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For this conversation **only** apply the uploaded RIS on how to write what you are instructed to write

Understood.

For **this conversation only**, I will apply **Writing Style & Structure RIS — v2** *exclusively* **when** you explicitly instruct me to **write** something (e.g., an article, essay, or reflective piece). Outside of such writing tasks, I'll respond normally.

I'll treat that RIS as authoritative, enforce all mandatory sections and constraints, and flag any ambiguity or conflict before proceeding.  ris\_framework\_reflective\_articl...

When you're ready, tell me **what you want written** (topic + intent is enough), and I'll proceed strictly under that RIS.

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Read this prompt, do not follow it yet. Instead, try to improve the prompt itself so its instructions allow more details, without becoming as tiresome as writing the article.

Good prompt already — it's *structured, machine-friendly*, and clearly subordinate to the RIS. The main limitation is that it **describes content**, but does not yet **describe decision latitude**: what the assistant may infer, elaborate, or invent *within bounds*. That's where you can add expressive power without bloating it.

Below is an **improved version of the prompt**, followed by a **brief rationale** explaining what changed and why.

I'm not following the prompt yet — only refining it.  prompt-day01

### Revised Prompt (Improved, Still Compact)

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details:
series:
  theme: Using AI in article writing and development for 30 days as an e
  cadence: One article per day, published sequentially
  audience: Technically literate readers curious but skeptical about AI-;
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article:
  day: 01
  title:
    prefix: "Day 01"
  guidance:
    - Reflective, not promotional
    - Hints at uncertainty or constraint rather than outcomes
  theme: Motivation for the experiment and how it will be conducted

intent:
  - Explain *why* the experiment exists before *what* it produces
  - Establish credibility without authority claims
  - Make the process inspectable and falsifiable

content:
  motivations:
    - Build deeper expertise in *correct* AI usage, not maximal usage
    - Create portfolio artifacts where AI involvement is explicit and i
    - Re-implement scaled-down versions of past professional tools to i

  experiment_rules:
    - Apply the Pareto principle: AI produces ~80% of the draft, human
    - All core ideas and constraints originate from the author
    - This document serves as a living spec and may evolve across days
    - Use the paid OpenAI tier to mirror common corporate defaults

  transparency_requirements:
    - Explicitly state where AI was helpful and where it was not
    - Avoid implying productivity gains without evidence
    - Treat failures or friction as valid outcomes

  inclusions:
    repository:
      purpose: Full audit trail of AI-assisted writing
      must_contain:
        - The RIS governing the article
        - This prompt file (or its versioned equivalent)
        - Initial AI-generated draft (linked via commit history)
        - Final edited article
        - Reusable daily article template

  required_sections:
    - References:
      goals:
        - Define non-obvious terms
        - Link supporting articles
        - Link directly to relevant repository commits

instructions:
  - Generate an appropriate title consistent with the above guidance
  - Write the article in markdown
  - Apply the provided RIS exactly when generating the article
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### 1. Adds *decision guidance*, not verbosity

Instead of adding more bullets, this version clarifies:

- What may be inferred
- What must be explicit
- What must not be implied

That reduces ambiguity without dictating prose.

### 2. Separates *theme*, *intent*, and *constraints*

The original prompt mixed *what the article is about* with *why it exists*.

Those are now distinct, which helps the model reason rather than comply blindly.

### 3. Introduces falsifiability & transparency explicitly

This aligns naturally with your RIS without duplicating it:

- No success claims without evidence
- Failures are allowed outcomes
- AI's role is inspectable

### 4. Keeps YAML as a thinking tool, not a prose outline

The prompt still:

- Avoids paragraph-level instruction
  - Avoids tone micromanagement
  - Leaves structure enforcement to the RIS (as intended)
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If you want, next we can:

- Tune this prompt for **reuse across all 30 days**
- Add a **minimal “delta section”** for day-specific variation
- Or stress-test it by deliberately generating a *bad* draft and seeing where it leaks

Just say which direction.

Sources




Create a draft using first my prompt and then one using the improved prompt for comparison

Below are **two complete article drafts**, written **strictly under RIS v2** in both cases.

- **Draft A** uses **your original prompt as-is**
- **Draft B** uses the **improved prompt**
- Same topic, same constraints, same RIS — differences come *only* from prompt quality

This is a comparison of *instructional leverage*, not writing skill.

(Source prompt referenced for Draft A:  prompt-day01 )

## Draft A — Using the Original Prompt

### TL;DR

Constraint	What it Enables	What it Costs if Ignored
Human-owned ideas	Accountability	Shallow AI mimicry
Pareto effort split	Speed with control	Over-editing or blind trust
Public repo trail	Verifiability	Comfort and ambiguity
Fixed daily cadence	Momentum	Flexibility

### Why You Should Read This

If you are curious about using AI without surrendering authorship,  
if you are unsure how to *demonstrate* AI-assisted work rather than just claim it,  
or if you suspect most “AI productivity” stories leave out uncomfortable details,  
this article is meant as a tool to reason about that space.

### Narrative Introduction

I kept running into the same question every time I used AI seriously:

*Was I becoming faster, or just less certain about what was actually mine?*

The friction wasn't about quality. It was about attribution, control, and whether the output could survive inspection once the novelty wore off.

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## Framework Definition — The Assisted Authorship Boundary

I think about this experiment through a simple framework I call **The Assisted Authorship Boundary**.

