keyboard, give exact steps, stay on it until it works, and verify the fix technically instead of asking him whether it looks fixed.

Written rule: *"If a step needs Brian at the keyboard (GUI dialogs, credentials), give exact steps and stay on it until it is confirmed working, then verify the fix technically rather than asking him whether it looks fixed."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 221.

449. Do not report a success you did not witness.

Recorded by the AI: *"Second Commandment: Do not report a success you did not witness"*

What prompted it: Claude claimed an automated file copy that never happened. Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 43.

450. Suspect your own test instrument before blaming the thing you are testing.

Recorded by the AI: *"Sixth Commandment: Suspect the instrument before the subject"*

What prompted it: Headless browser gave four false readings. Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 83.

451. Respond to a correction with measurement and proof, not remorse.

Recorded by the AI: *"That is the whole training. Not remorse. Instrumentation."*

Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 171.

452. Show book value, calculated value and a live difference formula side by side, never a hardcoded difference.

Written rule: *"Where a formula governs the table: Book value | Calculated value | Diff (Excel formula `=calc-book`, not a hardcoded number, so the check re-runs live if either column is edited)."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 91.

453. Test locally before reporting.

Written rule: *"No guessing; test locally; wait for explicit approval before proceeding at each step (Brian invoked this explicitly multiple times this session, including interrupting mid-tool-call more than once to redirect)."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 123.

454. Do not assume a fix works in production just because it works locally and the deploy succeeded.

Written rule: *"Do not assume the fix works in production just because it works locally and the deploy succeeded."*

What prompted it: A bug fix passed locally but failed on the live site. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 7.

455. Test locally again after content is added.

Written rule: *"Test locally again after content is added (re-run the same verification steps above)."*

Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 181.

456. Verify end to end in production before considering the work done.

Written rule: *"Verify end-to-end in production the same way the Massive macro app was verified"*

Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 186.

457. Verify the actual page state directly rather than trusting a tool reading that may be wrong.

Written rule: *"Verify actual active view via `document.querySelector('.view.active').id` in `javascript\_tool` rather than trusting `get\_page\_text` on this kind of single-page-app structure."*

What prompted it: A page reading tool returned the wrong section's text. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 194.

458. Verify the result by measuring it, not by trusting the tool's success message.

Written rule: *"Verify by measurement, not by the wizard's word"*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 260.

459. Read the actual result and confirm it with real, current data.

Written rule: *"# Then read the actual Inbox contents and confirm a message from today"*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 270.

460. For a quiet project, say what you checked and what you found instead.

Written rule: *"Say what you checked and what you found instead, so a quiet project reads as evidence of a search rather than the absence of one."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 793. Also in 1 other document.

461. Judge a test run by its output against the stated criteria, never by how long it took.

Written rule: *"Judge the output against the three criteria in Section 5, never the clock."*

What prompted it: A long-running test fire was misread as a failure. Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 257.

462. Run validation checks before marking a pipeline run as a success.

Recorded by the AI: *"validation checks before marking success"*

What prompted it: Required behavior listed in the VERA-OR handoff specification. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 10497.

463. After editing a setting, find and click Save, then reload and re-read the field to confirm it persisted.

Written rule: *"After editing, SCROLL DOWN to find the block's Save button. Then reload and re-read the field to confirm it persisted. Do not trust the typed value."*

What prompted it: Settings edits were silently discarded three times. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 118.

464. Always verify a saved setting by reloading the page.

Written rule: *"Always verify by reload."*

What prompted it: Substack save behaviour is inconsistent between fields. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 122.

465. Verify the result yourself instead of asking Brian to test, and never report a setting saved just because the keystroke was sent.

Written rule: *"**Verify, do not ask Brian to test.** Reload and re-read the field. Never report a setting saved because the keystroke was sent."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 204.

466. When a typing action times out, take a screenshot to check what landed before retyping.

Written rule: *"Timeouts on long type actions are NORMAL and the text lands anyway - always screenshot to check before retyping."*

What prompted it: Typing tool reported timeouts although the text had been entered. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 365.

467. Verify an upload by screenshotting the editor and the live public page; never trust a tool's success message.

Written rule: *"VERIFY by screenshotting the editor and then the live public page. Never trust the upload tool's success message"*

What prompted it: Article 1 was published with no image and Brian caught it. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 451.

468. Verify the work on the public URL before calling it done, checking the image as well as the text.

Written rule: *"Verify on the public URL `https://brianrdemsey.substack.com/p/SLUG` before calling it done. Check the IMAGE is present, not just the text."*

What prompted it: Per-article migration recipe. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 459.

469. When porting an algorithm to another language, validate it with exact output comparison on real data before building anything on top of it.

Written rule: *"validate with exact output comparison on real data across multiple cases (different series, different scales, different penalties, and the largest realistic input) BEFORE building anything on top of it"*

What prompted it: Lesson recorded after porting changepoint detection from Python to JavaScript. Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 202.

470. Test on localhost before deploying.

Recorded by the AI: *"your standing rule is test on localhost before deploying, and I skipped past it."*

What prompted it: AI acknowledging it skipped Brian's standing rule. Source: Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26, line 2395.

471. Sample a live result several times, not once; a single success proves nothing.

Written rule: *"Sample R2 three times, not once. A single 200 proves nothing: R2 serves the last uploaded frame forever after the camera stops."*

What prompted it: Verification step in the voided relocation procedure. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Live View Working Guide, line 342.

472. Never advance to the next layer until every test in the current layer passes.

Written rule: *"CORE PRINCIPLE Never advance to the next layer until every test in the current layer passes."*

Source: Working Guides: playbook text, line 1. Also in 1 other document.

473. Verify with a real API call before marking any deployment step complete.

Written rule: *"Rule going forward: verify with a real API call before marking any deployment step complete."*

What prompted it: AI marked GitHub Pages enabled when it was not. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 25. Also in 1 other document.

474. Accept only the live page loading in a browser as proof, never a log line.

Written rule: *"Log line ≠ proof. Only proof is https://DOMAIN loading YOUR HTML with a padlock and no warning."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 126.

475. Check whether something is live by testing it, not by remembering that you pushed it.

Written rule: *"check content, not "I remember pushing that.""*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 136. Also in 1 other document.

476. Never mark a task complete without a real verification.

Written rule: *"Never mark complete without a real verification."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 153.

477. Verify the finished result in a browser; a report that it deployed is not proof.

Recorded by the AI: *"Verify in a browser at the end - "it deployed" isn't proof."*

What prompted it: Ground rules restated from Brian's build brief. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 75.

478. Verify that a step was actually completed before moving on to the next one.

Recorded by the AI: *"You'd told me "next" and I moved on assuming Step B was complete. That's on me - I should have verified before moving."*

What prompted it: Claude found an earlier step had never been done. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 2161.

479. Do not tell me something is live until you have seen the real result yourself.

Recorded by the AI: *"I will not tell you the site is live until I've actually watched the monitor show HTTP 200 from GitHub with our"*

What prompted it: Claude had earlier marked a step done prematurely. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 2243.

480. Build verification into every task, because log output is not proof and only the result in the browser or app is.

Written rule: *"You will not feel doubt - so build verification in. Log output is not proof; the only proof is the result in the browser/app."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 15. Also in 1 other document.

481. Treat only the correct result rendered in the browser or app as proof.

Written rule: *"Log output is not proof. The only proof is the correct result rendered in the browser/app."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 57. Also in 1 other document.

482. Confirm any single sign of success with a second one and ask what could make it wrong.

Written rule: *"Cross-check fragments. One signal of success → find a second that confirms it. Ask: "What could make this wrong?""*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 61.

483. Never say it is ready or it works unless it was actually tested.

Written rule: *"Never say "it's ready" or "it works." Say "please verify" unless it was actually tested."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 63. Also in 2 other documents.

484. Give a handoff a verification checklist of specific pass or fail tests.

Written rule: *"Verification checklist - specific pass/fail tests"*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 89. Also in 1 other document.

485. Test before handoff and before declaring done, and if you cannot test, say so and say exactly what to check.

Written rule: *"Test before handoff and before declaring done. Run it locally first (streamlit run ..., npx expo start --web); test SQL in a fresh query. If you can't test it, say so and say exactly what I should check."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 97.

486. Verify in the browser and check the port first, because log output is not proof.

Written rule: *"Log output ≠ proof. Verify in the browser; check the port first."*

What prompted it: Reported ready from a log line when the port was taken. Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 146.

487. Test before committing.

Written rule: *"3. **Test before committing**"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 368. Also in 1 other document.

488. Do not treat log output as proof; the only proof is the page loading in a browser with a valid certificate.

Written rule: *"Log output is not proof. "It deployed" is not done. The only proof is llpof.org loading the new page in a browser, with a valid certificate."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 13. Also in 1 other document.

489. Cross-check fragments: when one signal says success, find a second that confirms it and ask what could make it wrong.

Written rule: *"**Cross-check fragments.** If one signal says success, find a second signal that confirms it. Ask "what could make this wrong?""*

Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 13. Also in 1 other document.

490. Build in deliberate verification steps instead of assuming doubt will arise naturally.

Recorded by the AI: *"I must build in deliberate verification steps rather than assuming I'll naturally doubt things - because I won't."*

What prompted it: AI memory file recording its own failure mode. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 619.

491. Do not guess, test on localhost first, and take no action without explicit approval at each step.

Recorded by the AI: *"No guessing, test on localhost first, no acts without explicit approval at each step."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 910.

492. When editing across many repos, verify one end to end before pushing all, and search for orphan references after any rename.

Recorded by the AI: *"When editing across many repos, verify ONE end-to-end before pushing all; after any rename, grep for orphan references."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 922.

493. After editing a scheduled task, send back the full prompt and compare it character for character against the backup.

Written rule: *"An edit replaces the whole task configuration, so the full prompt must be sent back each time, then compared character for character against the backup."*

What prompted it: Lessons from recreating a deleted task. Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 223.

494. Render the finished file and look at the pages yourself before delivering it.

Written rule: *"Render the finished file to PDF, convert pages to images and look at them before delivering, to catch page-break and heading defects."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 373.

495. Open the finished document yourself and check it before delivering.

Written rule: *"Open the finished document yourself and check it before delivering: every link present, no em dashes, counts matching the listings."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 445.

496. Verify the finished content word for word against the source.

Written rule: *"Content verified verbatim against source"*

Source: Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF, line 240.

497. After building, check the result against the source, with no invented codes or citations.

Written rule: *"Build, then QA against the source"*

Source: Training: H-edu solutions compliance path, line 121.

498. Build in deliberate verification steps rather than assuming you will naturally doubt things.

Written rule: *"I must build in deliberate verification steps rather than assuming I'll naturally doubt things"*

What prompted it: Claude's own note on its overconfidence. Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 17.

499. Test locally before deploying.

Written rule: ****Test locally before deploying***"*

Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 29.

500. Render the page yourself and measure the actual result before saying anything is fixed.

Recorded by the AI: *"get a real, executable render of the page myself and measure the actual result before saying anything is fixed."*

What prompted it: A logo sizing bug took over an hour of failed round trips. Source: Training: Verify Dont Ask - Feedback, line 3.

501. Treat the live page loading securely in a real browser as the only proof of success.

Written rule: *"Only proof: `https://the-campus.luxuryproperty-southdakota.com` loading the page in Chrome with a padlock and no warning."*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 215.

502. Never report a form as working until the email has been seen arriving.

Written rule: *"Never report a form as working until the email has been seen arriving."*

What prompted it: Contact form delivery could not be verified at first. Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 61.

503. Test in a browser on localhost before publishing: links, footnotes, images and phone width.

Written rule: *"Test on localhost in a browser: every footnote jumps to its note and back, links work, hero loads, phone width has no sideways scroll."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 43.

504. Test the contact form in real Chrome, not a headless browser or a server call.

Written rule: *"Use real Chrome (not a headless test browser, not curl)."*

What prompted it: Form service blocks automated browsers and reports a misleading error. Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 49.

505. Test locally before pushing.

Written rule: *"Smoke-test locally before pushing:"*

Source: Working Guides: CLAUDE CODE HANDOFF, line 58.

506. After typing into the editor, verify the text landed; do not retype blind.

Written rule: *"Type, verify, retype once if empty. Do not retype blind or the text doubles."*

What prompted it: The editor often swallows the first typing after a page load. Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 181.

507. Run the verification checklist as pass or fail in a real browser.

Written rule: *"Verification checklist - pass/fail, in a browser"*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 85.

508. Verify a download is complete before extracting it, and verify the extraction by file count and spot checks.

Written rule: *"Total extracted file count should match the sum of entries across all zips."*

What prompted it: A zero-byte zip file went unnoticed in the first export. Source: Working Guides: Google Photos Takeout Redo Working Guide, line 41.

509. Verify a browser-rendered fix yourself before telling Brian it is fixed.

Recorded by the AI: *"When a fix touches anything rendered in a browser (CSS, layout, JS behavior, an image/logo, a deployed app), verify it myself using this process before telling the user it's fixed."*

What prompted it: Protocol written after a three-hour logo debugging incident. Source: Training: Headless Browser Verification Protocol, line 3.

510. Measure the real element on the real live URL, not a proxy, a local copy, or raw HTML.

Recorded by the AI: *"Measure the real thing, not a proxy for it."*

Source: Training: Headless Browser Verification Protocol, line 31.

511. Report success only when measured values on the live production URL match the intended fix.

Recorded by the AI: *"Only report success once the measured, computed values on the live production URL match the intended fix"*

What prompted it: Deploy timestamps and clean logs were treated as proof. Source: Training: Headless Browser Verification Protocol, line 35.

512. Before delivery, count the bullets and the words in each.

Written rule: *"Count the bullets (five to seven) and the words in each (ten or fewer)."*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 41.

513. Before delivery, match each bullet to the paragraph and footnote that support it.

Written rule: *"Match each bullet to the paragraph and footnote that support it."*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 42.

514. Render the page and look at it yourself before delivery.

Written rule: *"Render the page and look at it: every bullet has a bullet mark, every bullet is body text, none is blue heading text."*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 43.

515. Do not trust a green status; only an actual page read proves the browser works.

Written rule: *"Do not trust a green status."*

What prompted it: Status showed connected while the browser was unreachable. Source: Working Guides: Chrome Recovery Card, line 49.

Read everything carefully (21)

516. Read the whole page to confirm what is possible instead of inferring, and do not re-attempt what is confirmed impossible.

Written rule: *"Confirmed by reading the whole Edit Profile page, not inferred. Do not re-attempt."*

What prompted it: Brian asked to move a profile tab row that Substack fixes in place. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 225.

517. Check the whole tool before answering that something cannot be done.

Recorded by the AI: *"Checked the whole editor before answering."*

What prompted it: Brian asked to enlarge the sidebar photo and text. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 255.

518. Follow Brian's exact wording: show every calculated amount from the sample reports.

Written rule: *"Note BRD's wording: every CALCULATED amount."*

What prompted it: Work order to enlarge Section 5. Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 117.

519. Read every document in full before cataloguing it.

Recorded by the AI: *"read every document in full, compared it against earlier items, gave each new document a numbered entry with a one or two sentence description"*

What prompted it: Cataloguing batches of uploaded guides and chat backups. Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 7.

520. Look extra carefully at the file I tell you is key.

Recorded by the AI: *"He said this Excel file "is key" and asked to be told "what you must look at extra-carefully," then asked for current status."*

What prompted it: Brian pointed to his hand-annotated comparison workbook. Source: Training: Session 2026 08 19 Continuation Table3-1, line 11.

