

# MEMORY YOU CAN TRACE.

*Keep the thread.*

Saving one useful idea, finding its original words  
later, and keeping the conversation easy to use.

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# A USEFUL IDEA SHOULDN'T LOSE ITS ORIGINAL WORDS.

## THE PERSON

Someone doing long-running AI-assisted work who wants to keep an idea without derailing the conversation.

## THE TASK

Save a passage, return in a different chat, get the exact wording back, and see where it came from.

## THE CHALLENGE

Make evidence available without turning every conversation into an admin panel.

# THREE THINGS AI PRODUCTS BLUR.

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SAVING IS NOT *approval*.

Keeping an idea doesn't make it approved memory. It stays a saved idea until the person decides otherwise.

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APPROVAL IS NOT TRUTH.

A person can approve a record. That doesn't make every statement in it true.

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QUOTATION IS NOT INTERPRETATION.

Original words come from what was saved; the model's explanation stays separate. A model saying an action ran is not evidence that it did.

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# LESS IN THE WAY.

*Room to think.*

BEFORE · ON EVERY MESSAGE

Original message...

Keep this idea for later

AFTER · ONE TAP AWAY

Original message...

▶ Message details

REVIEW BEFORE SAVING

Keep this exact passage?  
"a small weekly ideas digest"

Cancel

Keep idea

## FINDING

An assistant once explained a saved idea as needing approval to last. It doesn't. So the app, not the model, states the status.

## RULE

Cancel means nothing is saved. Saving confirms the exact passage first.

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# FIND THE WORDS. LET THE PERSON CHOOSE.

## SEVERAL MATCHES

Ask the person to choose, then recheck the chosen source before showing it.

## NO VALID MATCH

Say so plainly. Never substitute generated wording for the original.

What was that idea I kept for later?

FROM YOUR SAVED SOURCES

"a small weekly ideas digest"

Original wording · Saved idea

Not approved memory

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# MAKE "DONE" OBSERVABLE.

| REQUIREMENT             | HOW IT'S CHECKED                                                       |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EXACT SAVE              | The saved text matches the chosen passage, character for character.    |
| CANCEL MEANS NO SAVE    | No save request is sent and no new record exists.                      |
| APPROVAL STAYS SEPARATE | Approved memory and current work are unchanged by saving.              |
| LITERAL RECALL          | In a different chat, the same words come back, with no model call.     |
| SAFE AMBIGUITY          | The person chooses between matches; stale or changed ones are refused. |
| HONEST FAILURE          | The limit is reported. A quotation is never invented.                  |

# FROM ONE SAVED IDEA TO MEMORY WITH *consent.*

Archives proved the foundation: original words kept and retrievable on purpose. The next question was automatic recall that the person controls. That's Case Study 01, *Continuity with Consent.*

Founder-tested prototype · no external users yet · illustrative screens

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