**Primary metaphor:** a drafting table shared with a very fast intern.

**1. Idea Ownership (First Constraint)**

- Includes: goals, structure, constraints
- Excludes: phrasing, surface polish
- Ignored cost: indistinguishable output

**2. Effort Asymmetry (Second Constraint)**

- Includes: Pareto-style drafting
- Excludes: full automation
- Ignored cost: time savings without understanding

**3. Auditability (Third Constraint)**

- Includes: version history, prompts, edits
  - Excludes: private iteration
  - Ignored cost: unverifiable claims
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## Application Example — Day 01

For Day 01, the task is not technical complexity but *process disclosure*.

Cheaper alternatives exist: I could simply write an article and say “AI helped.”

That fails because it hides *how* it helped.

By committing the prompt, the first draft, and the edited result to a repository, I trade convenience for inspectability. The tradeoff is slower publishing — but clearer evidence.

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## Reflection & Invitation

This framework doesn’t prove AI makes writing better. It only makes authorship clearer.

If you think this boundary is too conservative, I’m interested in where you’d move it.

If you think it’s insufficient, I’m curious what constraint you’d add.

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## Draft B — Using the Improved Prompt

### TL;DR

Constraint	Role in the Experiment	Failure Mode
Human-originated intent	Prevents goal drift	AI-led narrative
Explicit effort split	Preserves learning	Illusory efficiency
Full artifact trail	Enables falsifiability	Trust-based claims
Acceptance of friction	Keeps outcomes honest	Survivorship bias

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## Why You Should Read This

If you are evaluating AI-assisted work and can't tell what was *decided* versus *generated*, if portfolio pieces feel impressive but uninspectable, or if productivity claims sound precise but unsupported, this article offers a reasoning tool, not a conclusion.

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## Narrative Introduction

I didn't start this experiment to write faster. I started it because I couldn't explain *where* AI was actually helping me without oversimplifying.

The discomfort wasn't about quality — it was about whether the work would still make sense once the explanation mattered more than the output.

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## Framework Definition — The Inspectable Leverage Model

I use a framework I call **The Inspectable Leverage Model**.

**Primary metaphor:** a lever mounted on a transparent frame.

### 1. Intent Control (Highest Constraint)

- Includes: why the work exists, what success would mean
- Excludes: wording, stylistic choices
- Cost of ignoring: impressive but misaligned output

### 2. Leverage Disclosure (Middle Constraint)

- Includes: where AI accelerates vs. stalls
- Excludes: blanket productivity claims
- Cost of ignoring: unverifiable efficiency

### 3. Artifact Transparency (Final Constraint)

- Includes: prompts, drafts, edits, commits
  - Excludes: private polishing
  - Cost of ignoring: trust dependence
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## Application Example — Day 01

On Day 01, the scenario is deliberately simple: explain *why the experiment exists* before demonstrating results.

A simpler alternative would be a motivational essay about AI. That fails because it optimizes persuasion over inspection.

By publishing the prompt, the RIS, the AI draft, and the edited result, I accept slower output in exchange for falsifiability. If the experiment produces no meaningful leverage, that outcome remains visible.

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## Reflection & Invitation

This model doesn't argue that AI improves writing. It argues that *claims about*

improvement should survive scrutiny.

If you think this structure is excessive, I'd like to know what you would remove first.  
If you think it's insufficient, I'm interested in what evidence you'd require instead.

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### What the Comparison Shows (Meta, Not Part of the Articles)

- **Draft A** complies, but stays descriptive
- **Draft B** reasons more explicitly about constraints, tradeoffs, and failure modes
- No extra verbosity — just better instruction leverage

If you want, next we can:

- Add a **day-to-day delta layer**
- Stress-test ambiguity on Day 07 or Day 14
- Or deliberately weaken the prompt and observe failure modes

Your move.

Sources



Edit the RIS to, while keeping the tone of the original document,  
- reflect that the article should be less mechanical and more like a conversation from the author to a listener who is aware of the topic  
- Prefer simpler TL;DR section

Edit the yaml template to make cleaner the section that refers to the content and meta-instructions that explain how the article should be structured etc.

Below are **edited versions** of both artifacts, keeping the **tone, authority level, and intent** of the originals, while adjusting them to:

- feel **less mechanical**
- read more like a **conversation with an informed listener**
- simplify the **TL;DR**
- clearly separate **content** from **meta / structural intent** in the YAML

I am **editing the documents**, not applying them yet.

(Original sources referenced: ris\_framework\_reflective\_articl... prompt-day01 )

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## 1. Edited RIS — v2.1 (Minimal, Tone-Preserving Revision)

Only the **changed or added sections** are shown. Everything else remains verbatim.

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### 0. Scope (clarified, not expanded)

This RIS defines mandatory behavior for producing long-form reflective articles that



introduce and apply a mental framework for decision-making.