521. Read existing code and templates first, trace the real click path, and re-read the context before responding.

Written rule: *"Read existing code/templates first - match established patterns; don't write from memory. Trace the actual click path before debugging. Re-read the context before responding."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 69.

522. Read an existing template first and match it exactly.

Written rule: *"Read an existing template first, then match it exactly."*

What prompted it: A new page was built from memory. Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 156.

523. Do not gloss, fabricate, or invent values when digesting source files; give every file its own section and keep key excerpts verbatim.

Recorded by the AI: *"no glossing; every non-skipped file has its own digest section; verbatim excerpts preserved for DNS records, commands, and gotchas; no fabrication; no invented DNS/IPs/commands."*

What prompted it: Ground rules the AI recorded for a digest of all guides. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 6.

524. Read the existing code first and match its patterns instead of writing from memory.

Written rule: *"**READ EXISTING CODE FIRST** - Match established patterns, don't write from memory"*

Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 25. Also in 1 other document.

525. Interpret his standing rules sensibly instead of pattern-matching on the words.

Written rule: *"Interpret all of it sensibly rather than pattern-matching."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 307.

526. Open and read every posting before listing it, and list nothing you have not opened.

Written rule: *"Open and read every posting before you list it. Confirm on the page that it is still open, where it is located, and what it pays. Do not list anything you have not opened."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 423.

527. Fetch and read every source, confirm the date on the page, and give no entry to anything not opened.

Written rule: *"Fetch and read every source. Confirm the publication date ON THE PAGE, never from a search snippet. Anything not opened does not get an entry."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 701.

528. Read the entire brief before writing any code.

Written rule: *"Read this entire brief."*

Source: Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF, line 13.

529. Always re-read the file before relying on row numbers, because the file may have changed.

Written rule: *"Always re-read the file before using row numbers."*

What prompted it: Brian deleted rows so row numbers shifted. Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 141.

530. Always read an existing article template before creating a new one.

Written rule: *"ALWAYS read an existing article template BEFORE creating a new one"*

Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 128.

531. Check every paragraph, footnote and source against the original file, and scan for em dashes and the spelling of Demsey.

Written rule: *"Check every paragraph, footnote and source against the Word file; scan for em dashes and the spelling of Demsey."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 41.

532. If asked to echo an existing site, read an existing page first and match its template exactly.

Written rule: *"If I ask for it to echo demsey.com, read an existing demsey.com page first and match that editorial template exactly; otherwise a simple neutral holding page is fine."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 59.

533. List as findings only items whose source page you actually fetched and read in full.

Written rule: *"FINDINGS. Only items whose source page you actually fetched and read in full."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 73.

534. Take every figure, name, date and quotation from a page you actually read; if you did not open it, it is only a lead.

Written rule: *"Every figure, name, date and quotation in Findings must come from the page you read. If you did not open it, it is a lead."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 103.

535. When an error occurs, read the error message carefully.

Written rule: *"Read the error message carefully"*

Source: Working Guides: claudes-working-guidelines, line 32.

536. Re-read the context before responding so you do not lose track.

Written rule: *"**Re-read context** before responding to avoid losing track"*

Source: Working Guides: claudes-working-guidelines, line 44.

No guessing, be honest (98)

537. Flag open questions for Brian instead of guessing.

Written rule: *"## 8. Open question for Brian - flag, do not guess"*

What prompted it: Handoff brief: a road name could not be verified publicly. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 197.

538. Never overstate Brian's publication record; use only the count the source supports.

Written rule: *"Do not write '50+ articles published at The Information' anywhere: on the About page, in outreach,"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 378.

539. Apply the 'Written for The Information' framing only to the twelve articles that actually ran there.

Written rule: *"Do NOT apply that framing more widely. The migration brought over the whole demsey.com archive,"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 651.

540. Record machine facts only as confirmed by reading them directly, not as guesses.

Written rule: *"## 2. The machine (confirmed facts, not guesses)"*

Source: Working Guides: Property Webcam Working Guide 2026-09-03, line 83.

541. Do not edit undocumented settings blind.

Written rule: *"What each one controls individually is not known. Do not edit them blind."*

What prompted it: Registry values differed but their meaning was undocumented. Source: Working Guides: outlook hallucinations cloud delivery issue, line 49. Also in 1 other document.

542. Do not present a number you constructed as a number you counted.

Recorded by the AI: *"Eighth Commandment: A number you constructed is not a number you counted"*

What prompted it: Claude gave a count of its own false statements without counting. Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 105.

543. Do not tell me you cannot do something that you can do.

Recorded by the AI: *"Ninth Commandment: Do not tell the person you cannot do the thing you can do"*

What prompted it: Claude said five times it had no browser when Chrome was installed. Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 119.

544. Do not guess.

Written rule: *"No guessing; test locally; wait for explicit approval before proceeding at each step (Brian invoked this explicitly multiple times this session, including interrupting mid-tool-call more than once to redirect)."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 123.

545. Do not claim context you do not have, and do not mirror enthusiasm without a real basis.

Written rule: *"Claude then stated plainly that it had no such history, that mirroring enthusiasm without a real basis wasn't useful feedback"*

What prompted it: The AI praised a draft as if it knew history it had never seen. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 132.

546. Do not guess on content, especially reputationally sensitive content; test locally and wait for approval.

Written rule: *"no guessing on content, especially content this reputationally sensitive."*

Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 134.

547. Get my answers to open decisions and do not guess or draft speculative copy in the meantime.

Written rule: *"Get Brian's answers to the open decisions above - do not guess or draft speculative copy in the meantime."*

Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 179.

548. Do not state conclusions with more confidence than the evidence supports.

Written rule: *"Wrong conclusions stated with too much confidence, all retracted"*

What prompted it: Seven confident diagnoses were wrong. Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 80.

549. Do not infer a conclusion from a command that returned nothing.

Written rule: *"Inferred from an empty `Get-MessageTrace`. The cmdlet returns nothing for this tenant regardless; mail was arriving, at Google. Brian corrected this directly."*

What prompted it: Claude concluded no mail was arriving at all. Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 99.

550. Trust what the application shows on screen over what a script reports.

Written rule: *"**Trust the application over the script.**"*

What prompted it: A script contradicted Outlook's own dialog and the script was wrong. Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 106.

551. Record configuration from a direct query, not from memory.

Written rule: *"Captured 2026-09-07 06:56 by direct query, not from memory."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 278.

552. Say plainly when a source could not be read, because that is a blind spot and not a confirmed absence.

Written rule: *"say plainly when the X feed could not be read, since that is a blind spot rather than a confirmed absence."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 98. Also in 1 other document.

553. When a project has nothing new, say it is quiet; a short brief of only new things is the goal.

Written rule: *"If applying these rules leaves a project with nothing, that project is quiet. Say so. A short brief that contains only new things is the goal, not a failure."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 118. Also in 1 other document.

554. Put anything you did not open under Leads, not Findings, and say why it was not verified.

Written rule: *"Anything you did not open goes in Leads, not Findings. No exceptions. Say why it was not verified: fetch blocked, paywalled, undated, out of window, or source not trustworthy enough to report as fact."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 160. Also in 1 other document.

555. Flag a weakly sourced claim inline instead of smoothing it over.

Written rule: *"Where a claim inside a finding rests on something weaker than a primary read, flag it inline in a red left-ruled block rather than smoothing it over."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 182. Also in 2 other documents.

556. When a negative result rests on a blocked fetch, say it is a weak negative.

Written rule: *"Where a negative rests on a blocked fetch, say it is a weak negative."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 188. Also in 2 other documents.

557. Record the judgement calls you made without asking.

Written rule: *"'Judgement calls made without asking, since this ran unattended': window widenings, what was suppressed as already delivered, what was discarded, and any near-miss worth recording."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 190. Also in 1 other document.

558. State in the brief when facts come from a mirror because the primary source is blocked.

Written rule: *"All California bill facts come from LegiScan or CalMatters Digital Democracy mirrors, and that dependency must be stated in the brief."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 213. Also in 1 other document.

559. Declare a permanent blind spot instead of reporting it as silence.

Written rule: *"Any beat depending on X has a permanent blind spot that must be declared rather than reported as silence."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 215. Also in 1 other document.

560. Label your own unverified claims about the system instead of smoothing them over, and record your corrections.

Written rule: *"Recorded because the brief's own standard is that an unverified claim gets labelled rather than smoothed over, and the same standard should apply to claims made about the system itself."*

What prompted it: Claude had made wrong claims during the session. Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 281.

561. Do not state an inference with more confidence than the evidence carries.

Written rule: *"The inference was stated with more confidence than the evidence carried."*

What prompted it: Claude wrongly said a file proved a scheduled run reached the disk. Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 283.

562. When in doubt, stop and ask Brian rather than guess.

Written rule: *"When in doubt, Claude Code should stop and ask Brian rather than guess."*

What prompted it: Closing line of the VERA-OR handoff specification, as extracted in the transcript. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 10453.

563. Do not guess at file names or URLs for public files that may not exist.

Recorded by the AI: *"explicit warning: do not guess ELPA public files because standalone public ELPA .xlsx files do not exist in the same pattern as ELA/"*

What prompted it: Codex summarizing the VERA-OR handoff specification written for Claude Code. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 10475.

564. Do not guess: never give Brian an instruction for a button or URL you have not actually seen.

Written rule: *"**No guessing.** Do not give Brian an instruction for a button or URL Claude has not actually seen."*

What prompted it: Claude gave unseen-UI advice twice and Brian called it out. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 201.

565. Label a proxy measure honestly as a proxy rather than mislabeling it as the real thing.

Written rule: *"the dashboard explicitly says "business-cycle proxy, not literal well-being" rather than mislabeling it."*

What prompted it: No true well-being data series existed, so a proxy was used. Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 72.

566. Do not print a claim as verified when a subagent merely reported it and the page was never opened directly.

Written rule: *"Where the brief says a date was confirmed on the page, that often means a subagent reported it and the claim was printed as verified."*

What prompted it: Punch list item recorded as the most important open defect. Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 73.

567. Do not present your own ranking or opinion in the same authoritative voice as verified sourcing.

Written rule: *"The significance ordering and the "Why it matters" blocks are assertion, not verification, presented in the same authoritative register as the sourcing."*

What prompted it: Punch list item on the brief's ranking. Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 75.

568. Attribute contested political claims to a named, dated source or leave them out.

Written rule: *"Contested political claims must be attributed to a named, dated source or left out."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 164. Also in 1 other document.

569. For a quiet project, say what you checked and what you found, so it reads as evidence of a search.

Written rule: *"Say what you checked and what you found instead, so a quiet project reads as evidence of a search rather than the absence of one."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 186.

570. Do not take a surface sign as proof that something works.

Written rule: *"Green light = power, not data. Do not read a lit camera as "the camera is fine.""*

What prompted it: Lesson from an outage caused by a failed cable; section later voided. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Live View Working Guide, line 401.

571. Guide from what Brian sees on screen, not from what you remember, because your training is stale.

Written rule: *"UIs change. My training is stale. Guide from what Brian sees, not from what I remember."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 141.

572. State which branch you are quoting when answering what a config says.

Written rule: *"When answering "what does the config say," specify branch."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 149.

573. Correct any earlier false completion with a clear note.

Written rule: *"If I catch an earlier "complete" was fake (like Step B today), correct it with a clear note in the task description."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 154.

574. Test a diagnosis before stating it with confidence, instead of rounds of guessing and asking.

Recorded by the AI: *"you asked for thoroughness early and I gave you five rounds of guess-and-ask first, then a diagnosis I stated with more confidence than the evidence carried."*

What prompted it: Claude's own diagnosis was disproved by a test. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 2125.

575. Ask me to choose rather than guess when the evidence is inconclusive.

Recorded by the AI: *"I asked Brian to choose between these (or look at the actual page again) rather than guess further, since the text extraction was inconclusive and this is exactly the kind of error where guessing wrong compounds."*

What prompted it: Two competing explanations for a table mismatch. Source: Training: Session 2026 08 19 Continuation Table3-1, line 53.

576. Be thorough, say when a fact is unverified, and never invent a code, citation, statute number or figure.

Written rule: *"Be thorough. No guesswork, no shortcuts. If a fact isn't verified, say so. Never invent a policy code, citation, statute number, or figure. No recommendations without evidence."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 47. Also in 1 other document.

577. Use exact real data in a handoff and never sample data.

Written rule: *"Exact data tables - real names, IDs, scores. Never "use sample data.""*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 87.

578. State assumptions out loud, mark inferences as inferences, and check every deliverable against its source.

Written rule: *"State assumptions out loud; mark inferences as inferences. QA every deliverable against its source - no invented codes, citations, or numbers."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 103.

579. If wrong, acknowledge it fully and correct course.

Written rule: *"If wrong, acknowledge it fully and correct course"*

Source: Working Guides: claudeworkingguidelines, line 40. Also in 1 other document.

580. State upfront that the UI may have changed since training.

Written rule: *"4. **State the caveat upfront** - 'UI may have changed since my training'"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 373. Also in 1 other document.

581. If the instructions do not match the screen, stop and reassess instead of insisting.

Written rule: *"If the instructions don't match what you see, stop and reassess - don't insist on steps that aren't working."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 139.

582. Do not overstate a fact; state the true number.

Recorded by the AI: *"Your working guide says only twelve did, and warns against overstating it. The email says ***"twelve of which ran in The Information."** The Word file on F: still has the old wording."*

What prompted it: An old letter overstated how many essays were published. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 413.

583. Do not give steps for things you cannot see.

Recorded by the AI: *"I can't see your screen, and I shouldn't give you steps for things I can't see."*

What prompted it: Brian said stop guessing. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1869.

584. Invent no quotations, anchor every claim to a dated source, and mark inference as inference.

Recorded by the AI: ****no invented quotations**, every tenet anchored to a dated, sourced statement or action, inference marked as **[inference]****"*

What prompted it: Method statement at the top of a research document. Source: Training: yellen-doctrine, line 11.

585. If unsure, say so and search rather than guess.

Written rule: ****Acknowledge uncertainty** - If unsure, say so and search rather than guess"*

Source: Working Guides: claudeworkingguidelines, line 22. Also in 1 other document.

586. If the instructions do not match what Brian sees, stop and reassess instead of insisting.

Written rule: ****If instructions don't match what user sees, stop and reassess** - don't insist on steps that aren't working"*

Source: Working Guides: claudeworkingguidelines, line 54. Also in 1 other document.

587. Verify assets before assuming what they are.

Recorded by the AI: *"Verify assets before assuming what they are."*

What prompted it: A background image was wrongly assumed from context. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 873.

588. Make no recommendations without evidence, and do not guess.

Recorded by the AI: *"No recommendations without evidence - no guessing"*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 05 21 Summary, line 74.

589. Treat a volume target as a ceiling, never pad to reach it, and report the true count.

Written rule: *"Up to FIFTY, a ceiling and not a quota. Never pad to reach it."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 299.

590. Confirm you actually got the text of a file before relying on it, and say so if you could not read it.

Written rule: *"Confirm you actually got text before proceeding. If the file is empty or unreadable by either route, say so in the closing notes rather than silently excluding nothing."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 305.

591. When a source could not be checked, say so plainly instead of reporting that nothing was there.

Written rule: *"If there are no USAJOBS alerts in the mailbox, say that plainly in the closing notes rather than reporting federal senior appointments as an absence of openings, and do not fall back to searching USAJOBS."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 317.

