Pixel Square
INTELLIGENCE

# Build an AI mini brain:

## Make Claude remember your work and learn the way you think.



João Tomé · Saturday 14 November 2026
Two hours, online

PART 1 OF 6 · 10 MIN

# Why a mini brain


1 · 10 min
**Why a mini brain**

2 · 15 min
How Claude works

3 · 20 min
The Foundation

4 · 35 min
The map and the rhythm

5 · 30 min
Quality and learning

6 · 5 min
Close

# Every new chat with Claude starts from zero.

MONDAY

**You explain your project.**

Remembers 0

TUESDAY

**You explain it again.**

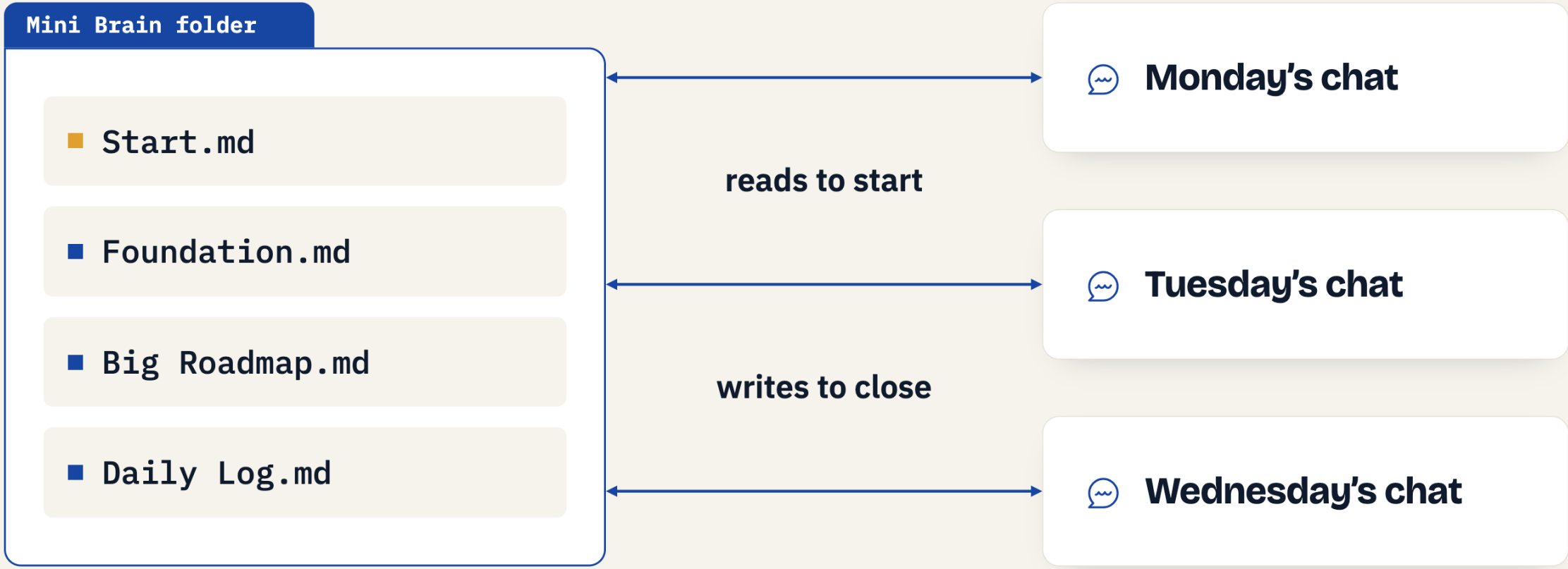
Remembers 0

WEDNESDAY

**And again.**

Remembers 0

# A folder of plain files is the memory every chat reads, so all your chats work as one.



# Today you leave with your brain running: your Foundation, one project, a capture chat.

**1**

### Your Foundation

your knowledge inside

**2**

### The big roadmap

**3**

### One project

its foundation, vision and roadmap

**4**

### A capture chat

**5**

### One closed chat

in the daily log

# Check-in: what do you never want to explain to Claude again?

One line each.