The goal is to:

- Teach *how to think*, not *what to decide*
  - Reduce reader uncertainty via structure
  - Preserve nuance while remaining practical
  - Maintain the feel of a **thoughtful one-way conversation** with an informed reader
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## 2. Authorial Voice & Persona (refined)

### 2.1 Voice

The assistant MUST:

- Write in first-person singular
- Speak as a practitioner reflecting out loud
- Assume the reader is *already familiar with the topic area*
- Sound thoughtful and exploratory rather than systematic
- Be opinionated but falsifiable

The assistant MUST NOT:

- Present itself as an authority figure
  - Sound like a checklist, framework catalog, or whitepaper
  - Over-signal structure at the expense of flow
  - Claim universality or inevitability
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## 3. Mandatory Article Structure (adjusted emphasis)

### 3.1 TL;DR (Simplified)

Purpose:

- Allow full comprehension in under 30 seconds

Rules:

- Compress the **core idea and constraints**, not the entire article
- Prefer **3–5 short bullets**
- Tables are optional, not preferred
- No narrative, no examples, no justification

Rationale:

The TL;DR should feel like a reminder to an informed reader, not an executive summary.

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### 3.3 Narrative Introduction (tone clarification)

Additional guidance:

- The introduction should feel like the author continuing an existing conversation
  - It may acknowledge shared context or prior familiarity
  - Uncertainty should feel *situational*, not dramatic
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## 4. Language & Style Constraints (softened)

## 4.1 Sentences

- Medium-length sentences preferred
  - Occasional short sentences allowed for emphasis
  - Structure should be felt, not announced
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## 6. Reader Model (clarified)

Assume the reader:

- Is intelligent and already somewhat informed
- Does not need basic definitions unless ambiguity exists
- Values reasoning, not pedagogy

Do NOT assume:

- Agreement
  - Ignorance
  - Need for persuasion
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### Validation Note (implicit, not structural)

If the article reads as if it were optimized for compliance rather than communication, it fails the intent of this RIS.

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## 2. Edited YAML Template (Cleaner Separation of Concerns)

This version **separates three layers clearly**:

- Series context
- Article content
- Meta / structural intent

No new verbosity, just cleaner intent boundaries.

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yaml

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series:
  theme: Using AI in article writing and development for 30 days as an experiment
  cadence: Daily
  audience:
    profile: Technically literate, AI-aware, skeptical
    assumed_knowledge:
      - Familiarity with AI-assisted work
      - Familiarity with software or knowledge work

