

Final Summary: Aichaku v0.5.0 Global Architecture Redesign

□ What We Achieved

Successfully transformed Aichaku from a “copy everything everywhere” tool to an elegant global-first architecture.

□ Key Metrics

- **Files in project repos:** 50+ → 0-2 (98% reduction)
- **Git commits needed:** Multiple .gitignore entries → None
- **User commands:** Confusing multi-step → Simple & clear
- **Message redundancy:** 3x → 1x per action

□ Architectural Changes

Before (v0.4.x)

- Every project got full methodology copies
- Complex .gitignore requirements
- Confusing upgrade process
- Redundant messaging

After (v0.5.0)

- **Global-only methodologies** in ~/.claude/
- **Projects reference global** + local customizations only
- **Clean git repos** by default
- **Beautiful, clear output**

□ Major Improvements

1. **Redesigned init command**
 - Global: Installs everything once
 - Project: Minimal setup, no file copying
 - Interactive prompts guide users
2. **Fixed all messaging**
 - Removed triple redundancy
 - Context-aware output
 - Success only when action occurs
3. **Enhanced all commands**
 - `integrate`: Shows line numbers
 - `uninstall`: Detects CLAUDE.md references
 - `upgrade`: Clear check vs action
4. **Updated methodologies**
 - Emphasized automatic folder structure

- Added STATUS-TEMPLATE.md
- Clear project organization

□ **Testing Results**

- Tested full flow in Nagare project
- Confirmed no methodology duplication
- Verified clean git status
- User reported “so much better!”

□ **Lessons Learned**

1. **Architecture matters** - Global-first design eliminated entire categories of problems
2. **Messages shape experience** - Clear, non-redundant output makes tools feel professional
3. **Interactive guidance helps** - Prompts at the right moment prevent confusion
4. **Dog-fooding reveals issues** - Using Aichaku on itself would have caught these earlier

□ **Impact**

This redesign positions Aichaku as a truly elegant tool that: - Respects developer workflows - Keeps repositories clean - Guides without imposing - Scales from solo to enterprise

□ **Timeline**

- **Started:** 2025-01-06
- **Planning:** ~2 hours (including testing/feedback)
- **Implementation:** ~3 hours
- **Released:** v0.5.0 published to JSR
- **Verified:** Working in production (Nagare project)

□ **References**

- [Implementation Plan](#)
- [Before/After Comparison](#)
- [Executive Summary](#)
- [GitHub Release](#)

This change transformed Aichaku from a good tool into a delightful experience.