PART 2 OF 6 · 15 MIN

# How Claude works

1 · 10 min
Why a mini brain

2 · 15 min
**How Claude works**

3 · 20 min
The Foundation

4 · 35 min
The map and the rhythm

5 · 30 min
Quality and learning

6 · 5 min
Close

# Claude only knows what is in front of it in this chat.

**In this chat**

- Your message
- The files you attach
- The folder it just read

**Not in this chat**

- Yesterday’s chat
- Your other projects
- Your library

# Its built-in memory keeps a few facts about you, not your projects or your library.

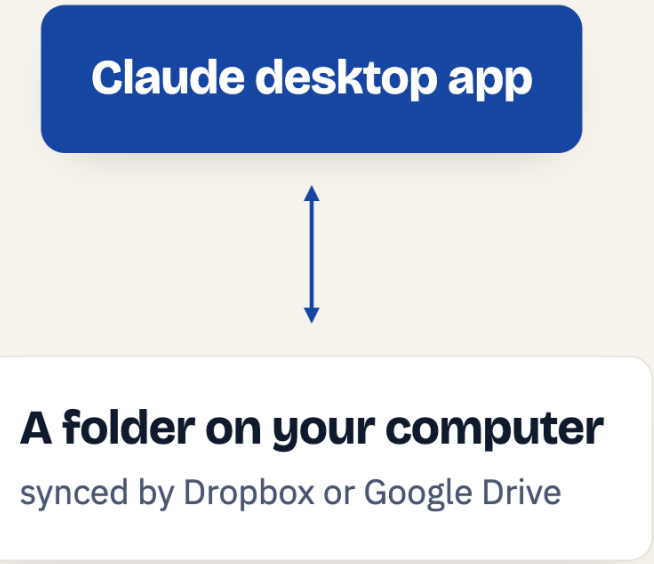
**Built-in memory keeps**

- Your name
- How you like answers
- A few facts about you

**Your folder keeps**

- Every project and where it stands
- Every decision, and why
- Your whole library
- What each chat did

# The desktop app reads and writes a folder on your computer, and that is what makes this work.



# Your custom GPT answers questions; the brain also plans, makes, checks and learns.

| | Your custom GPT | Your mini brain |
|---|---|---|
| Answers from your files | Yes | Yes |
| Plans your week from your roadmaps | Not by itself | Yes |
| Makes a piece to your playbook | Not by itself | Yes |
| Checks and grades it before you see it | Not by itself | Yes |
| Learns from every correction | Not by itself | Yes |

# Claude follows written instructions every time; the Start file is yours.

**Start.md**

```
# Start

This folder is your memory: read it before you work, write to it when we finish.

## Open: at the start of every chat

4. Tell me in one line what you read, then answer.

## How you answer

- The answer first. Anything I need to decide comes last, listed, each with its options.

## Close: when I say “close”
```