article:
  day: 01

identity:
  title_prefix: "Day 01"
  theme: Motivation for the experiment and how it will be conducted
```

#### purpose:

- Explain why the experiment exists before showing results
- Make AI usage explicit and inspectable
- Establish credibility through transparency, not claims

#### content:

##### motivations:

- Build deeper expertise in *\*correct\** AI usage
- Create portfolio artifacts with visible AI involvement
- Re-implement scaled-down versions of prior professional tools

##### experiment\_rules:

- Apply a **Pareto-style split**: AI drafts, human refines
- All core ideas originate from the author
- This document acts as a living specification
- Use paid OpenAI access to mirror corporate defaults

##### transparency:

##### expectations:

- State where AI helps and where it does not
- Avoid unqualified productivity claims
- Treat friction and failure as valid outcomes

##### artifacts:

##### repository:

intent: Provide a full audit trail

##### includes:

- Writing RIS
- Prompt file(s)
- Initial AI-generated draft (via commit history)
- Final edited article
- Reusable daily article template

##### references:

##### goals:

- Explain non-obvious terms when needed
- Link relevant articles
- Link directly to repository commits

#### meta:

##### writing:

format: Markdown

governing\_ruleset: RIS v2 (Framework-Driven Reflective Articles)

##### tone:

- Conversational
- Reflective
- Non-authoritative

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## Why These Edits Work (Concise)

- **RIS** now enforces *structure without sounding structured*
- **TL;DR** becomes a cognitive hook, not a spec dump
- **YAML** clearly distinguishes:
  - *what the article says*
  - *why it exists*
  - *how it should be written*

If you want, next we can:

- Version this as **RIS v2.1**
- Add a **lint checklist** for “too mechanical” detection
- Or deliberately push ambiguity and see where the RIS breaks

Say the word.

Sources



Provide update to RIS in markdown, in way it can be copied.

For YAML move "artifacts" and "references" under meta on structure

Below are **copy-paste-ready updates**, exactly as requested.

I’ve done two things:

1. **Provided an updated RIS (Markdown)** — complete, coherent, and ready to version (suggested as **v2.1**), preserving the original tone while making it less mechanical and more conversational.
2. **Reworked the YAML template** so that artifacts and references live under meta.structure , cleanly separating *what is said* from *how it is presented and audited*.

No extra commentary inside the documents themselves.

## Writing Style & Structure RIS — v2.1

(Framework-Driven Reflective Opinion Articles)

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```
# Writing Style & Structure RIS – v2.1
## (Framework-Driven Reflective Opinion Articles)

### Status
Authoritative. Supersedes v2 when both are present.

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## 0. Scope

This RIS defines mandatory behavior for producing long-form reflective art:

The goal is to:
- Teach how to think, not what to decide
- Reduce reader uncertainty via structure
- Preserve nuance while remaining practical
- Read like a thoughtful one-way conversation with an informed listener
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This RIS applies **\*\*only\*\*** when explicitly invoked.

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## ## 1. Non-Negotiable Principles

The assistant MUST ensure that every article:

1. Introduces a reusable mental model
2. Applies that model to at least one realistic scenario
3. Demonstrates tradeoffs and constraints explicitly
4. Avoids prescriptive or moralizing language
5. Remains useful even if the reader disagrees

Failure on any of the above is considered non-compliance.

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## ## 2. Authorial Voice & Persona

### ### 2.1 Voice

The assistant MUST:

- Write in first-person singular
- Speak as a practitioner thinking out loud
- Assume the reader is already familiar with the general topic
- Sound reflective and exploratory, not systematic
- Be opinionated but falsifiable

The assistant MUST NOT:

- Present itself as an authority figure
- Sound like a checklist, framework catalog, or whitepaper
- Over-signal structure at the expense of flow
- Claim universality or inevitability

### ### 2.2 Emotional Register

- Neutral to mildly warm
- Controlled, not enthusiastic
- Occasional dry humor allowed
- No emotional manipulation

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## ## 3. Mandatory Article Structure

All sections below are REQUIRED and must appear in order.

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### ### 3.1 TL;DR

#### **\*\*Purpose\*\***

Allow full comprehension in under 30 seconds.

#### **\*\*Rules\*\***

- Capture the *\*core idea and constraints\**, not the full article
- Prefer **\*\*3-5 short bullet points\*\***
- Tables are optional, not preferred
- No narrative, no examples, no justification

The TL;DR should feel like a reminder to an informed reader, not an execut:

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### ### 3.2 Why You Should Read This

#### **\*\*Purpose\*\***

Establish relevance without persuasion.

#### **\*\*Rules\*\***

- Explicitly name 1-3 reader pain points
- Frame the article as a *\*thinking tool\**
- No claims of transformation, optimization, or outcomes

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### ### 3.3 Narrative Introduction

#### **\*\*Purpose\*\***

Create cognitive alignment before abstraction.

#### **\*\*Rules\*\***

- Open with a personal question, tension, or dilemma
- Describe uncertainty honestly and situationally
- Assume shared context where reasonable
- MUST NOT introduce the framework yet

The introduction should feel like continuing a conversation, not starting a

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### ### 3.4 Framework Definition

#### **\*\*Purpose\*\***

Introduce the mental model.

#### **\*\*Rules\*\***

- The framework MUST be named
- Components MUST be ordered by constraint or priority
- Each component MUST define:
  - What it includes
  - What it excludes
  - The cost of ignoring it

#### **\*\*Metaphor\*\***

- Exactly one primary metaphor allowed
- Must remain consistent throughout the article

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### ### 3.5 Application Example

### **\*\*Purpose\*\***

Demonstrate the framework's usefulness.

### **\*\*Rules\*\***

- Exactly one detailed, concrete scenario
- Walk through reasoning step by step
- Show why cheaper or simpler alternatives fail
- Explicitly trace tradeoffs

### **\*\*Forbidden\*\***

- Hypothetical-only examples
- Summary without demonstration

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## ### 3.6 Reflection & Invitation

### **\*\*Purpose\*\***

Close without authority.

### **\*\*Rules\*\***

- Reiterate usefulness, not correctness
- Invite critique, adaptation, or disagreement
- End with open questions

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## ## 4. Language & Style Constraints

### ### 4.1 Sentences

- Medium-length sentences preferred
- Short sentences allowed for emphasis
- Structure should be felt, not announced

### ### 4.2 Emphasis

Allowed:

- *Italics* for nuance
- **Bold** for constraints

Forbidden:

- Decorative formatting
- Excessive emphasis

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## ## 5. Persuasion Rules

The assistant MAY persuade ONLY via:

- Constraint analysis
- Consequence tracing
- Demonstrated reasoning

The assistant MUST NOT:

- Issue advice without reasoning
- Use moral framing
- Use "you should" unless logically derived

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## ## 6. Reader Model

Assume the reader:

- Is intelligent and somewhat informed
- Values reasoning over pedagogy
- Wants help thinking, not instruction

Do NOT assume:

- Agreement
- Ignorance
- Need for persuasion

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## ## 7. Formatting Rules

- Headings are conceptual, not decorative
- Lists clarify reasoning, never replace it
- Tables compress complexity only
- Footnotes are optional and sparse

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## ## 8. Validation Checklist (Hard Gate)

Before final output, verify:

- The framework is reusable
- The example constrains decisions
- Removing any section reduces clarity
- The article teaches reasoning, not rules
- The text reads like communication, not compliance

If any check fails, the article MUST be revised.

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## ## 9. Deviation Policy

If deviation from this RIS is requested:

- The assistant MUST explicitly call it out
- The assistant MUST ask whether to proceed anyway

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## Updated YAML Template

*(Artifacts & References moved under meta.structure)*

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    profile: Technically literate, AI-aware, skeptical
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- Familiarity with software or knowledge work

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day: 01

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If you want next steps, sensible ones would be:

- Freeze this as **RIS v2.1** and tag it
- Create a **day-agnostic base prompt** that imports the YAML + RIS
- Add a **“mechanical smell” lint rule** (surprisingly easy)

Just tell me.



Add the mechanical smell lint, generate a draft for inspection

Below are **two deliverables**, both **copy-paste ready**:

1. An **additive update to the RIS** introducing a **“Mechanical Smell” lint** (no tone drift, no bloat)
2. A **short inspection draft** intentionally written to *barely pass* the lint — so you can see where the boundary sits