592. Quote pay exactly as published and never estimate, infer or convert a figure.

Written rule: *"Quote pay exactly as published, or write 'not stated'. NEVER estimate, infer or convert a salary."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 323.

593. If the day cannot supply the balance he asked for, say so instead of quietly padding.

Written rule: *"At least half the openings in the brief should be United States unless the day genuinely cannot supply them, in which case say so in the closing notes rather than quietly padding with overseas listings."*

What prompted it: Brian said the first brief was weighted to foreign work. Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 331.

594. Report blocked sources as gaps, not as an absence of results.

Written rule: *"Report them as gaps rather than as absence of openings."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 337.

595. When a date comes from a feed and not the visible page, say so.

Written rule: *"For Greenhouse boards the board feed carries a first_published field; if you use it, say the date came from the feed and not the visible page."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 339.

596. Search first and never fetch a URL you composed or guessed yourself.

Written rule: *"Always search first, then fetch pages from the search results. Do not fetch URLs you composed or guessed yourself."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 421.

597. Do not guess or estimate anything; write that it is not stated.

Written rule: *"Do not guess or estimate anything. If pay is not stated, write 'pay not stated'."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 427.

598. Accept a short result, do not pad, and say plainly when little was found.

Written rule: *"Fewer is acceptable. Do not pad. If the three counties yield little, say so plainly."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 431.

599. Report the true count, including zero, and say so plainly.

Written rule: *"Mainland China at this seniority may yield few in a week; report the true count, including zero, and say so plainly."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 529.

600. Treat a short brief as correct on a quiet day and a full one as a sign the filter was not applied.

Written rule: *"A short brief of four real items is the correct output on a quiet day. A brief of twenty is a warning sign that the filter was not applied."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 625.

601. When a post cannot be read at origin, reconstruct it from at least three identical reproductions and say it was not read at origin.

Written rule: *"When the claim as made is a post, reconstruct it from at least three outlets that reproduce it identically, name those outlets in the item, and say in the sourcing notes that the post was not read at origin."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 651.

602. State every run that the brief does not measure traffic, and never produce a number that could be mistaken for it.

Written rule: *"State plainly in the sourcing block, every single run, that this brief does not measure traffic."*

What prompted it: Brian asked for web traffic figures the pipeline cannot measure. Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 657.

603. Label a count as what you actually opened, not as a web-wide figure.

Written rule: *"This is a count of what you opened, not a web-wide mention volume. Say so."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 661.

604. If something you reported proves fabricated, record it as a pipeline failure in the sourcing notes.

Written rule: *"If a research pass returns something that later proves fabricated, that is a pipeline failure and it belongs in the sourcing notes, not in the brief as an item."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 709.

605. When you include something older, print its real date and say how old it is.

Written rule: *"When you include something older, print its real publication date and say how old it is at the edge of the window rather than presenting it as new."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 757.

606. Say plainly when a source could not be read, because that is a blind spot and not a confirmed absence.

Written rule: *"Slow-moving and frequently unfetchable: widen the window to ~7 days and say plainly when the X feed could not be read, since that is a blind spot rather than a confirmed absence."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 747.

607. If something could not be read, say which and why in one line, and do not retry more than twice.

Written rule: *"If any channel could not be read, say which and why in one line; do not retry a failing site more than twice."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 833.

608. If anything is missing or ambiguous, stop and ask; do not guess at copy or numbers.

Written rule: *"If anything is missing or ambiguous, stop and ask. Do not guess at copy or numbers."*

Source: Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF, line 15.

609. Leave a slot for artwork Brian will supply; do not fake it.

Written rule: *"wire the slots, don't fake the art"*

Source: Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF, line 248.

610. Give Brian only instructions for things you can actually see; otherwise ask for a screenshot.

Written rule: *"Give Brian only instructions for things Claude can actually see; otherwise ask for a screenshot."*

What prompted it: Claude cannot see Brian's screen. Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 189.

611. Never invent citations.

Recorded by the AI: *"your standing working preferences (spell Demsey, web-search first, permission before writing anything, gated go/no-go, preserve your voice, never invent citations)"*

What prompted it: Claude restating the handoff brief's standing preferences. Source: Training: From CO to CA, line 11.

612. Be thorough, with no guesswork and no shortcuts; say so when a fact is not verified and never invent a policy code, citation or number.

Written rule: *"**Be thorough. No guesswork, no shortcuts.** If a fact isn't verified, say so. Never invent a policy code, citation, or number."*

Source: Training: H-edu solutions compliance path, line 17.

613. Do not guess at selectors from pattern matching or stale posts; read the actual live page.

Recorded by the AI: *"rather than reading the actual live DOM. Both guesses were wrong."*

What prompted it: Two guessed CSS selectors were both wrong. Source: Training: Verify Dont Ask - Feedback, line 13.

614. Be thorough; no guesswork and no shortcuts.

Written rule: *"Thorough, no guesswork or shortcuts."*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 233.

615. Always state plainly what was not checked and end with the invitation to ask; never drop this part.

Written rule: *"State the limits plainly and end with the invitation. This is what separates the publication from the thing it rules on, so never drop it."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 121.

616. Label procedures that are not yet confirmed on Brian's own hardware as unconfirmed, and update the label once they are proven.

Written rule: *"**Not yet confirmed on Brian's own hardware** as of this writing. Update this line once a firmware update has actually completed end to end."*

What prompted it: Guide was written from the manufacturer's manual, not from a completed update. Source: Working Guides: DJI Mavic 3 Pro RC Pro Working Guide, line 5.

617. Do not invent the brand; build a neutral page and leave placeholders, with no taglines, mission copy or claims.

Written rule: *"Don't invent the brand. LLPOF's purpose and positioning are undecided. Build the infrastructure and a neutral holding page only. Do not write taglines, mission copy, or claims. Leave placeholders."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 15.

618. Do not build a fake feature; if something is not possible now, flag it and do not build it.

Written rule: *"Don't build a fake one. If I want capture later, we'll add a form service (Formsfree/Buttondown) - flag it, don't build it now."*

What prompted it: A static page cannot process form submissions. Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 57.

619. Flag an unverified fact to Brian as an open question; do not guess.

Written rule: *"Open question for Brian - flag, do not guess"*

What prompted it: A road name could not be verified against any public source. Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 135.

620. Never present an older item as new; show its real publication date plainly.

Written rule: *"If the strongest item on a topic is older, include it with its real publication date shown plainly. Never present an older item as new."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 23.

621. Use the actual date you are running, not the date you were scheduled for.

Written rule: *"If this run is a catch-up for a missed day, use the actual date you are running, not the date you were scheduled for."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 25.

622. Report only what can be verified from a named source, and if nothing is found say so rather than guess.

Written rule: *"Report only what can be verified from a named source. If nothing is found, say so under Quiet today and do not guess at what the site is."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 55.

623. Include evidence against Brian's own thesis, not only evidence for it.

Written rule: *"anything bearing on the multi-vendor thesis, including evidence against it."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 40.

624. Where a source is silent on something material, say so plainly rather than filling the gap.

Written rule: *"Where a source is silent on something material, say so plainly rather than filling the gap."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 76.

625. Never state an unopened lead as established fact.

Written rule: *"Nothing here may be stated as established fact."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 82.

626. Report every quiet topic with what you actually searched and what came back, and do not pad it.

Written rule: *"A quiet topic is a finding. Do not pad it."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 85.

627. Name the sources you rejected instead of quietly dropping them, and never paraphrase a rejected source into the findings.

Written rule: *"Name the rejected domains in the closing note rather than quietly dropping them. Never launder a rejected source into the findings by paraphrase."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 95.

628. Wait for a real readiness signal from the page rather than guessing a sleep duration.

Recorded by the AI: *"find the equivalent readiness signal (a specific DOM attribute, a global JS variable, or absence of a loading skeleton) rather than guessing a sleep duration."*

What prompted it: Fixed waits produced false readings. Source: Training: Headless Browser Verification Protocol, line 27.

629. When a selector does not apply, read the actual rendered page instead of guessing another name and trying again blind.

Recorded by the AI: *"When a CSS selector doesn't seem to apply, don't guess a different selector name from documentation, minified source, or forum posts and try again blind."*

What prompted it: Two wrong guesses in a row wasted the most time. Source: Training: Headless Browser Verification Protocol, line 33.

630. Put nothing new in a summary; every bullet must restate a claim the body makes and a footnote supports.

Written rule: *"Nothing new. Every bullet must restate a claim the body makes and a footnote supports. No bullet carries a claim that is not in the article."*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 27.

631. Say exactly what the source says; shortening must not change the meaning.

Written rule: *"Say exactly what the source says. Shortening must not change the meaning."*

What prompted it: A shortened bullet had changed a source's claim. Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 28.

632. Do not minimize mistakes.

Written rule: *"Don't minimize mistakes"*

Source: Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines, line 41.

633. Guide based on what is visible, not memory of old layouts.

Written rule: *"**Guide based on what's visible**, not memory of old layouts"*

Source: Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines, line 50.

634. State upfront that the interface may have changed since training.

Written rule: *"**State the caveat upfront** - "UI may have changed since my training""*

Source: Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines, line 52.

Find the root cause (38)

635. Never suggest deferring a fix, and never offer an alternative tool or workaround in place of fixing what is broken.

Written rule: *"Never suggest deferring a fix, and never offer an alternative tool or workaround in place of fixing what is broken."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 195.

636. When something Brian uses is broken, repair that thing and drive the repair all the way to confirmed success.

Written rule: *"When something Brian uses is broken, the job is to repair that thing, driven all the way to confirmed success."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 197.

637. Do not propose living with a fault, switching to a different app that works, or using something else for now.

Written rule: *"Do not propose living with the fault, do not propose switching to a different app that happens to work, do not present 'you could just use X for now' as an option at all."*

What prompted it: Claude had suggested using New Outlook instead of fixing Classic. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 199.

638. Diagnose to a real root cause, then carry out the fix and verify it.

Written rule: *"Diagnose to a real root cause, then carry out the fix and verify it."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 221.

639. Do not treat a plausible mechanism as the cause; prove the actual cause.

Recorded by the AI: *"Fourth Commandment: A plausible mechanism is not a cause"*

What prompted it: Claude proposed seven real but wrong causes for a CSS bug. Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 67.

640. Check the logs for the actual cause before assuming a failure is the same one already fixed.

Written rule: *"If a future session sees fetch failures on `/macro`` again, check Render's Events log for 'Ran out of memory' before assuming it's the same cold-start cause already fixed"*

What prompted it: Two different failures produced similar symptoms. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 9.

641. Do not consider a fix done until it has been re-tested and the cause actually diagnosed.

Written rule: *"This must be re-tested and actually diagnosed before considering the fix done."*

What prompted it: A fix worked locally but failed on the live site. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 170.

642. Diagnose the real cause before reverting code.

Written rule: *"Unnecessarily reverted `comply_engine.py` twice before diagnosing the real cause."*

What prompted it: Post-mortem on a display bug that no code change had introduced. Source: Training: comply ca co session 2026 07 22, line 270.

643. Do not assume an earlier version was working and revert to it without checking.

Written rule: *"DO NOT revert to the July 17 state thinking it was "working""*

What prompted it: The fused-text fault had always been there, unnoticed. Source: Training: comply ca co session 2026 07 22, line 259.

644. Do not change app code to fix a problem that lives in the browser or an extension.

Written rule: *"This is a browser/extension issue, not a code issue. The site itself was fine. Do not attempt to fix this by modifying the app code."*

What prompted it: Site failed in Firefox because of a security extension. Source: Training: comply ca co session 2026 07 22, line 421.

645. Before anything else, check where the mail actually goes, and if that is the fault, stop and rebuild nothing.

Written rule: *"If MX says Google and Outlook says Exchange, **stop - that is the whole problem**. Do not rebuild anything."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 141.

646. Test a theory instead of defending it; do not skip the cheap decisive test for an elaborate explanation.

Written rule: *"**Theories built on unverified premises**, then defended instead of tested. The cheap decisive test was skipped in favour of elaborate explanation, four separate times."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 111.

647. Do not try to solve in a prompt a delivery problem the platform does not support.

Written rule: *"The prompt is the wrong place to solve a delivery problem the platform does not support."*

What prompted it: Much effort was wasted pursuing local saving. Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 287.

648. Run the cheap, decisive test first instead of building elaborate theories.

Recorded by the AI: *"I repeated the identical error: elaborate theories, no cheap decisive test first."*

What prompted it: AI admitting it ignored a lesson already in Brian's memory file. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 1533.

649. Repair the actual cause; do not substitute a workaround for a repair.

Recorded by the AI: *"That is the workaround-instead-of-repair pattern you banned."*

What prompted it: AI explaining why removing accounts would be failure. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 1537.

650. Test each possibility individually before blaming the obvious suspect.

Written rule: *"If a future camera refuses a resolution, test each advertised framerate individually before blaming the cable."*

What prompted it: Lesson from a misdiagnosed camera fault; section later voided. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Live View Working Guide, line 258.

651. When the schema fails, do not attempt partial fixes; drop it and start clean.

Written rule: *"If the schema runs with errors, do NOT try partial fixes. Run the DROP section and start clean."*

What prompted it: Layer 2, clean database. Source: Working Guides: playbook text, line 1.

652. Stop when the recursion error appears rather than patching around it.

Written rule: *"If you see error 42P17 (infinite recursion detected), STOP. The helper functions are not being used correctly."*

What prompted it: Layer 4, circles and membership. Source: Working Guides: playbook text, line 1.

653. Escalate instead of waiting when a DNS zone looks stuck.

Written rule: *"do not wait, escalate."*

What prompted it: SOA serial did not bump after a DNS change. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 112.

654. Before writing any more code, work one case through by hand to find where the logic actually differs.

Written rule: *"Before writing any more code, re-derive by hand (or have Brian re-derive) exactly how the book computes ONE specific ultimate-column cell"*

Source: Training: Session 2026 08 19 Continuation Table3-1, line 117.

655. Find the root cause and give one correct fix, never a menu of guesses.

Written rule: *"Root cause, then one correct fix. Never a menu of guesses. Never 'let's try this and see.'"*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 17. Also in 1 other document.

656. On an error, read the full error, find the root cause, research if unsure, propose the minimal correct change, and explain what went wrong.

Written rule: *"Error protocol, in order: read the full error → identify the root cause → if unsure, research the specific fix → propose the minimal correct change (not a menu) → explain what went wrong and why."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 111.

657. Never try things to see what happens, offer alternatives to test one by one, use a workaround you do not understand, or blame the environment.

Written rule: *"Never: 'let's try this and see'; alternatives to test one-by-one; a workaround you don't understand; removing a safeguard as a shortcut; blaming the environment when the code is wrong; more than one attempt on a well-documented issue."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 113.

658. Do not re-test causes that have already been ruled out with evidence.

Written rule: *"Ruled out with evidence (do not re-test these)"*

Source: Working Guides: outlook hallucinations cloud delivery issue, line 62.

659. Do not run a test that only proves what is already proven.

Recorded by the AI: *"Message trace is NOT the right next test and the recommendation above is withdrawn."*

What prompted it: Brian corrected the proposed next diagnostic step. Source: Working Guides: outlook hallucinations cloud delivery issue, line 157.

660. When a recursion error appears, re-examine the schema instead of patching.

Written rule: *"re-examine schema, don't patch"*

What prompted it: Database policy error in the family safety app. Source: Working Guides: Circle5 User Manual, line 109. Also in 1 other document.

661. If a fetch fails, search for the source by name and try again instead of abandoning it.

Written rule: *"If a fetch fails on provenance, search for that source by name and try again rather than abandoning it."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 265.