PART 3 OF 6 · 20 MIN

# The Foundation

1 · 10 min
Why a mini brain

2 · 15 min
How Claude works

**3 · 20 min**
**The Foundation**

4 · 35 min
The map and the rhythm

5 · 30 min
Quality and learning

6 · 5 min
Close

# The Foundation is what your brain can never violate, and the lens every answer comes through.

Every project

Every playbook

Every answer

**The Foundation**

never violated · the lens

# Your knowledge lives inside the Foundation: Trika texts, integral theory, Zen, whatever is yours.

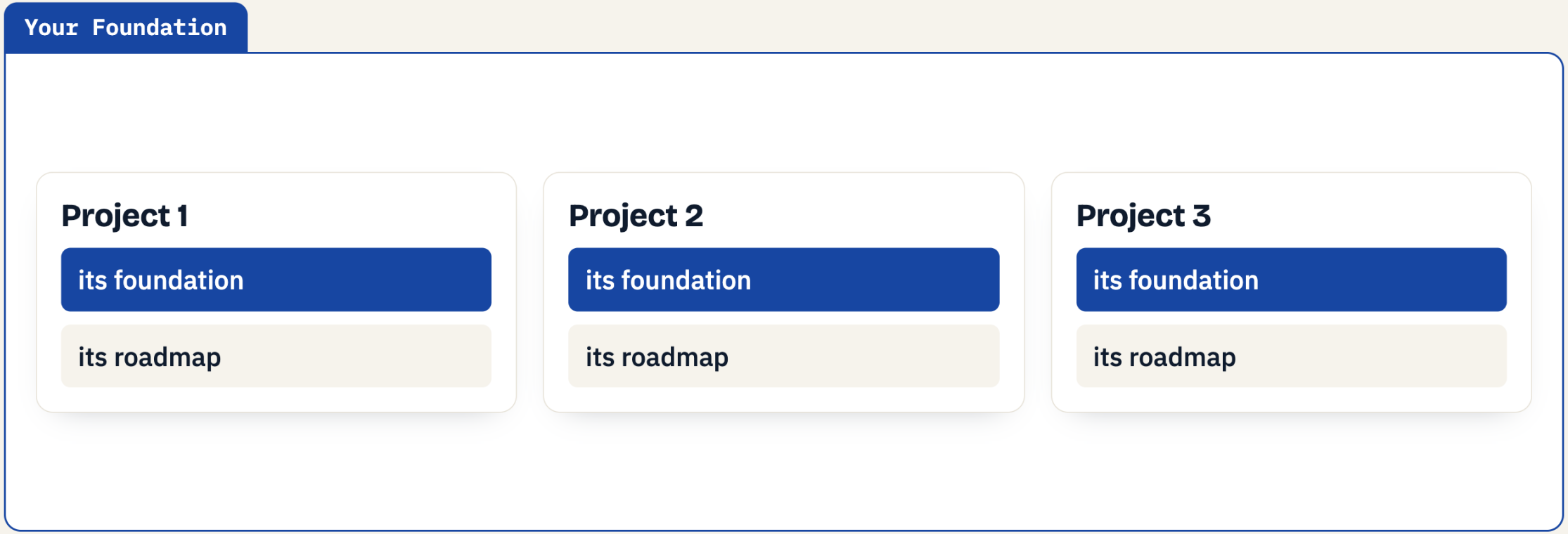
**Foundation**

- `Foundation.md`
- `Knowledge/`
- `Knowledge/Index.md`
- your texts and notes

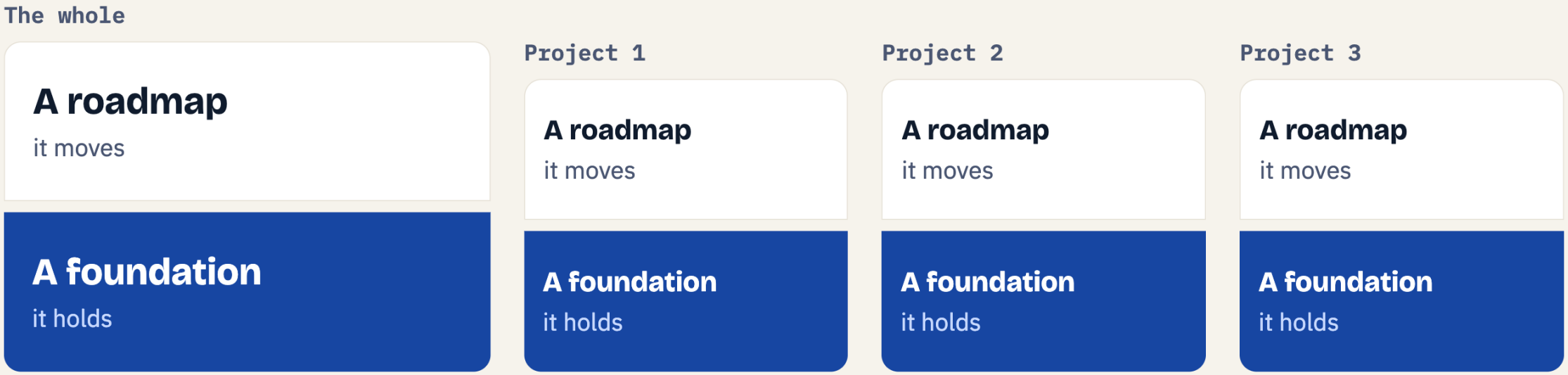
`Knowledge/Index.md, one line per file`

| File | What it is | Open it for |
|---|---|---|
| a text of yours | in one line | the questions it answers |
| … | … | … |
| … | … | … |

# Every project has its own foundation inside yours, and its own roadmap.



# The same shape repeats at every level: a foundation that holds, a roadmap that moves, for the whole and for each project.