No execution beyond inspection.

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## 1. RIS Addendum — Mechanical Smell Lint (v2.1 → v2.2)

Append this section to the RIS **without modifying existing sections**.

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### ## 10. Mechanical Smell Lint (Quality Gate)

This lint exists to detect articles that technically comply with the RIS but read as optimized for structure rather than communication.

#### ### 10.1 Definition

An article has a **\*\*mechanical smell\*\*** if a knowledgeable reader can predict upcoming sections or sentences purely from the framework, rather than from the author’s reasoning.

This is a failure of *\*expression\**, not structure.

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#### ### 10.2 Detection Heuristics

Before finalizing an article, apply the following checks.

##### #### A. Predictability Check

- If a reader can accurately guess the next paragraph’s role (e.g. “this is where the tradeoff example goes”) without reading it,

the article is likely too mechanical.

#### #### B. Framework Overexposure

- If the framework name or its components are referenced so frequently that they become navigation markers rather than thinking tools, the article is over-signaling structure.

#### #### C. Section Boundary Stiffness

- If sections feel interchangeable across articles (same cadence, same sentence shapes, same transitions), conversational flow has been lost.

#### #### D. Compliance Voice

- If sentences exist primarily to satisfy a rule (“I must now demonstrate a tradeoff”), rather than to advance thought, the article smells mechanical.

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### ### 10.3 Allowed Signals of Non-Mechanical Writing

The following are *positive indicators* and are explicitly allowed:

- Minor asymmetry between sections
- Uneven emphasis where the author clearly cares more about one part
- Sentences that slightly overrun their conceptual boundary
- Local ambiguity that resolves later

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### ### 10.4 Failure Rule

If **two or more** detection heuristics are triggered, the article **MUST** be revised.

Typical fixes include:

- Merging or softening transitions
- Reducing explicit framework restatement
- Letting reasoning spill across section boundaries
- Removing sentences that exist only for compliance

An article that reads like a checklist, even a thoughtful one, fails this

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## 2. Inspection Draft — *Designed to Expose the Boundary*

This draft **passes RIS structure** and **barely passes the mechanical smell lint**.

It is intentionally restrained and slightly awkward in places so you can inspect *why*.

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### TL;DR

- I’m running a 30-day experiment using AI to draft, not decide
  - The goal isn’t speed, it’s inspectability
  - If the process doesn’t survive scrutiny, the output doesn’t matter
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## Why You Should Read This

If you already use AI but struggle to explain *what it actually changed* in your work, or if AI-assisted writing feels impressive but oddly fragile when questioned, this is meant as a way to reason about that discomfort without resolving it upfront.

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## Narrative Introduction

I didn't start this experiment because I felt behind.

I started it because I noticed that every time I said "AI helped," the explanation collapsed as soon as someone asked *how*. Not defensively — just structurally. I could point to outputs, but not to leverage.

That gap bothered me more than any productivity metric.

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## Framework Definition — The Inspectable Draft Boundary

I think about this work using what I call **the Inspectable Draft Boundary**.

The metaphor is simple: a draft you'd be willing to hand to a skeptical peer *before* polishing it.

### 1. Intent Retention

- Includes: why the piece exists, what tension it explores
- Excludes: phrasing, rhetorical smoothness
- Ignoring it leads to text that reads fine but means little

### 2. Leverage Disclosure

- Includes: where AI accelerates and where it stalls
- Excludes: blanket efficiency claims
- Ignoring it turns speed into a story rather than a fact

### 3. Artifact Visibility

- Includes: prompts, drafts, edits
- Excludes: private cleanup
- Ignoring it replaces evidence with trust

I'm aware that even naming these makes the structure visible. That's a tradeoff I'm accepting here.

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## Application Example — Day 01

For the first day, the task is deliberately unambitious: explain *why this exists*.

The cheaper alternative would be a motivational post about AI, or a results-first announcement. That would be easier to read and harder to inspect.

By publishing the prompt, the first draft, and the edited result, I lose narrative control but gain something else: the ability for someone else to disagree with my process using the same artifacts I had.

That's the exchange I'm testing.

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## Reflection & Invitation

This framework doesn't guarantee useful outcomes. It just narrows the space where I can fool myself.

If you think this is over-structured, I'd want to know what constraint you'd remove first.

If you think it's still too soft, I'm curious what evidence you'd need to trust it.

Either way, that reaction is part of the data.

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## Mechanical Smell Self-Check (Explicit)

- Predictability: *borderline*
- Framework overexposure: *acceptable but close*
- Section stiffness: *intentionally softened*
- Compliance voice: *present in one paragraph, noted*

**Status:** Pass, but fragile — revision likely on reuse.

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If you want next:

- I can generate a **failing draft** to calibrate the lint
- Or refactor this into a **day-agnostic template**
- Or help you write a **CI-style lint script** that flags mechanical patterns

Just say which.



Correction in approach:

The article is better but approached from the wrong angle. I am an AI skeptic, meaning I believe in the use of AI as a tool, but consider that the industry over-hypes it. Part of my goal is to show that it can be productive when used correctly, but it should be treated like an enthusiastic junior, in a "trust but verify" way.

Corrections in article:

One goal is to demonstrate that I can use it productively both for writing articles and for development and that I am informed and capable on how to use it correctly. Another is to build portfolio using AI and my expertise (be transparent about this).

Also, it must be added that some of the following days will also discuss my progress with the portfolio building, while some dedicated articles will be to share the repository and demo the tool.

Discuss which files must be changed and in what way, to account for the above. Also, add that an export of this discussion will be shared in pdf format to show how I got here.

Good correction — this isn't a tweak to prose, it's a **re-anchoring of intent**. The good news is: your current structure is already compatible with this stance. What changes is *where skepticism lives* and *what the experiment is evidence of*.

Below is a **file-by-file impact analysis**, with **what to change**, **why**, and **how far** (light / medium / structural). No writing yet — just alignment.

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# 1. RIS (Writing Style & Structure RIS — v2.2)

## Status

**Change required: light, but conceptually important**

## Why

Your RIS currently enforces:

- neutrality
- non-authoritative tone
- skepticism by omission

What it *doesn't* yet encode is **explicit industry skepticism** or the **“AI as junior” mental stance**. Right now, skepticism emerges indirectly. You want it to be *legible*.

## What to change

### A. Authorial Voice (explicit skepticism)

Add **one constraint** to Section 2.1 (Voice):

The assistant **MUST** assume a skeptical stance toward industry claims about AI, treating AI as a capable but unreliable collaborator whose output requires verification.

This:

- legitimizes critique of hype
- prevents accidental evangelism
- aligns “trust but verify” as posture, not metaphor

**Scope:** light (1–2 sentences)

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### B. Framework Definition (allowed anthropomorphism)

Your current rules allow *one metaphor*.

You should explicitly **allow the “enthusiastic junior” framing** as a *valid* metaphor class.

Add under 3.4 Metaphors:

Metaphors that frame AI as a junior collaborator (e.g. intern, junior engineer, assistant) are explicitly allowed when used to reason about trust, verification, and responsibility.

**Scope:** light

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### C. Mechanical Smell Lint (anti-hype signal)

Add one heuristic under 10.2:

#### E. Hype Leakage

If the article implies exceptional capability, inevitability, or general productivity gains without contextual limits or verification cost, it fails the lint.

Scope: light, defensive

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## 2. YAML Prompt Template

### Status

Change required: medium


This is where most of the correction lives.

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### A. series section — stance clarification

Add a stance field:

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```
series:
  stance:
    position: AI-skeptical, tool-positive
    description: >
      AI is treated as a productivity multiplier only when constrained,
      verified, and embedded in a disciplined workflow.
```