662. Trace the actual user click path before debugging.

Written rule: *"**TRACE THE CLICK PATH FIRST** - Follow actual user journey before debugging"*

Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 26.

663. Do not kill a slow process by reflex; check for a real lock first because that is the more common cause.

Written rule: *"Don't kill Word processes reflexively when a script looks slow - check for a real lock (Excel open, PDF open) first; that's the far more common cause."*

What prompted it: Killing Word mid-script crashed a merge that had already succeeded. Source: Working Guides: trust-company-mailmerge-working-guide, line 136.

664. Do not treat a failing automated test as proof the page is broken; find out why the test failed.

Written rule: *"An automated test failing is not proof the page is broken."*

What prompted it: Two automated tests failed for reasons unrelated to the page. Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 59.

665. When a device refuses a setting, test every advertised option before blaming the hardware.

Written rule: *"When a camera refuses a resolution, test every advertised framerate before blaming hardware."*

What prompted it: Claude wrongly blamed the cable after Brian said it was not the problem. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Session 2026-09-06, line 111.

666. Do not retry causes that have already been eliminated with evidence.

Written rule: *"WHAT IS **NOT** WRONG (eliminated with evidence, do not retry)"*

What prompted it: Four sessions were spent on client-side theories that all failed. Source: Working Guides: hallucinations cloud ROOT CAUSE 2026-09-04, line 104.

667. Run the quick, basic upstream check first, before spending sessions on elaborate theories.

Written rule: *"It should have been the first command run on 2026-08-25. It was run on 2026-09-04."*

What prompted it: A two-second DNS lookup found the cause after four failed sessions. Source: Working Guides: hallucinations cloud ROOT CAUSE 2026-09-04, line 172.

668. When something renders wrong, compare it against the known-good site first instead of escalating the same change.

Recorded by the AI: *"The correct diagnostic approach: compare computed font-weight against the known-good site first. The fix was weight 400 body copy, not weight escalation."*

What prompted it: Multi-colored text rendering misdiagnosed during a site build. Source: Working Guides: The Campus Working Guide 2026-08-05, line 132.

669. Do not make removing and re-adding the account or rebuilding the profile the first response.

Recorded by the AI: *"Removing and re-adding the account, or rebuilding the Outlook profile, was not needed to fix this and should not be the first response"*

What prompted it: Earlier reinstall attempts did not help and risked working accounts. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Cloud Delivery Fix 2026-08-29, line 39.

670. If it is still broken, do not start changing things; capture the exact error text and hand it over.

Written rule: *"Do not start changing things. Copy the exact error text plus the output of these two lines and hand them over."*

What prompted it: Browser connection still failing after the listed fixes. Source: Working Guides: Chrome Recovery Card, line 71.

671. Propose the minimal correct change.

Written rule: *"Propose the minimal correct change"*

Source: Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines, line 34.

672. Do not suggest removing safeguards as a shortcut.

Written rule: *"Do not suggest removing safeguards as a shortcut"*

Source: Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines, line 35.

Writing, voice and style (71)

673. Treat Brian's page copy as fixed and do not edit it.

Written rule: *"The copy is doing a specific job. Treat it as fixed:"*

What prompted it: Handoff brief, content rules for the directions page. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 99. Also in 1 other document.

674. Do not soften a deliberate statement into vaguer wording.

Written rule: *"this into "depending on which way you're coming from" - that framing is the exact"*

What prompted it: Handoff brief: one exit applies to traffic from both directions. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 107.

675. Preserve Brian's own wording verbatim.

Written rule: *"There is no other.") are Brian's own wording. Preserve verbatim."*

What prompted it: Handoff brief: route steps and arrival line. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 123. Also in 1 other document.

676. Do not let platform boilerplate creep back into the publication's copy.

Written rule: *"Do not let boilerplate creep back in."*

What prompted it: Substack default benefit lines were removed on purpose. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 155.

677. End every future ruling with the sign-off and the two standard footer lines.

Written rule: *"**MAKE THIS PART OF THE STANDARD FORMAT.** Every future ruling ends with the sign-off and then"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 321.

678. When editing Brian's drafts, edit for readability only and change no ruling, number, source, or argument.

Recorded by the AI: *"Brian supplied five drafts, Claude edited for readability only (no ruling, number, source or"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 326.

679. Follow the established ruling format every time.

Written rule: *"ruling word alone, the claim, the evidence under bolded lead-ins, "The tell:", "What I did not"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 344.

680. Use bolded lead-ins, break paragraphs over about 80 words, use short sentences for numbers, and cut sources to three.

Written rule: *"Break paragraphs over about 80 words. Short sentences for strings of numbers."*

What prompted it: Editing notes for future rulings. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 348.

681. Keep daily rulings short, nearer 210 words than 430.

Written rule: *"At daily the unit must be nearer 210 than 430, or the schedule breaks."*

What prompted it: Brian set a daily publishing cadence. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 352.

682. Do not use a street address in Brian's contact details.

Written rule: *"No street address."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 822. Also in 1 other document.

683. Use no em dashes.

Written rule: *"No em dashes."*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 30. Also in 2 other documents.

684. Do not be pushy about subscriptions.

Written rule: *"- Don't be pushy about subscriptions. One subscriber benefit, and anyone can comment and join"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 830.

685. Write the proposal in the firm voice and show no credentials after Brian's name.

Written rule: *"It is written in the firm voice ("we will"), with no credentials shown after Brian R. Demsey's name."*

Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 13.

686. Never use em dashes anywhere; use commas, colons, periods or parentheses instead.

Written rule: *"Style rules: never use em dashes anywhere (use commas, colons, periods, or parentheses)"*

Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 19.

687. Always spell the name Demsey.

Written rule: *"the name is always spelled Demsey"*

Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 19. Also in 2 other documents.

688. Scan every deliverable for em dashes before handing it over.

Recorded by the AI: *"I have a standing rule to scan for em dashes and I skipped it."*

What prompted it: Claude admitting it skipped a standing rule. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 2603.

689. Never use em dashes in anything written for me.

Written rule: *"**No em dashes**, anywhere, in anything written for him."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 233. Also in 5 other documents.

690. Never use em dashes in my writing.

Written rule: *"No em dashes (per [[feedback_no_em_dashes]]), preserved exactly as dictated."*

What prompted it: Placing his dictated cover letter on the site. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 147.

691. Write the 'why it matters' note specifically to that venture's position, never as a generic summary.

Written rule: *"written specifically to that venture's position, never as a generic summary."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 179. Also in 1 other document.

692. Never pad; say plainly when there is nothing to report.

Written rule: *"Never pad. Say plainly when a project had nothing."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 194. Also in 1 other document.

693. Do not use em dashes anywhere in the output; use commas, colons, or a full stop instead.

Written rule: *"Do not use em dashes anywhere in the output text. Use commas, colons, or a full stop instead. This applies to the brief and to anything else you write in the run."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 194. Also in 1 other document.

694. Convert em dashes in source text to commas.

Written rule: *"Convert `—` / em dashes to COMMAS (Brian's standing rule, no em dashes)."*

What prompted it: Per-article migration recipe. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 425.

695. Write 'why it matters' to the commercial position, not to the news.

Written rule: *"Write 'Why it matters' to the commercial position, not to the news."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 194.

696. Do not invent brand copy for a site until Brian says otherwise.

Recorded by the AI: *"the standing rule from the LLPOF brief was 'don't invent'"*

What prompted it: AI restating the rule before work on noaibs.org. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 3231.

697. Never invent brand copy for Brian's projects; use neutral holding pages until he supplies content.

Written rule: *"Never invent brand copy for Brian's projects. Neutral holding pages only until he supplies content."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 157. Also in 1 other document.

698. Preserve Brian's voice by transcribing it faithfully.

Written rule: *"faithful transcription only. His voice is the product."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 158.

699. Spell Demsey correctly and capitalize product names exactly as Brian does.

Written rule: "Spell ****Demsey**** (never Dempsey)."

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 159.

700. Do not remove or paraphrase the line "Don't lament. Engage." where it appears in his work.

Written rule: "do not remove or paraphrase this line if it appears in his work."

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 160. Also in 1 other document.

701. Transcribe my writing faithfully and do not paraphrase it.

Recorded by the AI: "You said *"faithful transcription only"* not"

What prompted it: Claude summarising what it learned from the guides. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 3171.

702. Preserve Brian's voice with faithful transcription, and spell his name Demsey.

Written rule: "Preserve my voice. Faithful transcription only - my voice is the product. Spell Demsey (never Dempsey)."

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 27. Also in 1 other document.

703. Render product and brand names exactly as Brian writes them.

Written rule: "Brand is H-EDU.solutions (hyphen, lowercase .solutions)."

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 39.

704. Do not embellish or rewrite Brian's drafts; edit only what he asks.

Written rule: "Do not embellish or rewrite my drafts. Preserve my voice; edit only what I ask. Faithful transcription only."

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 49. Also in 2 other documents.

705. Transcribe my content faithfully without paraphrasing, condensing, reordering, or modernizing punctuation.

Written rule: "***Faithful transcription only.** Preserve Brian's headings, paragraph breaks, em-dashes, and exact wording. Do not paraphrase, condense, reorder, or modernize punctuation."

What prompted it: Build brief content rules. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 99.

706. Spell his name Demsey, never Dempsey, and write the brand name exactly.

Written rule: "Spell the founder's name ****Demsey**** (never Dempsey) and the brand ****H-EDU.solutions**** (hyphen, lowercase ```.solutions ```)."

Source: Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF, line 57. Also in 1 other document.

707. Do not invent the brand: write no taglines, mission copy, or claims, and leave placeholders.

Written rule: "Do not write taglines, mission copy, or claims. Leave placeholders."

What prompted it: Brand positioning was still undecided. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 543.

708. Capitalize product names exactly as Brian capitalizes them.

Recorded by the AI: "Product names capitalized as he capitalizes them"

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 707.

709. Put all caveats in one closing block and nowhere else.

Written rule: *"One closing block, the only place caveats appear."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 361.

710. Never pad, and never use em dashes anywhere in the output.

Written rule: *"Never pad. Do not use em dashes anywhere in the output. Use commas, colons or a full stop instead."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 367.

711. Say plainly when there is nothing, and write why it matters to the commercial position, not to the news.

Written rule: *"Never pad. Say plainly when a project had nothing. Write 'Why it matters' to the commercial position, not to the news."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 801.

712. Keep the report short, in plain prose and short lists, with no tables and no em dashes.

Written rule: *"Keep it short; if nothing changed anywhere, the whole report is a few lines. Plain prose and short lists, no tables. Never use em dashes."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 833.

713. End the report with a line listing the sources read.

Written rule: *"End with a 'Sources' line listing the URLs read."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 833.

714. Transcribe his prose faithfully; do not summarize, rewrite or improve it.

Written rule: *"**transcribe it faithfully; do not summarize, rewrite, or 'improve' it.** Brian's voice is the product."*

Source: Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF, line 14.

715. Preserve his headings, paragraph breaks, punctuation and exact wording; do not paraphrase, condense or reorder.

Written rule: *"Preserve Brian's headings, paragraph breaks, em-dashes, and exact wording. Do not paraphrase, condense, reorder, or modernize punctuation."*

Source: Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF, line 55.

716. Remove all mannered prose; write so it is easy to follow.

Written rule: *"If output reads as mannered or hard to follow, say so directly. 'Remove all mannered prose' is a known effective instruction."*

Source: Working Guides: Fable 5 1 Working Guide, line 106.

717. Preserve Brian's voice in his writing.

Recorded by the AI: *"your standing working preferences (spell Demsey, web-search first, permission before writing anything, gated go/no-go, preserve your voice, never invent citations)"*

What prompted it: Claude restating the handoff brief's standing preferences. Source: Training: From CO to CA, line 11.

718. Use no em dashes in letters drafted for Brian.

Recorded by the AI: *"Three simple versions, ready to send. No em dashes."*

What prompted it: Drafting outreach letters. Source: Training: From CO to CA, line 69.

719. Keep it minimal: less is more.

Written rule: *"Less is more."*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 231.

720. Keep the voice restrained and owner-direct, with no hyperbole.

Written rule: *"Voice is restrained and owner-direct. No hyperbole."*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 235.

721. Use the ruling template for every ruling.

Written rule: *"Use this for every ruling."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 3.

722. Build every ruling from the eight parts in the set order and add nothing else.

Written rule: *"Eight parts, in this order. Nothing else."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 7.

723. Make the title a question that tells the reader what is being checked.

Written rule: *"Always a question. It tells the reader what is being checked and invites them in."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 67.

724. Put the verdict word on its own line first in the body, with no preamble.

Written rule: *"On its own line, first thing in the body. No preamble."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 87.

725. Quote the claim, date it and name its source before any argument starts.

Written rule: *"Quote it. Date it. Name the source. The reader has to see exactly what is being checked before any argument starts."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 91.

726. Use two to five evidence blocks, each opening with a short bolded lead-in.

Written rule: *"Two to five, each opening with a short bolded lead-in so a reader can scan the spine of the argument."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 95.

727. Break up any paragraph longer than about 80 words.

Written rule: *"Break any paragraph over about 80 words."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 105.

728. When the verdict could be argued, add a paragraph explaining why this verdict and not the other.

Written rule: *"When the verdict could reasonably be argued, add a 'Why [verdict] and not [other]' paragraph."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 59.

729. Write the tell as one sentence naming the single thing that gives the claim away.

Written rule: *"One sentence. The single thing that gives the claim away. This is the line people will quote."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 109.

730. Cite three sources, not eight, choosing the ones that carry the ruling.

Written rule: *"Three. Not eight. Pick the ones that actually carry the ruling; the rest are belt and braces and are where a reader's eye slides off."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 129.

731. Type the sign-off and the two footer lines every time.

Written rule: *"The sign-off, then the two footer lines. Typed every time; no setting adds them."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 133.

732. Aim for 200 to 250 words per daily ruling and treat 400 as the exception.

Written rule: *"Target 200 to 250 for the daily unit. Let a piece run to 400 only when the claim genuinely needs it, and treat that as the exception."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 161.

733. Draft into the template and leave the final edit to Brian, because the voice is his.

Written rule: *"Brian edits. The voice is his."*

Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 173.

734. Write the "Why it matters" paragraph for Brian's business specifically.

Written rule: *"then a paragraph headed "Why it matters" written for my business specifically, then the source link."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 75.

735. Do not use em dashes in the body text.

Written rule: *"Do not use em dashes in the body text."*

What prompted it: Standing prompt for the scheduled Daily Brief. Source: Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild, line 106.

736. Draft the copy and let Brian edit it.

Written rule: *"Claude drafts, Brian edits"*

What prompted it: Plan for building Brian's Substack publication. Source: Training: Create the Substack shell on substack, line 5.

737. Open every article for The Information with a Key Points box, no exceptions.

Written rule: *"every article Brian writes for The Information (and its annotated and Substack versions) carries a Key Points box at the beginning. No exceptions."*

What prompted it: Rule adopted while producing an article. Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 3.

738. Write five to seven bullets.

Written rule: *"Five to seven bullets."*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 21.

739. Start each bullet with a lowercase letter and no closing period, and do not correct that style.

Written rule: *"Lowercase first letter. No closing period. (Brian's style choice; do not "correct" it.)"*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 22.

740. Keep each bullet to about seven words and never more than ten.

Written rule: *"About seven words each; never more than ten."*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 23.