# Prompt 2 turns your GPT's instructions and an interview into your Foundation.

**PROMPT 2 · SET UP THE FOUNDATION**

```
Read Start.md in my Mini Brain folder. Then build my
Foundation. If I have a custom GPT, I will paste its
instructions and put its files in Foundation/Knowledge:
write Knowledge/Index.md with one line per file (what it is,
what questions it answers), and turn the instructions into a
first draft of Foundation.md. Then interview me, one
question at a time, for what is missing: what can never be
violated (principles, values, limits), the lens every answer
should come through, and how you should talk to me. Use my
words. Show me Foundation.md before you write it.
```

**READS**

Start.md, your GPT's instructions and files

**ASKS YOU**

What can never be violated, the lens, how to talk to you

**SHOWS YOU**

Foundation.md, before writing it

**WRITES**

Foundation.md and Knowledge/Index.md

# Build 1 (15 min): bring your GPT's instructions and files into the Foundation; Claude interviews you for the rest.

1. Connect your Mini Brain folder in the Claude desktop app.
2. Open Start.md and fill in the first section: who you are, how you like answers.
3. Put your GPT's files in Foundation/Knowledge.
4. Paste prompt 2, **Set up the Foundation**, with your GPT's instructions.
5. Answer the interview. Read Foundation.md. Say yes.



PART 4 OF 6 · 35 MIN

# The map and the rhythm


1 · 10 min
Why a mini brain

2 · 15 min
How Claude works

3 · 20 min
The Foundation

4 · 35 min
**The map and the rhythm**

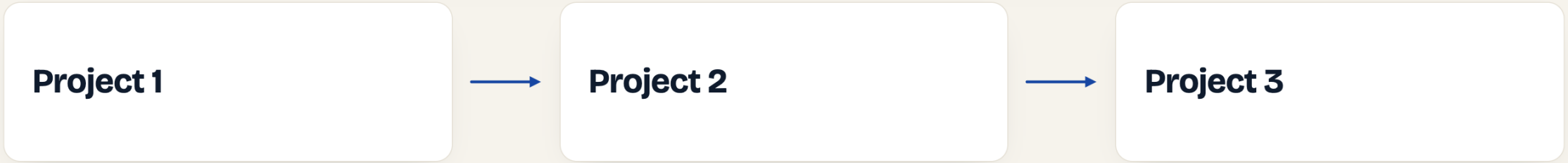
5 · 30 min
Quality and learning

6 · 5 min
Close

# The big roadmap holds where you are going and how your projects connect.

**Where you are going**

a few lines, in your words




Each arrow is one line: this project feeds that one, and how.

# Each project breaks down into components, deliverables and tasks.

| | |
|---|---|
| PROJECT | Its vision: the outcome, and a date if there is one |
| COMPONENT | A part the project needs |
| DELIVERABLE | The thing that proves it done: done when [the test] |
| TASK | One step you can do this week |
| TASK | And the next one |

# This month's and this week's plans come out of the roadmaps, never out of thin air.

**The roadmaps**
every deliverable

→

**This month**
the deliverables to finish

→

**This week**
their tasks

→

**Today**
what you do

# Prompt 6 plans your week from the roadmaps, and asks before adding anything else.

PROMPT 6 · PLAN THE WEEK

```
Plan my week. Read Big Roadmap.md and every
project's Roadmap.md. Propose this week's tasks from
the deliverables that come first, ordered by what
moves each project toward its vision. I have [hours]
hours. Nothing that is not in a roadmap without
asking me first. Update the roadmaps on my yes.
```