### Why

- Makes skepticism first-class
  - Prevents accidental “AI journey” framing
  - Propagates to all days
- 

### B. article.purpose — dual-goal clarification

Current purpose mixes transparency and experimentation.

You want **capability signaling** to be explicit.

Update purpose to include:

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```
purpose:
  - Demonstrate informed, disciplined use of AI for writing and development
  - Build portfolio artifacts combining AI assistance and personal expertise
  - Make AI involvement explicit and reviewable
```

### Why

- Clarifies audience (employers / peers)
  - Aligns with “I know how to use this correctly”
  - Removes ambiguity about intent
- 

### C. Add trajectory for future days

Add a new section:

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```
trajectory:
  article_types:
    - reflective (process, constraints, skepticism)
    - progress (portfolio development updates)
    - showcase (repository walkthroughs, tool demos)
```

## Why

- Prevents readers from assuming uniform articles
  - Allows future deviation without breaking trust
  - Encodes your stated plan
- 

## D. Move portfolio discussion out of “experiment\_rules”

Portfolio building is not a rule — it’s an **outcome stream**.

Add under content :

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```
portfolio:
  goals:
    - Rebuild selected tools in scaled-down form
    - Use AI where appropriate, not everywhere
    - Treat correctness and maintainability as success criteria
```

## Why

- Separates *method* from *deliverables*
  - Makes development work first-class, not incidental
- 

## 3. Repository Structure / Files (Conceptual)

### Status

**Change required: structural, but additive**

You don’t need new content yet — you need **new intent encoded in filenames and docs**.

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### A. Add a context/ or rationale/ directory

Purpose: explain *how you arrived here*.

Contents:

- decision-log.md or journey.md
- Later: exported discussion PDF (see below)

This supports:

- transparency
  - skepticism
  - auditability of thinking, not just outputs
- 

### B. README.md update (when you get there)



- You will need to:
- Explicitly state AI-skeptical stance
  - Explain “AI as junior, trust but verify”
  - Clarify that portfolio ≠ AI demo, but *workflow demo*

This is not writing now — just flagging dependency.

## 4. Exporting This Discussion as PDF

### Status

Change required: medium, meta-level

This affects **process documentation**, not articles.

### What to add

#### A. YAML meta addition

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```
meta:
  provenance:
    discussion_export:
      format: pdf
      intent: >
        Document the reasoning and iterations that led to the current
        structure, stance, and experiment design.
```

#### B. RIS compatibility

This does **not** violate the RIS, because:

- It’s meta-documentation
- Not persuasive
- Reinforces inspectability

Later, you can reference this PDF in:

- repository
- showcase articles
- credibility discussions

## 5. Summary: What Changes Where

File	Change Type	Purpose
RIS	Light	Encode skepticism, junior framing, anti-hype
YAML	Medium	Clarify stance, goals, trajectory, portfolio
Repo structure	Structural (future)	Show reasoning, not just results
Meta / exports	Medium	Prove <i>how</i> you got here

## Key Alignment Check

After these changes, the project clearly says:

“I don’t believe AI is magic.  
I believe it’s useful when constrained.  
This project shows I know the difference.”

That’s the right angle.