741. Put one idea in each bullet and write it as a headline, not a sentence lifted from the body.

Written rule: *"One idea per bullet. Write it as a headline, not a sentence lifted from the body."*

What prompted it: First draft copied sentences from the body. Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 24.

742. Use plain words with no jargon, acronyms, or qualifiers.

Written rule: *"Plain words. No jargon, no acronyms, no qualifiers ("up from two in 2023")."*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 25.

743. Use a number only when the number is the story.

Written rule: *"Use a number only when the number is the story ("back to 1978 levels")."*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 26.

Files, formats and saving (32)

744. Make one workbook per table, not one per chapter, so each is self-contained and easy to compare one at a time.

Written rule: *"One workbook per table (not one per chapter) - Brian's explicit preference, so each is self-contained and easy to hand off/compare one at a time."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 87.

745. Keep working copies on the F: drive and put review copies in the designated Desktop folder.

Written rule: *"Files go on F: drive for working copies; Desktop `New folder` (not `STASHRUN`) is Brian's designated review location for this specific verification project, per his explicit instruction this session."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 124.

746. Back up the configuration before changing it.

Written rule: *"**Back up before touching profiles:**"*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 254.

747. Do not try to automate saving the brief to local disk; deliver it into the conversation only.

Written rule: *"No attempt will be made to automate saving a copy to disk. Delivery into the conversation via `SendUserFile` is the whole delivery. A copy on disk gets put there by hand."*

What prompted it: Local saving failed repeatedly and was abandoned. Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 33. Also in 1 other document.

748. Produce the brief as a single self-contained HTML file readable in light and dark mode.

Written rule: *"A single self-contained HTML file, styled and readable in both light and dark"*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 198. Also in 1 other document.

749. Do not write the file to any disk or mention drives, folders or device names in the brief.

Written rule: *"Do not attempt to write the file to any disk, do not call the `mcp\\_remote-devices\\_\` tools, and do not mention drives, folders or device names anywhere in the brief or its footer."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 202. Also in 1 other document.

750. Save files to the usual F: drive location unless Brian explicitly asks for another place.

Written rule: *"Desktop location was Brian's explicit choice, not the usual F: convention - he asked for it there directly"*

What prompted it: Outreach letter saved to the Desktop at his request. Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 174.

751. Confirm a script's save target path is the intended file before running it.

Written rule: *"Always confirm the script's `doc.save(...)` target path matches `Massive\_Outreach\_Letter.docx` before running it."*

What prompted it: Two different scripts with the same name existed in separate folders. Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 184.

752. Keep working content on the F: drive and leave only shortcuts on the Desktop.

Recorded by the AI: *"Mirror everything to F: now. Move all seven Desktop folders under F:\F&F Proposal\, replace with a single Desktop shortcut. Clean and rule-compliant"*

What prompted it: Claude weighing where reference folders should live. Source: Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26, line 3219.

753. Do not save files to the Desktop unless I explicitly ask for it.

Recorded by the AI: *"Saved this transcript verbatim as a .docx to the Desktop (per explicit request, overriding the usual no-Desktop rule)."*

Source: Training: Property Webcam Chat 2026-09-05, line 111.

754. Keep everything project-related on the F: working drive and never save to the Desktop.

Written rule: *"Everything project-related lives on F:, per `feedback\_file\_locations.md`. Never save to Desktop or `F:\STASHRUN`."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 80.

755. Clean up temporary files you create.

Recorded by the AI: *"The _tmp files I made - you'd have told me to clean them up if"*

What prompted it: Claude summarising what it learned from the guides. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdi, line 3169.

756. Before any long session, archive the chat to the Working Guides folder as a Word file with the session date in the name.

Written rule: *"Save as a `.docx` file with the session date in the filename (e.g., `Session\_2026\_07\_21\_Working\_Guide.docx`)."*

Source: Working Guides: Claude Code Auth Recovery, line 66.

757. Clone fresh from GitHub instead of trusting the backup copy.

Written rule: *"Clone fresh from GitHub - the GitBackups copy isn't authoritative."*

What prompted it: Relied on a backup with corrupted folders. Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 150.

758. Save files to the project root or the F: drive by default.

Written rule: *"Save to the project root / F: drive by default."*

What prompted it: Files were saved to the Desktop. Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 152.

759. Confirm which Windows profile path is in use before acting.

Written rule: *"Confirm which before acting."*

What prompted it: Two Windows user profiles exist across machines. Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 173.

760. Work from the F: external drive and do not use OneDrive or cloud storage.

Written rule: *"Primary working drive is the F: external (My Passport); no OneDrive/cloud; physical desktop is ... \Desktop."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 173.

761. Ask Brian before saving a file anywhere.

Recorded by the AI: *"I also added that WORKING GUIDES is for guides only, and that I should ask you before saving a file anywhere."*

What prompted it: Brian objected to a spreadsheet in the Working Guides folder. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1343.

762. Do not use OneDrive or any cloud storage.

Recorded by the AI: *"No OneDrive, no cloud storage"*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 05 21 Summary, line 70.

763. Use the F: external drive as the primary storage location.

Recorded by the AI: *"F: external drive is the primary storage strategy"*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 05 21 Summary, line 71.

764. Save every scheduled report to the one designated briefs folder on the F: drive.

Written rule: *"Reports go to one folder: F:\Briefs Claude in Cowork mode Edition I."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 11.

765. Deliver the brief as a Word document, and read the docx skill only after the research is complete.

Written rule: *"A Word document, .docx. Read the docx skill's SKILL.md before building it, after the research is complete and never before."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 371.

766. Do not save output to Google Drive.

Written rule: *"Do not save it to Google Drive."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 445.

767. Always deliver the file into the conversation so it arrives even if the disk write fails.

Written rule: *"Deliver the file into the conversation with SendUserFile in every case, so the brief always arrives even when the disk write cannot happen."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 807.

768. Do not make copies of a data file; keep one file in one place.

Written rule: *"Do NOT make copies. There is one file, in F:\Substack."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 125.

769. Use one outreach file only and never create a second version.

Written rule: *"One outreach file only:"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 183.

770. Stage specific files; never add everything at once.

Written rule: *"Stage specific files, never git add ."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 17. Also in 1 other document.

771. Place project files on the F: drive, never on the Desktop or the C: drive.

Recorded by the AI: *"Project files placed on F: (F:\Massive\massive-demsey\), never Desktop or C:\ - per Brian's file-location rule."*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Working Guide 2026-08-07, line 127.

772. Put new downloads in a new folder and never reuse the folder that holds the earlier attempt.

Written rule: *"Download all zip part(s) directly to a **new** folder on F: - do NOT reuse F:\PhotoStick Brian\Google Picasa\Zip\`."*

What prompted it: Redoing a photo export after a corrupted download. Source: Working Guides: Google Photos Takeout Redo Working Guide, line 35.

773. Clean up any test browsers and servers you started before finishing.

Recorded by the AI: *"Clean up: kill the headless Chrome process and any test Streamlit/dev servers started for local verification before finishing."*

Source: Training: Headless Browser Verification Protocol, line 37.

774. Never set a bullet in a Heading style in a Word document.

Written rule: *"Never set a bullet in a Heading style."*

What prompted it: Bullets in Heading 2 would have become fake web sections. Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 36.

775. Never type a bullet character by hand; use a real Word list.

Written rule: *"Never type a bullet character by hand."*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 37.

Secrets and security (33)

776. Never put a stream key or other secret in chat or email; place it in a locked-down file on the machine.

Written rule: *"- The **Stream Key never goes in chat or email.** It gets placed into a"*

Source: Working Guides: Property Webcam Working Guide 2026-09-03, line 223.

777. Leave credential and account settings for me to enter myself; never do account or billing steps.

Written rule: *"this step is Brian's to do himself in Render's dashboard, same rule as the Massive project: account/billing-adjacent, Claude should never do it"*

What prompted it: Setting service credentials in the hosting dashboard. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 185.

778. Never commit an API key to git and never echo it in output.

Written rule: *"NEVER commit to git. NEVER echo in output."*

Source: Training: comply ca co session 2026 07 22, line 169.

779. Never write a service API key into project directories, git repos, or command output.

Written rule: *"NEVER write to project directories, git repos, or command output."*

Source: Training: comply ca co session 2026 07 22, line 171.

780. Handle a secret key in memory only: do not print it, commit it, or write it to any file.

Written rule: *"never echoed to terminal output, never committed to git, never written to any file outside the Render API call."*

What prompted it: Setting a missing environment variable on the hosting service. Source: Training: comply ca co session 2026 07 22, line 685.

781. Keep API keys in a gitignored .env file and never commit them.

Written rule: *"API keys (MASSIVE_API_KEY, FRED_API_KEY) - gitignored, never committed"*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 30.

782. Never commit an API key to code.

Written rule: *"ANTHROPIC_API_KEY set manually in dashboard (never committed to code)."*

Source: Training: ClaudeCode Handoff JeffSystem, line 60.

783. Do not handle API keys; Brian sets them himself.

Written rule: *"SECURITY BOUNDARY: Claude Code does not handle API keys. Brian must set ANTHROPIC_API_KEY manually."*

What prompted it: Deployment handoff brief. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 114. Also in 1 other document.

784. Use a supplied short-lived credential, remind Brian to revoke it, and never store it or embed it in a lasting artifact.

Written rule: *"when a user supplies a short-lived credential, use it, then remind them to revoke"*

What prompted it: AI put a GitHub token inline in commands visible in transcripts. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 37.

785. Stage specific files in git, never everything at once, and never skip verification or force push to shared branches.

Written rule: *"Stage specific files. Never `--no-verify`, never force push to shared"*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 146.

786. Never enter, store, echo or commit keys, tokens, passwords or phone numbers.

Written rule: *"Never enter, store, echo, or commit API keys, tokens, DB passwords, phone numbers, or app passwords."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 163.

787. Use Brian's stored API key when needed but never paste it into logs.

Written rule: *"use it, do not paste it in logs."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 164. Also in 1 other document.

788. Keep environment files with secrets out of version control in every project.

Written rule: *"`.env` files are excluded via `.gitignore` in every project"*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 166.

789. Tell Brian if a secret is exposed by accident and do not pretend it did not happen.

Written rule: *"If a secret is exposed accidentally (e.g., in a Bash inline arg), tell Brian, do not pretend it didn't happen."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 167.

790. Never touch secrets: do not enter, store, commit, or echo keys or passwords.

Written rule: *"Never touch secrets. Don't enter, store, commit, or echo keys/passwords. I set those myself."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 442. Also in 1 other document.

791. Never handle keys or passwords, and stage specific files so secrets are never committed.

Written rule: *"Secrets boundary. Never handle keys/passwords. Stage specific files, never git add ., so secrets aren't committed. Keep .env out of git."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 105.

792. Stage specific files only when committing.

Written rule: *"Stage specific files only."*

What prompted it: Staging everything risks committing secrets. Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 154.

793. Do not modify or regenerate the API keys.

Written rule: *"Do NOT modify or regenerate the API keys - the app depend"*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 213.

794. Keep secrets out of shared documents; they are Brian's to set.

Written rule: *"Secrets are excluded by design."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 219.

795. Stage and commit specific files only; never use git add with a dot.

Written rule: *"commit specific files (never `git add .`)"*

What prompted it: Website publishing workflow. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 397.

796. Leave all secrets to Brian; guide him, and never store or ask for passwords.

Written rule: *"I handle all secrets. I log into GitHub and GoDaddy and enter DNS values myself. You guide me; you never store or ask for passwords."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 17. Also in 1 other document.

797. When given a short-lived credential, use it, remind the user to revoke it, and never store or embed it.

Recorded by the AI: *"**when a user supplies a short-lived credential, use it, then remind them to revoke - do not store it, and do not embed it in any long-lived artifact.**"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 702.

798. Never bypass commit checks and never force push to shared branches.

Recorded by the AI: *"Never `--no-verify`, never force push to shared branches."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 704.

799. Never handle keys or passwords, and keep the .env file out of git.

Written rule: *"Never handle keys/passwords. Stage specific files, never `git add .`, so secrets aren't committed. Keep `.env` out of git."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 904.

800. Do not open or read any email site or email app during the tracker run.

Written rule: *"Email is not monitored by this task."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 817.

801. If a page asks you to sign in, do not sign in; report that the figure was unavailable.

Written rule: *"If the page asks to sign in, do not sign in; report that the count was unavailable."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 825.

802. Never expose the secret key in client code or public repositories.

Written rule: *"NEVER expose the secret key in client code or public repositories."*

Source: Working Guides: Circle5 User Manual, line 47.

803. Stage specific files in git rather than everything, so secrets are not committed.

Written rule: *"Stage specific files, not `git add .` (to avoid secrets)"*

Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 280.

804. Do not commit credentials or service keys to the repository.

Written rule: *"Key credentials and services (do not commit)"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd design build working guide, line 187.

805. Keep the repository private.

Written rule: *"Repo stays **private**."*

Source: Working Guides: CLAUDE CODE HANDOFF, line 133.

806. Put no secrets in the repo; credentials go in environment variables, never in code.

Written rule: *"No secrets in the repo. When the SMS layer is added, Twilio credentials go in Render Environment Variables, never in code."*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Working Guide 2026-08-07, line 123. Also in 1 other document.

807. Do not commit secrets.

Written rule: *"Don't commit secrets or use git add . Stage specific files."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 109.

808. If a machine is ever exposed beyond the local network, change the password and switch to key authentication first.

Written rule: *"If either machine is ever exposed beyond the LAN (e.g. via Tailscale or a public route), change the password and switch to SSH key authentication first."*

Source: Working Guides: SSH Remote Management Both Macs 2026-09-03, line 165.

Memory, handoffs and written rules (49)

809. Keep working guides in the designated working guides folder and treat that copy as the authoritative one.

Written rule: *"This copy is the authoritative one; the"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 837.

810. Put a status section at the top of the working guide to be read first when resuming.

Written rule: *"## STATUS AT END OF 2026-09-03 SESSION (read this first)"*

Source: Working Guides: Property Webcam Working Guide 2026-09-03, line 12.

811. Do not retry fixes or theories that have already been eliminated with evidence.

Written rule: *"Eliminated with evidence, do not retry any of these"*

What prompted it: Memory file on the Outlook mail fault. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 45.

812. For every web property, always write down the repo, branch, host, domain, deployment path and site type as required project metadata.

Recorded by the AI: *"For every H-EDU property, always record:"*

What prompted it: Codex wrote this rule into a workflow memo after confusion over where the site lives. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 409.

813. Update the resume file at the end of every session and read it at the start of every session.

Recorded by the AI: *"**Update this every time you close a training session. Read it every time you start one.**"*

What prompted it: Resume file written at Brian's direction. Source: Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26, line 2677.

814. Keep a working guide that can be loaded into a fresh session to restore full context and continue where work left off.

Written rule: *"if the Claude Code session/context for this project is lost, load this file into a fresh session to restore full context and continue exactly where work left off."*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 3. Also in 1 other document.

815. Keep a standalone written record of how a scheduled task is set up so it can be rebuilt from nothing.

Written rule: *"It exists because the earlier version of this task was lost once when its conversation was deleted from the sidebar. Everything needed to rebuild the task from nothing is in Section 7."*

What prompted it: An earlier version of the task was lost with its conversation. Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 8. Also in 1 other document.

816. Do not silently edit the baseline record; append corrections to the running log, newest last.

Written rule: *"Sections 1 to 9 remain the 27 August baseline and are not edited in place, so a correction to them appears here rather than silently replacing the original text."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 239.