**READS**

Big Roadmap.md and every project’s Roadmap.md

**PROPOSES**

This week’s tasks, first deliverables first, for your hours

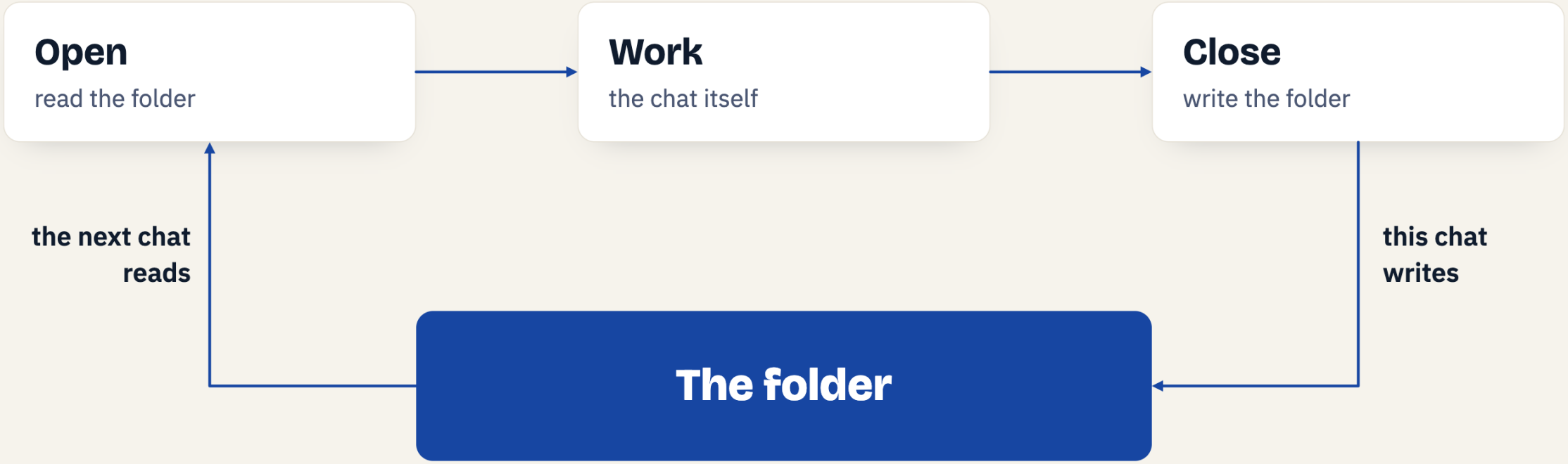
**ASKS YOU**

Before adding anything that is not in a roadmap

**WRITES**

The roadmaps, on your yes

# Every chat opens by reading and closes by writing, so every chat knows what the others did.



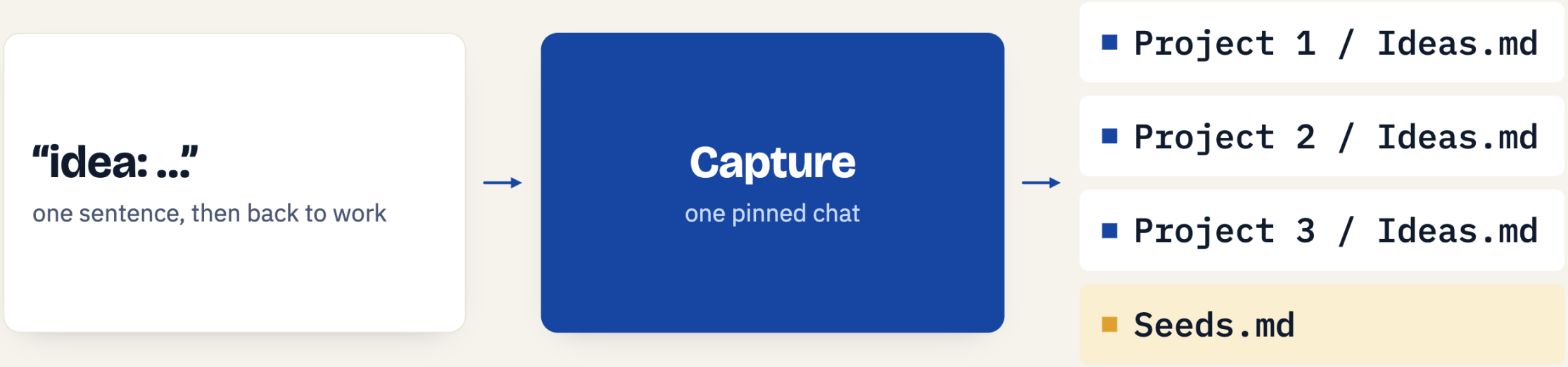
# The close is the one habit that makes it work: no close, no memory.

