

Universal context chain for project documentation

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The user is asking if this is a "stating prompt" (I think they mean "starting prompt" or asking if this is how to begin). They're showing me a universal context chain prompt template and explaining a documentation system.

Let me understand what they're asking:

1. They have a documentation structure with numbered files (01_VISION.md, 02_METHODOLOGY.md, etc.)
2. They're showing a template for how to structure prompts that reference these docs
3. They're asking if this is a "stating prompt" - likely meaning "is this the right way to start/structure prompts?"

Looking at their context from memory, they're working on a Guidewire training platform for their company InTime eSolutions. This appears to be a prompt engineering framework they want to implement for maintaining context and alignment across development work.

I should:

1. Clarify what they're asking
2. Evaluate whether this is a good prompt structure

3. Possibly help them refine it for their specific use case

The system they're describing seems like a good approach for maintaining context across conversations, especially for complex projects. It references multiple documentation files in a chain to ensure alignment.

I think you're asking if this is a **starting/setup prompt** for working on your Guidewire training platform project, right?

Yes, this is an excellent prompt structure! Here's what makes it powerful:

What This Does:

This is a **meta-prompt template** that creates perfect context for any development task by:

1. **Forcing vision alignment** - Can't build wrong features when vision is always present
2. **Chaining context** - Each doc references the next in logical flow
3. **Making implicit connections explicit** - "This serves the vision by..." prevents drift
4. **Creating instant recovery** - Return after days/weeks and rebuild full context

For Your InTime Academy Platform:

Given your focus on Guidewire training, this would look like:

I'm implementing [Student Progress Tracking] for our Guidewire ClaimCenter course.

Context chain:

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@project-docs/01_VISION.md - Training 100 Guidewire consultants/year
  ↓ Progress tracking ensures certification readiness
@project-docs/02_METHODOLOGY.md - Current manual tracking in spreadsheets
  ↓ Replaces weekly email check-ins with real-time dashboard
@project-docs/06_CURRENT_SPRINT.md - Sprint 3: Student Management Features
  ↓ Task 3.2: Build progress API and dashboard
@project-docs/04_TECHNICAL_SPEC.md - Use Next.js + PostgreSQL pattern
  ↓ Follow existing student schema in db/models/student.ts
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Current task: Create API endpoint for lesson completion tracking

This serves the vision by: Enabling data-driven intervention for struggling students

Build this maintaining perfect alignment with our chain.

Is this what you want to set up? Should I help you create the actual document structure (01_VISION.md, 02_METHODOLOGY.md, etc.) for your training platform?