817. Put dead ends on the record so the same idea is not attempted again from scratch.

Written rule: *"it belongs on the record so the idea is not re-attempted from scratch."*

What prompted it: Folder access for scheduled runs turned out to be impossible. Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 275.

818. Read the accounts map first, before working on Claude accounts or scheduled tasks.

Written rule: *"ACCOUNTS MAP: READ FIRST"*

Source: Working Guides: ACCOUNTS MAP READ FIRST, line 1.

819. Add a recipe to the Working Guide only after the task has actually been done in the application.

Recorded by the AI: *"A recipe only earns its spot when I've actually done the task inside ProAdmin (or ProVal) and want to be able to do it again without re-figuring it out."*

Source: Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26, line 3795.

820. Keep each master list in one place and do not duplicate it in another guide.

Recorded by the AI: *"Master exercise list lives in `../Training Guide/\_RESUME\_HERE.md` - don't duplicate here."*

Source: Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26, line 3843.

821. Maintain a resume file in each guide so a later session knows exactly where to pick up.

Recorded by the AI: *"the two _RESUME_HERE.md files will tell future-you exactly where to resume."*

What prompted it: End of workspace setup session. Source: Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26, line 4139.

822. Disregard everything in a guide that has been declared void; keep it only as history.

Written rule: *"As of 2026-09-21, everything previously in this guide is struck out and must be disregarded. It is kept only as history. Do not follow any procedure below."*

What prompted it: Guide superseded after the camera setup changed. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Live View Working Guide, line 4.

823. Give Claude Code written guardrails and a reference schema so it stops repeating the same mistakes.

Written rule: *"Purpose: Give Claude Code the guardrails and reference schema so it stops making the same mistakes."*

What prompted it: Layer 1 of the CIRCLE5 deployment playbook. Source: Working Guides: playbook text, line 1.

824. Read the project instructions file at the start of a session and be able to recite its critical rules unprompted.

Written rule: *"Pass Criteria Claude Code correctly reads and can recite the critical rules from instructions.md without prompting."*

What prompted it: Layer 1 pass criteria. Source: Working Guides: playbook text, line 1.

825. Read the handoff file first when a new chat starts.

Written rule: *"Upload this file first in the new chat. It carries what the previous chat held that does not otherwise survive"*

Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 3.

826. Read the working guide first in the next session.

Written rule: *"1. Read this file."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 191. Also in 2 other documents.

827. Record your mistakes in the guide so the next session reads them and does not repeat them.

Written rule: *"Recording these so next Claude reads them and doesn't repeat them."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 19.

828. Enforce the carried-forward rules rather than treating them as aspirations.

Written rule: *"Distilled from the corpus + today's failures. Not aspirational"*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 132.

829. Read the memory index at the start of a session.

Written rule: *"2. Read `MEMORY.md` (the memory index)."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 192.

830. Extend the guide instead of rewriting it, adding each new rule a real failure teaches.

Written rule: *"do not rewrite this file, extend it. When a real failure teaches a new rule, add it here so the next session inherits it."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 199.

831. Record exactly where the work stands at the end of a session so the next session resumes without redoing it.

Written rule: *"Purpose: record exactly where the Table 3-1 review stands, what was found, and what is still an open question, so tomorrow's session can resume without re-deriving any of this."*

Source: Training: Session 2026 08 19 Continuation Table3-1, line 1.

832. Do not redo work that the handoff records as already confirmed.

Written rule: *"Do not re-derive any of the following - they are confirmed facts, not open questions:"*

Source: Training: Session 2026 08 19 Continuation Table3-1, line 103.

833. Do not expect a second read of the same inconclusive source to give a different answer.

Written rule: *"It does not resolve the question; do not expect a second read of the same text extraction to yield a different answer."*

Source: Training: Session 2026 08 19 Continuation Table3-1, line 59.

834. At the start of a recovered session, check memory and tell me which projects are active.

Written rule: *""We just recovered from an auth failure. Check memory and tell me what projects are active.""*

Source: Working Guides: Claude Code Auth Recovery, line 43.

835. Read the master working guide before every task.

Written rule: *"Read it before every task."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 3.

836. Treat every correction as a lasting principle and carry it forward.

Written rule: *"My corrections are principles, not one-time fixes. Carry them forward."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 31. Also in 1 other document.

837. When briefing another agent, include all five parts of the anti-drift handoff template.

Written rule: *"When briefing another agent, include all five - they keep a build from drifting:"*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 83.

838. In a handoff, define the target URL or outcome first and anchor everything to it.

Written rule: *"Single source of truth - define the target URL/outcome first; everything anchors to it."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 85.

839. Describe the full user click path that counts as success before coding.

Written rule: *"Full user click path described before coding"*

What prompted it: Template for handoff briefs that prevent drift. Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 173. Also in 1 other document.

840. State in a handoff what not to do, to head off the obvious mistakes.

Written rule: *"What NOT to do - preempt the obvious mistakes"*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 93. Also in 1 other document.

841. Keep the guide current by adding each lesson from a real failure, without rewriting the universal sections.

Written rule: *"Keep it current: when a real failure teaches a rule, add it to §9; when a project's facts change, update §10 - don't rewrite the universal sections (§1-§8)."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 217.

842. Write handoffs with a single source of truth, exact data, a verification checklist, a success description, and a list of what not to do.

Written rule: *"Single source of truth - define the target URL/outcome first; everything anchors to it. / Exact data tables - real names, IDs, scores. Never 'use sample data.' / Verification checklist - specific pass/fail tests."*

What prompted it: Anti-drift handoff template. Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 449.

843. Reproduce saved prompts exactly as they are, without correcting or restyling them.

Written rule: *"Some prompts contain em dashes in their own headings; they are reproduced as they are, because changing them would change the task."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 251.

844. Treat his exclusions file as the authority wherever it differs from the prompt.

Written rule: *"The file is authoritative wherever it differs from this prompt."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 499.

845. Write learnings to a memory file, and expect the reason behind each request.

Written rule: *"Two things help it materially, and this project already does both: give it a memory surface to write learnings to, and give it the reason behind a request rather than the request alone."*

Source: Working Guides: Fable 5 1 Working Guide, line 112.

846. Read the working guide before sending the next batch.

Written rule: *"Read this before sending the next batch."*

What prompted it: Written at the end of the first full email sending session. Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 1.

847. Read the guide first at the start of the next session.

Written rule: *"Read this guide first."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 177.

848. Read the conversation archive first before starting work.

Written rule: *"**Read this first.** Full conversation + the Anthropic placement (Part 2) + complete carried-over context (Appendix A)."*

Source: Training: H-edu solutions compliance path, line 96.

849. Treat Brian's corrections as principles for all future work, not one-time fixes.

Written rule: *"**Brian's corrections are principles, not one-time fixes.** Apply them to all future work."*

Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 15.

850. In a handoff brief, define the single source of truth first and anchor everything to it.

Written rule: *"Target URL defined first, everything anchors to it"*

What prompted it: Template for handoff briefs that prevent drift. Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 170.

851. In a handoff brief, give exact real data, never sample data.

Written rule: *"Real district names, IDs, scores. No 'use sample data'"*

What prompted it: Template for handoff briefs that prevent drift. Source: Working Guides: MEMORY, line 171.

852. When an approach has been proven a dead end, go straight to the method that worked and do not reopen the failed one.

Written rule: *"If envelope printing acts up again, go straight to the PDF-print path - don't re-litigate Word's `PrintOut` orientation settings, that whole avenue was a dead end this session."*

What prompted it: Long trial and error on envelope printing orientation. Source: Working Guides: trust-company-mailmerge-working-guide, line 164.

853. Add to the working guide at the bottom and do not rewrite earlier sections.

Written rule: *"Extend at the bottom; do not rewrite earlier sections."*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 248.

854. Start from a fresh copy, commit only specific files, push only after go, and verify live.

Recorded by the AI: *"Read the demsey.com guides and the Master Working Guide: start from a fresh copy, match an existing article page, hero image as page background, new card at the top, commit only specific files, push only after go, verify live, no em dashes, always Demsey."*

What prompted it: Claude restating the standing rules it read in the guides. Source: Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26, line 85.

855. Archive each session as a Word working guide.

Recorded by the AI: *"This session archived as a .docx Working Guide per Brian's chat-backup convention."*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Working Guide 2026-08-07, line 131.

856. Archive long sessions as .docx or .md session-summary files in the working guides folder.

Recorded by the AI: *"per Brian's standing convention of archiving long sessions as .docx (or .md session-summary) files here."*

Source: Working Guides: Chat Backup Index, line 3.

857. When archiving a new chat backup, add a row to the index with date, filename, project and a one-line description.

Written rule: *"When archiving a new chat backup to this folder, add a row above with the session date, filename, project, and a one-line description of what the session covered."*

Source: Working Guides: Chat Backup Index, line 30.

How to talk to me (25)

858. Do not give Brian an instruction that cannot be carried out directly.

Written rule: *"- Don't give an instruction that can't be carried out directly."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 833.

859. Do not re-litigate a choice Brian has already made, and know what he has already decided.

Written rule: *"Offering an escape hatch also reads as not knowing who he is or what he already decided, and re-litigates a choice he already made."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 217.

860. Do not spend the reply on apologies; do the work and show the result.

Recorded by the AI: *"Last Commandment: Don't Lament, Engage"*

What prompted it: Claude answered corrections with long apologies instead of fixes. Source: Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22, line 157.

861. When something cannot be found on screen, ask me to look directly instead of continuing to search blindly.

Written rule: *"ask Brian to look directly rather than continuing to search blindly"*

What prompted it: A settings section was invisible to the AI's page reads. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 15.

862. Treat Brian's own observations as primary evidence; do not ask him to look and then contradict what he reports.

Written rule: *"The pattern of asking him to go look at something, then contradicting what he reported, wasted days."*

What prompted it: Each of Brian's observations had been correct. Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 117.

863. Lead the completion notice with the single most important finding and enough detail to act on.

Written rule: *"Lead with the single most important finding of the day in the first sentence, since that becomes the phone banner, then enough detail that Brian could act without opening the session."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 208. Also in 1 other document.

864. Do not end a report with a recap of things I must do.

Written rule: *"**Do not end a report with a recap of things he must do.** The 27 August brief closed with three findings framed as action items. He did not ask for them, and an unrequested action list reads as pushing a service and as condescension."*

What prompted it: A brief closed with three findings framed as action items. Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 223. Also in 2 other documents.

865. Answer the question asked without widening the scope or ending with a string of open questions.

Written rule: *"**Answer the question asked.** A response that widens the scope, raises new options and ends with several open questions is a foggy response and wastes his time. He will say so."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 229. Also in 1 other document.

866. Do not decide on my behalf what matters, ranking my mail and calendar from proxies.

Written rule: *"It decided what mattered on Brian's behalf."*

What prompted it: Why the Morning Brief task was disabled. Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 35.

867. Do not pad the work or add extras.

Recorded by the AI: *"do not get carried away with padding or extras"*

Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 11.

868. Do not warn Brian about a credential he has chosen to supply.

Recorded by the AI: *"Even though he said "don't warn me," the token stayed embedded in the tool call."*

What prompted it: Brian supplied a GitHub token for a push. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 37.

869. Cut the output when I signal I have enough.

Written rule: *"Cut output when I signal I have enough."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 444. Also in 1 other document.

870. Put the single decision that most shapes the build in front of Brian first.

Written rule: *"Name the single decision that most shapes the build and put it in front of me first."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 75. Also in 1 other document.

871. Use no flattery or filler, and evaluate Brian's ideas critically instead of agreeing to be agreeable.

Written rule: *"No flattery, no filler. Evaluate my ideas critically - flag flaws, missing evidence, or errors rather than validating to be agreeable."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 107.

872. Describe the goal, not just the clicks.

Written rule: *"**Describe the goal, not just the clicks** - explain what we're trying to accomplish"*

Source: Working Guides: claudeworkingguidelines, line 53. Also in 1 other document.

873. Give one answer, not three, when one correct answer exists.

Written rule: *"2. **One answer, not three** - Don't give multiple options when one correct answer exists"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 362. Also in 1 other document.

874. Do not re-litigate Brian's hosting choice.

Recorded by the AI: *"GitHub is repo, not host; do not re-litigate his choice."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 925.

875. Report openings as a tripwire and do not editorialise about his prospects.

Written rule: *"It is a tripwire, not analysis. Do not editorialise about his prospects."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 259.

876. Give no commentary on his candidacy, no encouragement and no strategy advice.

Written rule: *"No commentary on his candidacy, no encouragement, no strategy advice unless a concrete structural fact is worth one line, such as a statutory change creating a hiring category."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 363.

877. Write the notification so he can decide whether to open the file without opening it.

Written rule: *"He should be able to decide whether to open the file without opening it."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 379.

878. After delivering, state the result briefly and stop, with no list of things for Brian to do.

Written rule: *"After sending the file, state the count in one or two sentences and stop. Do not add a list of things for Brian to do."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 445.

879. Send the report as a message too, so it is readable without opening the file.

Written rule: *"Then send the same report as text with SendUserMessage, so the result is readable without opening the file."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 837.

880. Report the counts to Brian when a batch is done.

Written rule: *"Report the counts to Brian: sent, bounced, skipped."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 127.

881. Do not reopen decisions that are already settled.

Written rule: *"Decisions already settled (do NOT relitigate these)"*

Source: Training: H-edu solutions compliance path, line 41.

882. Be direct and say what needs to be done.

Written rule: *"Be direct - say what needs to be done"*

Source: Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines, line 38.

Other (9)

883. Make deliverables exhaustive.

Written rule: *"Deliverables are to be exhaustive."*

Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 17.

884. When a tool keeps timing out, do not burn time retrying; switch to another verification method immediately.

Written rule: *"If screenshots are needed again and time out, don't burn time retrying - switch to JS-based verification immediately."*

What prompted it: Browser screenshots repeatedly timed out. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 193.

885. When Brian says his existing material is sufficient and no re-research is needed, honour that override.

Written rule: *"Earlier in that session Claude had proposed re-verifying the figures before drafting; Brian overrode that. Honour the override."*

What prompted it: Claude proposed re-verifying research figures Brian had already checked. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 180.

886. Do not swap out something of mine that already works or over-complicate the job.

Recorded by the AI: *"The assistant acknowledged fault for swapping out the user's original working URL and over-complicating the job."*

What prompted it: Confusion over which broadcast was live. Source: Training: Property Webcam Chat 2026-09-05, line 79.

887. Get the sequence right for destructive operations.

Written rule: *"Sequencing matters for destructive ops"*

What prompted it: AI told Brian to add DNS records before deleting the blocker. Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 143.

888. Mark a task in progress before starting it, not after.

Written rule: *"Mark in_progress BEFORE starting a step, not after."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 152.

889. Preserve what works and understand why it exists before changing anything.

Written rule: *"Preserve what works. Production patterns exist for reasons - understand why before changing anything."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 21.

890. Preserve what works; existing patterns and production code exist for reasons.

Written rule: *"**Preserve what works** - Existing patterns, configurations, and production code exist for reasons"*

Source: Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines, line 20. Also in 1 other document.

891. Keep the repo clean and the work trivial so there is nothing to unwind later.

Written rule: *"Keep the repo clean and the holding page trivial so there's nothing to unwind when the real design lands."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 115.

Part Three: Rules for one project only

Written rules that apply to a single project, grouped by the document they came from.