1. A Daily Log entry
2. The roadmap, and where the project stands
3. New facts, into Knowledge
4. Every lesson, taste and score
5. New links, into the Big Roadmap
6. What changed, file by file

# Once a week, a review fixes what went wrong, folds the lessons into the playbooks, and replans the roadmaps from your ideas.



# One capture chat takes every idea in a sentence and files it in its project, or in Seeds if it belongs to none yet.



# Prompt 5 turns one pinned chat into the place every idea goes.

PROMPT 5 · THE CAPTURE CHAT

```
This is my Capture chat. Read Start.md, the
Capture and Seeds section, and follow it for
every message here. I will write things like
"idea for [project]: ..." or just "idea: ..."
and go back to work.
```

**READS**

Start.md, the Capture and Seeds section

**YOU WRITE**

“idea: ...” and go back to work

**FILES**

The project’s Ideas.md, or Seeds.md

**ANSWERS**

One line back, no questions

# The whole folder fits on one slide.

**The whole**

- Start.md
- Foundation.md
- Knowledge/
- Big Roadmap.md
- Daily Log.md
- Seeds.md

**Projects: a folder each**

- Foundation.md
- Roadmap.md
- Knowledge/
- Ideas.md
- Lessons.md

**Playbooks: one per kind**

- Index.md
- Taste.md
- five starter playbooks
- Scoreboard.md

# Prompt 3 interviews you and writes the big roadmap.

PROMPT 3 · THE BIG ROADMAP

```
Interview me, one question at a time, to write
Big Roadmap.md: where I am going (a few lines),
my projects (one line each and where they
stand), how they feed each other, and this
month's three priorities. Show me the file
before you write it.
```

**ASKS YOU**

Where you are going, your projects, how they feed each other, this month’s three priorities

**SHOWS YOU**

The file, before writing it

**WRITES**

Big Roadmap.md

# Prompt 4 interviews you and builds a project: its foundation and its roadmap.

**PROMPT 4 · NEW PROJECT**

New project: [name]. Interview me one question at a time: what it is in one sentence; what it cannot violate (three to five lines, inside my Foundation); its vision (the outcome, and a date if there is one); the components it needs; what we already know (facts, links, people, prices). Then create Projects/[name]/ from the templates: the foundation, and the roadmap that starts with the vision and breaks it into components, the deliverable that proves each one done, and the first tasks for each deliverable. Add the project and its links to Big Roadmap.md. Show me everything before you write it.

**ASKS YOU**

What it is, what it cannot violate, its vision, its components, what you already know

**SHOWS YOU**

Everything, before writing it

**WRITES**

The project's Foundation.md and Roadmap.md, and its line in Big Roadmap.md

# Build 2 (15 min): create your first project, then say “close” and watch the log fill.

1. Paste prompt 3, **The big roadmap**. Answer. Say yes.
2. Paste prompt 4, **New project**, with your project’s name.
3. Answer the interview. Read the files. Say yes.
4. Type **close**.
5. Open Daily Log.md. Your first entry is there.