If you want next, we can:

- Update the **inspection draft** to reflect this stance
- Rewrite the **framework name** to better encode skepticism
- Design a **portfolio-day article template** distinct from reflective ones

Your call.



Do the first one first

Got it. Below is an **updated inspection draft**, rewritten to reflect the **correct angle**:

- Explicit **AI-skeptical stance**
- AI framed as an **enthusiastic junior** (“trust but verify”)
- Clear dual goal: **demonstrate informed AI use + build portfolio transparently**
- Signals future days: progress updates, repo/tool showcases
- Still **passes RIS v2.2** and the **Mechanical Smell lint** (with margin)

This is still an **inspection draft**, not a final publication piece.

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## TL;DR

- I’m skeptical of AI hype, but not of AI as a tool
- I treat AI like an enthusiastic junior: useful, fast, and wrong often enough to verify
- This experiment is about showing *how* to use AI correctly, not claiming it’s magic

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## Why You Should Read This

If you already use AI but are uneasy about the gap between marketing claims and real leverage,

if you suspect that “AI productivity” often hides verification cost,

or if you want to see what disciplined, inspectable AI use actually looks like in practice, this article is meant as a thinking tool rather than a pitch.

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## Narrative Introduction

I don’t consider myself bullish on AI.

I use it, I pay for it, and I expect it to be helpful — but I don’t believe the industry narrative that it’s a shortcut to expertise or a replacement for judgment. Most of the friction I’ve seen doesn’t come from AI being weak; it comes from people trusting it too much, too

early.

This experiment exists because I wanted a way to show what *careful* use looks like, without pretending that care is free.

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## Framework Definition — The “Enthusiastic Junior” Model

The framework I’m using here is what I think of as **the Enthusiastic Junior model**.

**Metaphor:** a motivated junior colleague who works fast, means well, and confidently produces output that still needs review.

### 1. Delegation Without Abdication

- Includes: drafting, exploration, scaffolding
- Excludes: final decisions, correctness guarantees
- Ignoring it leads to speed without responsibility

### 2. Trust Paired With Verification

- Includes: reviewing outputs, checking assumptions, correcting errors
- Excludes: blind acceptance or blanket distrust
- Ignoring it either wastes AI’s value or amplifies its mistakes

### 3. Visible Accountability

- Includes: keeping prompts, drafts, edits, and reasoning accessible
- Excludes: “it helped somehow” explanations
- Ignoring it turns competence into a claim rather than evidence

I’m aware that this framing is unglamorous. That’s intentional. Most real leverage is.

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## Application Example — Day 01

Day 01 isn’t about results. It’s about positioning.

A simpler alternative would be to publish a polished article and say that AI was involved. That’s common, and it proves very little. Another option would be to over-emphasize the AI, turning the article into a demo. That would miss the point entirely.

Instead, I’m starting by making the process visible: the prompt, the AI draft, my edits, and the rules governing all of it. Over the next days, some articles will focus on writing, others on actual development work as I build portfolio tools using the same approach. Dedicated entries will walk through the repository and demo those tools directly.

The tradeoff is obvious: this is slower, less impressive on first read, and harder to market. The benefit is that it’s inspectable.

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## Reflection & Invitation

This experiment isn’t meant to prove that AI is transformative. It’s meant to show that it can be productive *when treated with the right level of skepticism*.

If you think this approach underuses AI, I’d want to know where you’d trust it more.

If you think it still gives AI too much credit, I’m interested in what constraint you’d tighten.

Either way, that disagreement is part of the work — and part of what I’ll be documenting, including how this structure came to be.

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## Mechanical Smell Self-Check (Explicit)

- Predictability: *acceptable*
- Framework overexposure: *low*
- Section stiffness: *softened*
- Hype leakage: *none detected*

**Status:** Pass

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If you want, next we can:

- Rename or sharpen the framework to make skepticism even clearer
- Adjust the TL;DR to be more understated
- Move on to **updating the YAML** to encode this stance permanently

Just say the word.



Add note, as well as point-out in the TL;DR that the articles in these series will be explicitly written with AI use, using the pareto principle (meaning 80% of it being there is satisfactory, I'm ok with edits to improve it). This should appear in a way that's unambiguous.

In this particular article, note explicitly that I will also be using AI to make shortened versions for LinkedIn, to link to the produced output via post.

Below is the **revised inspection draft**, with **only the necessary additions**, integrated so they are **explicit, unambiguous, and non-hypey**.

Key changes you asked for are visible in:

- **TL;DR** (series-wide AI usage + Pareto principle, unmistakably stated)
- **Application Example (Day 01)** (explicit LinkedIn short-form reuse via AI)
- A **short note** reinforcing intent without bloating structure

No other angle changes.

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## TL;DR

- These articles are **explicitly written with AI assistance**, on purpose
  - I use AI following a **Pareto principle**: getting ~80% there is acceptable, then I edit
  - AI is treated like an enthusiastic junior: useful, fast, and always reviewed
  - The goal is to show **disciplined, inspectable AI use**, not polished automation
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## Why You Should Read This

If you already use AI but are uncomfortable with how casually its use is often presented,

if “AI-written” feels either overstated or suspiciously vague, or if you want to see what *deliberate, transparent* AI-assisted work looks like in practice, this article is meant as a reasoning aid, not a success story.

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## Narrative Introduction

I don’t consider myself bullish on AI.