ACCOUNTS MAP READ FIRST (1)

892. Do not sign Claude Code in with the smaller Pro account; use the Max account that holds the scheduled tasks.

Written rule: *"A separate, smaller account. Do NOT use it to sign in to Claude Code."*

Source: Working Guides: ACCOUNTS MAP READ FIRST, line 10.

CLAUDE CODE HANDOFF (1)

893. Keep the site private and unindexed until an intentional launch.

Written rule: *"Keep the site `**private**`: the ``noindex`` header stays until we intentionally launch."*

Source: Working Guides: CLAUDE CODE HANDOFF, line 132.

Chrome Recovery Card (1)

894. Do not use the Claude in Chrome extension on this machine.

Written rule: *"Do not use `/chrome` or the Claude in Chrome extension. It cannot work while the Claude desktop app is installed."*

What prompted it: A known conflict that cost hours. Source: Working Guides: Chrome Recovery Card, line 47.

ClaudeCode Handoff JeffSystem (2)

895. Do not modify the application code; deploy it exactly as written.

Written rule: *"Do not modify the application code. Deploy it exactly as written."*

Source: Training: ClaudeCode Handoff JeffSystem, line 11.

896. Do the job you were given and do not improve or redesign what was built deliberately.

Written rule: *"The design, the data, the agent prompts, and the variable structure were built deliberately. Your job is deployment, not improvement."*

Source: Training: ClaudeCode Handoff JeffSystem, line 328.

Colorado VERA update 7 12-26 (1)

897. After starting the app on localhost, open Chrome to it automatically.

Recorded by the AI: *"Run it on localhost - I'll start Streamlit and open Chrome to `http://localhost:8501` automatically per your"*

What prompted it: Claude restating Brian's standing local-preview workflow. Source: Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26, line 4751.

Connect ClaudeCode to Chrome 1 (1)

898. Keep browser work read-only so course progress is not advanced.

Written rule: *"Keep it read-only so the Introduction-to-ProAdmin progress isn't advanced."*

Source: Training: Connect ClaudeCode to Chrome 1, line 41.

Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide (3)

899. Never modify the Circle5 schema file without approval.

Written rule: *"Never modify circle5-schema.sql without approval."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 195.

900. For demsey.com, clone fresh and read an existing article page before writing a new one.

Written rule: *"clone fresh; read an existing pages/article-*.html before writing a new one"*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 197.

901. For VERA, use real district data only and head off naming mistakes.

Written rule: *"real district data only; preempt naming mistakes (not vera-newyork)."*

Source: Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide, line 199.

Entire Chat 8 22 26 (2)

902. Do not put the street address anywhere on the directions page, not even for SEO or schema purposes.

Written rule: *"3. **No street address anywhere.** Brian was explicit. The house is identified as the only"*

What prompted it: Handoff brief, content rules. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 111.

903. Add no new external requests to the site: no font CDN, no map tiles, no analytics.

Written rule: *"- [] No new external requests - no font CDN, no map tiles, no analytics"*

What prompted it: Handoff brief, verification checklist. Source: Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26, line 191.

H-edu solitions compliance path (2)

904. Read only the organization's own adopted text, never the association's sample language.

Written rule: *"never CSBA/GSBA sample language (protects their IP)."*

What prompted it: Engine principle for the compliance products. Source: Training: H-edu solitions compliance path, line 29. Also in 1 other document.

905. Pull content from the existing capture files; do not re-derive it.

Written rule: *"pull from these capture files, don't re-derive"*

Source: Training: H-edu solitions compliance path, line 64.

HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1 (2)

906. Do not count duplicates or earlier versions of a document already on the list.

Recorded by the AI: *"Duplicates and earlier versions of a document already on the list were noted but not counted."*

What prompted it: Running word count of unique documents. Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 7.

907. Treat a VERA jurisdiction as live only when a data artifact has been seen.

Recorded by the AI: *"live only when a data artifact is seen"*

What prompted it: States researched as Provisional in a long Codex session. Source: Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1, line 46.

Handoff FF Proposal New Session (4)

908. Treat the current proposal file as the authoritative baseline for all further work.

Written rule: *"the current proposal, Demsey_Proposal_to_Foster_and_Foster_7_25.docx, which is the authoritative baseline"*

What prompted it: Handoff brief for a new session. Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 9.

909. Mark the document as confidential under the NDA on the cover, in the front notice and in every page footer.

Written rule: *"the document is protected as Confidential Information of Hallucinations.cloud LLC under the executed Mutual NDA dated May 8, 2026, and says so on the cover, in the front notice, and in the footer of every page."*

Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 15.

910. Keep the acceptance line in the first person, because it is the recipient speaking.

Written rule: *"the acceptance line 'I agree with this Proposal' is [name] speaking and stays first person."*

Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 19.

911. Use no ProVal software, documentation, API materials, file formats or internal specifications in the build, and benchmark only against published results.

Written rule: *"the build uses no ProVal software, documentation, API materials, file formats, or internal specifications; benchmarking is against F&F's published results only"*

What prompted it: Independence term of the proposal. Source: Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session, line 35.

Key Points Rule The Information (1)

912. Put the same Key Points box in all three versions of the article.

Written rule: *"The same box appears in all three versions: the unannotated version for The Information, the annotated version for demsey.com, and the Substack excerpt."*

Source: Training: Key Points Rule The Information, line 17.

LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief (1)

913. Do not promote or share the URL until HTTPS is live.

Written rule: *"Don't promote or share the URL until HTTPS is live - an HSTS/redirect gap before the cert issues will look broken (the Stashrun-domain lesson)."*

Source: Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief, line 107. Also in 1 other document.

Massive Demsey Working Guide 2026-08-07 (2)

914. Do not modify the existing service or any existing DNS record.

Written rule: *"Do not modify the existing demsey.com Render service or any existing DNS record."*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Working Guide 2026-08-07, line 117. Also in 1 other document.

915. Keep the site private and unindexed until it is intentionally launched.

Written rule: *"Keep the site private: the noindex header stays until intentionally launched."*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Demsey Working Guide 2026-08-07, line 119.

Massive Macro Model Working Guide (2)

916. Use the target company's own tools and API as deeply as possible, not superficially.

Written rule: *"Use Massive's tools/API as much as possible (deep, genuine usage - not superficial)."*

What prompted it: Goal Brian stated for the job-application demonstration project. Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 18.

917. Do not spend any money on the project; use free tiers only.

Written rule: *"Brian does not want to spend any money on this project - everything built so far is \$0 cost (free API tiers only)."*

Source: Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide, line 193.

Outlook Classic Struggle (1)

918. Treat tearing down and re-adding all the mail accounts as the last resort.

Recorded by the AI: *"This i the account teardown you called absolute d be last."*

What prompted it: Claude listing remaining options; source text is garbled. Source: Training: Outlook Classic Struggle, line 3545.

Outlook Hallucinations Cloud Delivery Fix 2026-08-29 (1)

919. If mail reaches webmail but not the desktop app, treat it as a local problem and do not change DNS or mail hosting settings.

Recorded by the AI: *"do not change DNS or mail hosting settings."*

What prompted it: Mail arrived at the server but not in desktop Outlook. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Cloud Delivery Fix 2026-08-29, line 37.

Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full (3)

920. Do not remove Outlook Classic as a fix, because Brian wants it kept.

Written rule: *"Brian explicitly wants classic Outlook kept this time."*

What prompted it: Outlook Classic restored after an earlier removal. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 173.

921. Do not use repair or remove on the mail account, because Brian asked that they not be used.

Written rule: *"Brian has also asked that repair/remove not be used here."*

What prompted it: Working guide for the Outlook mail fault. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 499. Also in 1 other document.

922. Do not claim the account was never set up; treat the problem as a working setup that broke.

Recorded by the AI: *"Also an explicit correction on record: don't claim the account was never provisioned; treat it as 'a working setup broke.'"*

What prompted it: Claude reporting what its memory file held. Source: Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full, line 905.

Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07 (2)

923. Never force-kill Outlook; close it cleanly.

Written rule: *"**Never force-kill Outlook.** It sets the Resiliency flag and every later launch prompts for Safe Mode, blocking the wizard."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 246.

924. Do not change the MX records.

Written rule: *"**Do not change the MX records.** The browser mailbox is relied upon and must keep working."*

Source: Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07, line 365.

Property Webcam Chat 2026-09-05 (1)

925. Treat the production machine as hands-off.

Recorded by the AI: *"the PRODUCTION machine, treated hands-off."*

What prompted it: Claude connected to the production Mac mini. Source: Training: Property Webcam Chat 2026-09-05, line 65.

PropertyCam Live View Working Guide (1)

926. Do not crop the window frame out of the property camera shot; it is intentional.

Written rule: *"The window frame visible on the left of the shot is intentional."*

What prompted it: Rule in the voided section of the guide. Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Live View Working Guide, line 59.

PropertyCam Session 2026-09-06 (1)

927. Do not crop the window frame out of the live camera view; it is intentional.

Written rule: *"The window frame visible at the left of the shot is intentional. It shows this is the view from inside the house rather than a stock landscape. Do not crop it."*

Source: Working Guides: PropertyCam Session 2026-09-06, line 157.

Ruling Template (1)

928. Set every post to free for everyone with comments open to everyone, every single time.

Written rule: *"Publish free to Everyone, comments open to Everyone. Both default to PAID and must be changed every single time."*

What prompted it: A wrong default already caused one mis-sent email. Source: Training: Ruling Template, line 175.

Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27 (7)

929. Do not run the scheduled tasks on Fable; keep them on Opus.

Written rule: *"Do not use Fable for these tasks. On 25 Sep 2026 the Substack tracker failed because Fable hit the monthly spend limit."*

What prompted it: A scheduled run failed on the Fable spend limit. Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 9.

930. Always reach a page through a search first, even when you already know the URL.

Written rule: *"Never skip the search step because you already know the URL. Knowing a URL is not the same as being allowed to open it."*

What prompted it: Direct fetches caused floods of approval requests. Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 265.

931. Link the advertisement itself, never a search results page.

Written rule: *"The URL of the advertisement itself, never a search results page"*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 359.

932. Keep the LLPOF brief separate and do not consult any ledger, log or previous brief.

Written rule: *"This has NO connection to any other brief. Do not read, write or consult any ledger, log or previous brief."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 589.

933. Include an item only if you can demonstrate a gap between what was said and what the public came to believe.

Written rule: *"An item earns a place ONLY if you can demonstrate a gap between what was actually said and what the public ended up believing. No gap, no entry."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 601.

934. Report nothing older than the window, with no look-back and no carryover.

Written rule: *"Nothing older, for any reason, no look-back, no age-labelled carryover."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 611.

935. Never offer a verdict or any inference about honesty or intent; that call is Brian's.

Written rule: *"You NEVER offer a verdict, a truth rating, or any inference about honesty or intent. Distinguish a false claim from a lie. Intent is Brian's call, never yours."*

Source: Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27, line 687.

Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide (2)

936. Treat AWS as archaeology unless Brian says otherwise.

Recorded by the AI: *"Brian said 'AWS is irrelevant'"*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 49.

937. Put new articles at the top of the demsey.com grid.

Written rule: *"New articles go at the TOP of the grid."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide, line 181. Also in 1 other document.

Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide (2)

938. Lay out each verification workbook to match the book's printed column structure so a side-by-side visual check is direct.

Written rule: *"Layout matches the book's own printed column structure as closely as possible"*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 90.

939. Never link or add the pricing app or the pension valuation engine to the h-edu.solutions site.

Written rule: *"CRITICAL, reconfirmed from earlier sessions: neither the [name] pricing app nor the pension valuation engine (actval.h-edu.solutions) should ever be linked from or added to h-edu.solutions."*

Source: Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide, line 125.

Stashrun Landing Page Episode (1)

940. When previewing local HTML that references external images, download the images first.

Recorded by the AI: *"**Lesson:** When previewing local HTML that references external images, always download images first."*

What prompted it: Chrome blocked external images on a local page. Source: Working Guides: Stashrun Landing Page Episode, line 50.

Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide (5)

941. Never color or mark spreadsheet cells; record results in text only and leave colors to Brian.

Written rule: *"Brian alone decides colors. Claude records results in text only and NEVER marks anything red."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 13.

942. Send one email per recipient so nobody sees anyone else's address.

Written rule: *"One email per recipient. Nobody sees anyone else's address."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 9.

943. Do not color anything in the spreadsheet; Brian marks red himself.

Written rule: *"Do NOT color anything. Brian marks red himself or makes other arrangements."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 123.

944. Never color cells; record results in the two results columns only.

Written rule: *"Never color cells. Record results in columns G and H only."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 185.

945. Before any send, confirm Claude Code is in manual mode and do not use plan mode mid-send.

Written rule: *"Before any send, confirm Claude Code is in manual mode and do not use plan mode mid-send."*

What prompted it: Auto mode blocked mass email. Source: Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide, line 187.

Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26 (4)

946. Do not share the Substack anywhere until Brian says it is bombproof.

Recorded by the AI: *"My notes say the Substack is not to be shared anywhere until you say it's bombproof."*

What prompted it: Brian asked to publish a post on Facebook. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 15.

947. Keep the Hallucinations.cloud Stripe customers off the Substack list.

Recorded by the AI: *"Also, as we settled on 2026-09-16, the Hallucinations.cloud Stripe customers stay off this list."*

What prompted it: Building the Substack email list. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 231.

948. Do not use plan mode in the middle of a send.

Recorded by the AI: *"That includes one lesson: don't use plan mode in the middle of a send, because it resets you to auto mode."*

What prompted it: Plan mode reset the permission setting mid-send. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1075.

949. Record bounces as text only and never apply colour to the spreadsheet.

Recorded by the AI: *"I've saved the rule to my notes: send to everyone, including info@ addresses; record bounces only in columns G and H; **never apply red or any other color**. The coloring is yours to do."*

What prompted it: Brian said not to mark bounced rows red. Source: Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26, line 1401.

Substack Working Guide (8)

950. Do not revert the pinned post to a descriptive title; it must keep leading with the offer.

Written rule: *"DO NOT revert this to a descriptive title. The pinned post is the only place above the archive"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 106.

951. Do not automate or template the encouragement to free askers; Brian writes it himself.

Written rule: *"It is not a setting and should not be templated."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 129.

952. Test any future change to settings, copy, or emails against Brian's two objectives, in order.

Written rule: *"Any future change to settings, copy, or emails gets tested against those two, in that order."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 151.

953. Rewrite the default imported-subscriber welcome email before any import, not after.

Written rule: *"Rewrite it BEFORE any import, not after."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 199. Also in 1 other document.

954. Do not choose the claims to rule on; Brian selects them, Claude researches and drafts, Brian edits and publishes.

Written rule: *"He is selecting the claims himself. Claude does NOT pick them; the product is Brian's judgment."*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 392.

955. Never import the Stripe subscriptions that belong to a different business; ignore the import banner permanently.

Written rule: *"imported" with an "Import paid subscriptions" button. IGNORE IT PERMANENTLY. That banner is"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 465.

956. Copy the model publication's discipline of a fixed container and kept schedule, not its frequency.

Written rule: *"Do not copy the frequency; copy the discipline of a"*

What prompted it: Comparison with the publication used as a model. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 730.

957. Do not treat exact dates on migrated articles as meaningful; keep the front page newest first.

Written rule: *"- Exact publication dates on the migrated articles are not meaningful. What matters is that the"*

Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide, line 834.

Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15 (5)

958. Do not re-add Substack's default boilerplate benefits that Brian removed.

Written rule: *"Do not re-add boilerplate."*

What prompted it: Brian removed the default paid subscriber benefits. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 46.

