

PIP AI — Next-Level UI/UX Refactoring Directives

1. Don't Just Scaffold—Bring the Vibe

- **Every new component should reflect the “modular agents” concept:**
 - Message bubbles = agent avatars, color accents, and animated entry.
 - Sidebar = glassy, modern, with glowing accent for active tab.
 - Every “status” (Ready, Parsing, Error) = pulsing badges, not just colored text.

2. Key Visual/Interactive Must-Haves

- **Sidebar (Sidebar.jsx):**
 - Active tab *glows* with accent color, icon animates on hover.
 - Collapsed mode = glass pill with icons only (hover expands).
- **Chat Window (ChatWindow.jsx & MessageBubble.jsx):**
 - Bubbles animate in (slide/fade/bounce).
 - Different color/shape/mini-icon per agent.
 - User input floats, with clear attach/send controls.
 - Show “typing...” for agents if latency is high.
- **Files Tab (FilesTab.jsx):**
 - Each file is a card/pill, not just a table row.
 - Status badges animate (e.g., shimmer or pulse for “Parsing”).
 - On error: shake animation, actionable error (e.g., retry or info tooltip).
 - Drag & drop zone overlays tab on hover/drag.
- **Smartsheet Tab (SmartsheetTab.jsx):**
 - Sheet loads with a skeleton shimmer.
 - Previews have “analyze”/“view”/“download” CTAs with icon buttons.
 - Error banners are friendly and dismissible.
- **History Tab (HistoryTab.jsx):**
 - Sessions are cards in a timeline, hover preview, tag/star feature.
 - Re-open loads session, restores context.

3. Smart Microinteractions

- Buttons animate on hover (scale up or color pulse).
- Sending a message animates send icon (arrow whooshes out).
- When an agent finishes processing, confetti or checkmark appears briefly.

4. Polish and Brand Layer

- **Typography:** Inter or Satoshi for headings, DM Sans or Helvetica Neue for body.
- **Accent Color:** Use a vivid brand color (e.g., #9147ff purple) for actions, glows, badges, but keep the background low-contrast.
- **Shadows:** Soft shadows behind floating elements (input bar, sidebar, file cards).
- **Accessibility:** Ensure tab order, focus rings, ARIA for all major actions.

5. Flow/UX Priorities (what *must* feel great before MVP demo):

1. Chat Input + Message Bubble Experience

- Feels modern, agent-driven, responsive.
- Animated bubble entry, agent avatars/icons, color-coded messages.

2. Files Tab Interaction

- File pills, animated parse states, intuitive drag-and-drop overlay.

3. Sidebar Polish

- Glowing active tab, smooth collapse/expand, glassmorphism.

4. General Error Handling

- All errors in chat or file cards are user-friendly, actionable, never dead ends.

Quick Mood Board References

- **Linear.app** for sidebar & glass layering
- **Notion** for card modals & clean info hierarchy
- **Discord/Slack** for chat bubble design and agent avatar color coding
- **Superhuman** for microinteractions, keyboard-first workflow
- **Vercel dashboard** for file previews and drag/drop zones

Final tip:

“Don’t treat this as a CRUD admin app. Treat it like a sleek, multi-agent command center—make the user feel like they’re orchestrating a team of smart bots, not just using a form.”

Let me know if you want word-mockups or exact behavioral specs for any interaction! (E.g., “Describe the send-message animation in detail,” or “What should happen when you drag a file over the drop zone?”)