PART 5 OF 6 · 30 MIN

# Quality and learning

1 · 10 min
Why a mini brain

2 · 15 min
How Claude works

3 · 20 min
The Foundation

4 · 35 min
The map and the rhythm

5 · 30 min
**Quality and learning**

6 · 5 min
Close

# Every kind of work gets a playbook: how to make it, how to judge it, what we learned.

A playbook

How to make it

How we make it

How to judge it

The rubric

Checks before showing

What we learned

Lessons

Tastes

Changes

# Six lines grade every piece as it is now, never what it might become.

| The line | What it asks | Example |
|---|---|---|
| Foundation | It breaks nothing, and speaks from it | 10 |
| Taste | It sounds and looks like me | 8 |
| Reader | The person it is for gets it in one read | 9 |
| True | Nothing invented, every source named | 10 |
| Craft | The playbook’s checks pass | 7 |
| Roadmap | It moves the project toward its vision | 9 |

# Claude checks its work before you see it and never shows you less than an 8.



# When Claude does not know, it checks your files, then searches, then asks to add what was missing.

**Your files**
Foundation, Knowledge, playbooks

→

**Search**
and say where it came from

→

**Ask you**
“Can I add it?”

→

**Add it**
to the index, so every chat finds it

# When the choice is taste, Claude gives you three options and your pick teaches it.

**1**

a name, a grade

`Claude's pick`

**2**

a name, a grade

**3**

a name, a grade

`Your pick`

Your pick is filed as a taste, in your exact words.

# Every piece is a hit, a miss or unjudged, and its rounds are counted apart; only a verdict counts.

## Hit

It is right: you say yes, or its result lands.

## Miss

It is wrong.

## Unjudged

No verdict yet. It never counts, for or against.

## Rounds



every new version is one more

# Every correction is sorted first: Claude's mistake is a miss and a lesson; your preference is a taste, not a miss.

CLAUDE'S MISTAKE

## A miss, and a lesson

```
When X, do Y, because Z.
```

YOUR PREFERENCE

## A taste, not a miss

```
More X, less Y. ("your exact words")
```

# Every lesson and taste climbs from seen to automatic as it holds, and fades when it doesn't; three independent cases make it a rule.

**Seen**

it happened once

**Confirmed**

it held a second time

**Settled**

three independent cases, or your yes

**Automatic**

it is now a check in the playbook

# Three numbers prove the brain is learning: fewer rounds, higher first grades, more picks of its first option.



## Rounds to a yes

should fall, week by week



## The first grade

should rise



## Picks of its first option

should rise

# Before a piece goes out, Claude writes the result it expects; the real result judges it, and the weekly review turns results into the next improvement.



# Prompt 7 makes a piece the way your Start file says: playbook, check, grade, then show.

PROMPT 7 · MAKE A PIECE OF WORK

```
Make [the piece] for [project]. Follow Start.md:
read the playbook for this kind of work, check
it, grade it, and show it only at 8 or above. If
the choice is taste, give me three options.
```

**READS**
The playbook for this kind of work

**MAKES**
The piece

**CHECKS**
The playbook’s checks, then the six lines

**SHOWS YOU**
At 8 or above, with three options when it is taste

# Build 3 (15 min): ask for one piece with three options, pick one, and file the lesson or taste.

1. Paste prompt 7, **Make a piece of work**, for something real in your project.
2. Read the grade first, then the three options.
3. Pick one, by its number or its name.
4. Correct one thing. Claude's miss, or your taste?
5. Type **close**. Look at the playbook and the Scoreboard.



PART 6 OF 6 · 5 MIN

# Close


1 · 10 min
Why a mini brain

2 · 15 min
How Claude works

3 · 20 min
The Foundation

4 · 35 min
The map and the rhythm

5 · 30 min
Quality and learning

6 · 5 min
**Close**

# This week: three chats, each one closed.

MY PLAN

## When I finish a chat, I say close.

- [ ] Chat 1, closed
- [ ] Chat 2, closed
- [ ] Chat 3, closed

# Questions, and what comes next.

THE HANDOUT

## Every prompt and template, with a copy button

claude.ai/artifact/EEkJ7RVvrRBJdxexmJN87u



YOUR FEEDBACK

## Five minutes, before you go

[questionnaire link]

# Optional: one prompt turns your folder into a dashboard of what is done and what is not.

PROMPT 9 · A DASHBOARD

Read Start.md, Big Roadmap.md and every project's Roadmap.md. Build one page, Dashboard.html, in this folder. Show each project with its components and deliverables, each marked done, in progress or not started, one bar per project for how much is done, this week's tasks, and the last five Daily Log entries. Change no other file. Tell me when it is saved and how to open it.

DASHBOARD.HTML