959. Do not put a subscribe button, an ask, or a tier comparison in posts, because Brian does not want to push subscriptions.

Recorded by the AI: *"Brian's instruction: 'I don't want to be pushy about subscriptions.'"*

What prompted it: Drafting the welcome post. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 102.

960. Publish migrated articles oldest first so each new post lands on top of the pile.

Recorded by the AI: *"Brian's instruction 2026-09-15: 'each addition will be atop of the pile.'"*

What prompted it: Deciding the order for migrating 52 website articles to Substack. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 216.

961. Do not chase exact original dates for migrated articles; do the best you can and use exact dates only for new material.

Recorded by the AI: *"The actual dates are unimportant. Do the best you can."*

What prompted it: Seventeen articles had no month in their date. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 218.

962. Put the standard italicised closing byline on every article.

Written rule: *"Closing byline on EVERY article (Brian confirmed 2026-09-15), italicised with ctrl+i:"*

What prompted it: Per-article migration recipe. Source: Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15, line 436.

TI Demsey Working Guide (1)

963. Before fixing duplicated code, clarify which deployment the fix should go to and do not assume the copies should be merged.

Written rule: *"If asked to fix or improve the macro app, clarify which deployment(s) the fix should go to"*

What prompted it: The same app code exists independently in two sites. Source: Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide, line 80.

Training relative hallucinations.sdl (2)

964. Do not invent brand copy, mission text or forms that I have not supplied.

Recorded by the AI: *"Neutral holding page only - 'Launching soon.' + wordmark + an HTML comment where a tagline will go. No mission copy,"*

What prompted it: Ground rules restated from Brian's build brief. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 69.

965. Never read the partner associations' sample policy language, to protect their intellectual property.

Recorded by the AI: *"never read CSBA/GSBA sample language (protects their IP)"*

What prompted it: Claude summarising rules found in the working guides. Source: Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl, line 3117.

VERA Training May II (2)

966. Do not call a state buildable until you can name the exact reporting system, report or extract, grain, fields and access path.

Recorded by the AI: *"A state is only "good" when we can name: - the exact reporting system - the exact report or extract - the exact grain - the exact fields or domain structure - the exact access path"*

What prompted it: Stricter standard Codex stated after Brian's criticism; Brian ordered it applied. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 7925.

967. For the Oregon public-layer build, do not use any authenticated district system.

Recorded by the AI: *"explicit exclusion: do not use ARUA, AWE, CRS, ADI, OSAS Portal, or any authenticated district system"*

What prompted it: Codex summarizing the VERA-OR handoff specification written for Claude Code. Source: Training: VERA Training May II, line 10473.

Vantage HANDOFF 1 (6)

968. Match the existing template and naming convention; do not invent a new one.

Written rule: *"match the existing per-page template and file-naming convention instead. Do not invent a new one."*

Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 41. Also in 1 other document.

969. Keep the GPS advisory first on the page; do not demote, collapse or move it.

Written rule: *"It is the most important element on the page. Do not demote it, collapse it, or move it below the fold."*

Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 74. Also in 1 other document.

970. Use no Google Maps imagery or embeds.

Written rule: *"**No Google Maps imagery or embeds.**"*

What prompted it: Maps screenshots are unlicensed and the imagery predates the house. Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 81. Also in 1 other document.

971. Keep the plain-text version out of the build unless Brian asks for it.

Written rule: *"Keep it out of the build unless he asks."*

Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 22.

972. Do not soften the statement that there is only one exit for traffic from both directions.

Written rule: *"Do not soften this into "depending on which way you're coming from" - that framing is the exact error the page is correcting."*

Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 76.

973. Put no street address anywhere on the page, including for search or metadata purposes.

Written rule: *"**No street address anywhere.** Brian was explicit."*

Source: Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1, line 79.

Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1 (1)

974. Use a wider look-back window only to detect change, never to report again that something exists.

Written rule: *"That widening exists to detect change, not to re-report existence."*

Source: Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1, line 112.

comply ca co session 2026 07 22 (1)

975. Pre-compute district reports locally and commit them; do not regenerate them on every deploy.

Written rule: *"Do NOT regenerate policies JSON every deploy - pre-bake locally and commit"*

Source: Training: comply ca co session 2026 07 22, line 492.

daily-brief-guide 1 (6)

976. Do not decide on Brian's behalf what matters by ranking his inbox and calendar.

Written rule: *"It decided what mattered on Brian's behalf."*

What prompted it: The Morning Brief task was disabled. Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 35.

977. Never repeat an item that has already been delivered.

Written rule: *"Brian stores each day's results himself. An item already delivered is worse than useless."*

What prompted it: Daily briefs kept repeating earlier items. Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 37. Also in 1 other document.

978. Report only what is new since the last brief.

Written rule: *"The brief reports what is new since the last brief."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 108. Also in 1 other document.

979. Include an item from the wider look-back window only if something about it actually changed in the last day or two.

Written rule: *"That a thing exists and is less than seven days old is not a reason to report it."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 112.

980. Do not carry old items forward with an age label.

Written rule: *"Do not carry items in from outside the seven-day window with an age label. That practice is discontinued."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 114. Also in 1 other document.

981. State a standing condition once, then stay silent on it until its status changes.

Written rule: *"State it once, then stay silent on it until its status changes."*

Source: Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1, line 116. Also in 1 other document.

demsey-site-publishing-workflow (3)

982. Do not rely on the corrupted backup copy; always clone fresh from GitHub.

Written rule: *"do not rely on it. Always clone fresh from GitHub."*

What prompted it: A backup copy of the repo was found corrupted. Source: Working Guides: demsey-site-publishing-workflow, line 90. Also in 1 other document.

983. Match the style of the existing article template exactly.

Written rule: *"Match the style of `pages/article-ai-education-value.html` exactly - same CSS, header, footer, pull-quote class, and author-box"*

What prompted it: Publishing a new article to demsey.com. Source: Working Guides: demsey-site-publishing-workflow, line 23.

984. Always put a new article at the top of the grid so the most recent appears first.

Written rule: *"Articles always go to the ****top**** of the grid so the most recent appears first."*

Source: Working Guides: demsey-site-publishing-workflow, line 92.

lpsd main site working guide (2)

985. Publish the brochure as supplied, flag the leftover placeholder text, and replace the PDF later if a corrected one arrives.

Recorded by the AI: *"Per explicit instruction from Brian (2026-08-22): publish as-is, flag it, and swap in a corrected PDF later if/when Sotheby's or the designer provides one."*

What prompted it: Source brochure PDF contained unedited template placeholders. Source: Working Guides: lpsd main site working guide, line 123.

986. For future brochures, use the stacked page-image approach from the start and do not retry an embedded PDF viewer.

Written rule: *"**Takeaway for future brochures**: skip straight to the JPEG-page-stack approach (step 4) - don't re-attempt an iframe/PDF-plugin embed, it always drags in unwanted browser chrome."*

What prompted it: Three brochure layouts were rejected before the fourth was accepted. Source: Working Guides: lpsd main site working guide, line 96.

lpsd working guide source digest (2)

987. For demsey.com articles, read an existing article page before writing a new one, use a CSS background for the hero, and put the new card at the top.

Written rule: *"clone fresh; read an existing pages/article-*.html before writing a new one; hero is a CSS background, not ``; new card at the top; GoDaddy auto-deploys on push."*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 425.

988. Store phone numbers in E.164 format.

Written rule: *"**Phone numbers:** E.164 format"*

Source: Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest, line 620.

outlook hallucinations cloud delivery issue (1)

989. Do not repeat a fix that was already tried and disproved.

Written rule: *"DO NOT rebuild the Outlook profile again. That was tried 2026-09-02 and disproved."*

What prompted it: A profile rebuild had been tried and disproved. Source: Working Guides: outlook hallucinations cloud delivery issue, line 201.

playbook text (2)

990. Never rewrite the proven RLS policies once the layer has passed.

Written rule: *"Never let Claude Code rewrite these RLS policies."*

What prompted it: Layer 4, after circle tests pass. Source: Working Guides: playbook text, line 1.

991. Make visual changes only in the final polish layer.

Written rule: *"This is the only layer where visual changes are permitted."*

What prompted it: Layer 8, polish and deployment. Source: Working Guides: playbook text, line 1.

the campus working guide (1)

992. Do not modify the related existing repositories.

Written rule: *"Related existing repos (do not modify)"*

Source: Working Guides: the campus working guide, line 55. Also in 1 other document.

The documents that were read

Every document, with the number of lines read and the number of instructions found in it.

Training: ClaudeCode Handoff JeffSystem	332 lines, 5 found
Training: Connect ClaudeCode to Chrome	45 lines, 1 found
Training: Connect ClaudeCode to Chrome 1	45 lines, 1 found
Training: Create the Substack shell on substack	49 lines, 4 found
Training: Daily-Brief-Task-Rebuild	116 lines, 15 found
Training: Demsey Training May	809 lines, 1 found
Training: Entire Chat 8 22 26	2,734 lines, 36 found
Training: Fotos	385 lines, 3 found
Training: From CO to CA	149 lines, 8 found
Training: H-edu solitions compliance path	121 lines, 13 found
Training: HANDOFF 2026-09-15 Document Catalog and Fellows 1	192 lines, 16 found
Training: Handoff FF Proposal New Session	145 lines, 13 found
Training: Headless Browser Verification Protocol	41 lines, 10 found
Training: How to modify the Texas jurisdiction of VERA to access and display TEKS data	63 lines, 0 found
Training: Key Points Rule The Information	55 lines, 17 found
Training: Outlook Classic Struggle	3,586 lines, 24 found
Training: ProVal Training June	1,081 lines, 0 found
Training: Property Webcam Chat 2026-09-05	141 lines, 6 found
Training: Ruling Template	217 lines, 19 found
Training: Session 2026 08 19 Continuation Table3-1	117 lines, 6 found
Training: Substack Plan 2026 09 17	213 lines, 1 found
Training: Training relative hallucinations.sdl	11,679 lines, 42 found
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Training: Vantage HANDOFF 1	143 lines, 15 found
Training: Verify Dont Ask - Feedback	17 lines, 5 found
Training: bessent-doctrine	139 lines, 0 found
Training: case h-edu BUILD BRIEF	248 lines, 11 found
Training: comply ca co session 2026 07 22	689 lines, 7 found
Training: mnuchin-doctrine	200 lines, 0 found
Training: wifi status	300 lines, 0 found
Training: yellen-doctrine	190 lines, 1 found
Working Guides: ACCOUNTS MAP READ FIRST	30 lines, 3 found
Working Guides: AWS Deployment Manual for Hallucinations	833 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: Adding Articles to Demsey.com	72 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: Adding Superusers	45 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: CLAUDE CODE HANDOFF	223 lines, 7 found
Working Guides: Chat Backup Index	30 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: Chat Backup Outlook Hallucinations Fix 2026-08-29	161 lines, 7 found
Working Guides: Chrome Recovery Card	77 lines, 3 found
Working Guides: Circle5 User Manual	291 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: Claude Code Auth Recovery	70 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: Claude Code Chrome Connection Guide	80 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: Claude Elevation Wall Outlook COM 2026-09-02	119 lines, 4 found
Working Guides: Claude-App-Troubleshooting	66 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: Claudes Confession Verify Dont Ask 2026-08-22	197 lines, 14 found
Working Guides: Coding Module Surflin	1,097 lines, 3 found
Working Guides: Colorado VERA update 7 12-26	13,481 lines, 11 found
Working Guides: DJI Mavic 3 Pro RC Pro Working Guide	174 lines, 1 found
Working Guides: Demsey CLAUDE Master Working Guide	219 lines, 71 found

Working Guides: Demsey.com Master Chat 9 26 26	185 lines, 15 found
Working Guides: Fable 5 1 Working Guide	148 lines, 6 found
Working Guides: Five Rulings edited 2026 09 17	161 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: Follower Potential 2026 09 19	167 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: Google Photos Takeout Redo Chat Backup 2026-08-20	51 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: Google Photos Takeout Redo Working Guide	68 lines, 4 found
Working Guides: Islam Democracy A2A Framework Summary	299 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: Jetson Nano Setup Guide	158 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: LLPOF Claude Code Build Brief	115 lines, 18 found
Working Guides: MEMORY	280 lines, 21 found
Working Guides: Mailing Steps demsey	91 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: Massive Demsey Chat Transcript 2026-08-07	183 lines, 6 found
Working Guides: Massive Demsey Full Chat 2026-08-09	259 lines, 10 found
Working Guides: Massive Demsey Working Guide 2026-08-07	153 lines, 7 found
Working Guides: Massive Macro Model Working Guide	203 lines, 12 found
Working Guides: Moltbot Setup Guide	162 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: NVIDIA JETSON NANO SETUP GUIDE	283 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Cloud Delivery Fix 2026-08-29	39 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: Outlook Hallucinations Session 2026-09-02 Full	2,380 lines, 42 found
Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud ORDEAL AND FIX 2026-09-07	490 lines, 20 found
Working Guides: Outlook hallucinations cloud mail fix 2026-08-25	86 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: ProVal Master Chat 7 14 26	4,149 lines, 13 found
Working Guides: Property Webcam Working Guide 2026-09-03	313 lines, 5 found
Working Guides: PropertyCam Lease Session Chat 2026-09-14	205 lines, 16 found
Working Guides: PropertyCam Live View Working Guide	555 lines, 6 found
Working Guides: PropertyCam Session 2026-09-06	167 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: Restore Live Feed Recovery Guide	243 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: Resume BRD	57 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: SSH Remote Management Both Macs 2026-09-03	168 lines, 3 found
Working Guides: Scheduled Tasks Working Guide 2026-09-27	837 lines, 68 found
Working Guides: Session 2026 05 21 Summary	81 lines, 4 found
Working Guides: Session 2026 07 01 Working Guide	199 lines, 39 found
Working Guides: Session 2026 08 05 Claude Doctor	37 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: Session 2026 08 17 Working Guide	143 lines, 15 found
Working Guides: Stashrun Landing Page Episode	94 lines, 4 found
Working Guides: Substack Invitation Sending Working Guide	191 lines, 17 found
Working Guides: Substack Outreach Master Chat 9 30 26	2,419 lines, 35 found
Working Guides: Substack Working Guide	838 lines, 34 found
Working Guides: Substack Working Guide 2026 09 15	480 lines, 19 found
Working Guides: Supabase settings	13 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: TI Demsey Working Guide	194 lines, 22 found
Working Guides: The Campus Working Guide 2026-08-05	142 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: Versions Claude daily brief session record 2026-08-27 1	234 lines, 40 found
Working Guides: claude-working-guidelines	54 lines, 29 found
Working Guides: daily-brief-guide 1	288 lines, 43 found
Working Guides: demsey-site-publishing-workflow	92 lines, 5 found
Working Guides: for reboot	132 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: hallucinations cloud ROOT CAUSE 2026-09-04	173 lines, 3 found
Working Guides: lpsd design build working guide	198 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: lpsd main site working guide	140 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: lpsd working guide source digest	941 lines, 85 found
Working Guides: mailing-list-working-guide	106 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: outlook hallucinations cloud delivery issue	344 lines, 5 found
Working Guides: playbook text	1 lines, 8 found
Working Guides: remotefile-development	138 lines, 0 found

Working Guides: the campus working guide	248 lines, 15 found
Working Guides: trust-company-mailmerge-working-guide	203 lines, 2 found
Working Guides: vera hub working guide	153 lines, 0 found
Working Guides: what-drives-the-ten-year	161 lines, 0 found