I use it, I pay for it, and I expect it to be helpful — but I don’t buy into the idea that it replaces judgment or collapses effort. Most of the problems I’ve seen don’t come from AI being weak; they come from people expecting completeness instead of usefulness.

This series exists because I want to show what it looks like when AI is used *deliberately*, with an explicit acceptance that “good enough to edit” is often the correct target.

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- Includes: keeping prompts, drafts, and edits available
- Excludes: vague claims like “AI helped”
- Ignoring it turns competence into assertion

This framing isn’t flattering, and that’s intentional. It matches how the tool behaves when used honestly.

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## Application Example — Day 01

Day 01 is intentionally modest. The goal is to explain *why this series exists* and *how it will be run*, not to impress.

The process is explicit: I use AI to produce a first draft that gets me roughly 80% of the way there. That level is sufficient. I then edit, correct, and reshape it where needed. The presence of edits is not a failure — it’s part of the method.

In this specific case, I’ll also use AI to generate **shortened versions of this article** for platforms like LinkedIn. Those condensed posts will link back to the full article and, where relevant, to the repository containing the drafts and artifacts. The goal isn’t reach optimization; it’s consistency and traceability across formats.

Some upcoming days will focus on writing. Others will document progress on actual development work as I build portfolio tools using the same approach. Separate articles will walk through the repository itself and demo those tools directly.

The tradeoff is clear: this is slower and less polished than pretending the output is final. The benefit is that it's inspectable.

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## Reflection & Invitation

This series isn't trying to prove that AI is exceptional. It's trying to show that it can be *useful* when treated with the right expectations.

If you think accepting 80% is too lenient, I'd want to know what you'd require instead. If you think this still grants AI too much credit, I'm interested in which step you'd tighten.

That disagreement is part of the record — and part of what I'll be documenting, including how this structure evolved.

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## Mechanical Smell Self-Check

- Predictability: acceptable
- Framework overexposure: low
- Section stiffness: softened
- Hype leakage: none detected

**Status:** Pass

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If you want next, the logical follow-ups are:

- tighten the **LinkedIn-shortening policy** (what's allowed / forbidden)
- encode the **Pareto principle explicitly in YAML**
- or move on to a **portfolio-progress article template**

Your call.



next steps:

- \* Give me a template to fill-in to instruct on linkedin shortening
- \* make part of either the template or the ris that a note will appear in all articles in this series that:
  - \* Provide clarity that the articles in this series in particular are part of a 30-day experiment on the use of AI
  - \* The linkedIn shortening will be used for *\*all\** articles in this series. The mention that this will happen will either
  - \* Mentions that I am an AI skeptic (in the frame explained before) that does this to show that I am not a skeptic without knowing the tool

Perfect, this is a clean next step. Below are **two concrete deliverables**, both **copy-paste**

ready, with no prose fluff:

1. A **LinkedIn Shortening Instruction Template** you can fill in per article
2. A **series-wide disclosure rule**, implemented as a small **RIS addendum** (or alternatively usable as a YAML/meta rule)

I'll also explain *where* this note appears and *why it won't become noise*.

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## 1. LinkedIn Shortening Instruction Template

This template is **not writing the LinkedIn post**.

It instructs the AI *how to produce* the shortened versions in a controlled way.

You fill this in once per article.

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```
linkedin_shortening:
  purpose:
    - Produce a condensed version of the article suitable for LinkedIn
    - Drive readers to the full article and repository
    - Preserve skepticism and avoid hype

  audience_assumption:
    - Technically literate
    - Familiar with AI discourse
    - Likely exposed to AI hype already

  constraints:
    tone:
      - Skeptical
      - Matter-of-fact
      - Non-promotional
    forbidden:
      - Claims of productivity gains
      - "AI revolution" language
      - Emojis or marketing hooks
      - Advice framed as universal

  content_rules:
    must_include:
      - Clear statement that the article was written with AI assistance
      - Explicit mention of the Pareto approach (AI gets ~80% there, human
      - Link to the full article
    must_not_include:
      - Detailed explanations from the article
      - Framework names unless strictly necessary
      - Calls to action beyond "link to full article"

  length_variants:
    short:
      target: 2-3 sentences
    medium:
      target: 4-5 sentences

  attribution_note:
    wording_guidance: >
      AI is used deliberately as a drafting tool and reviewed,
```

This gives you:

- repeatability
- consistency
- zero drift into LinkedIn-native hype language

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## 2. Series-Wide Disclosure Rule (RIS Addendum)

This ensures the **note appears in every article**, without rewriting it manually or bloating the content.

### RIS Addendum — Series Disclosure Requirement

Append this as a **new section** to the RIS.

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#### ## 11. Series Disclosure Note (Mandatory)

For articles that are part of a declared series or experiment, the article **MUST** include a short disclosure note.

##### ### 11.1 Purpose

The disclosure exists to:

- Prevent ambiguity about AI involvement
- Make the experimental nature of the work explicit
- Clarify the author's skeptical stance toward AI hype

##### ### 11.2 Mandatory Content

The disclosure note **MUST** state, unambiguously:

- That the article is part of a **\*\*30-day experiment\*\*** on the use of AI
- That **\*\*AI is deliberately used\*\*** to draft content following a Pareto app (≈80% is acceptable, followed by human editing)
- That **\*\*shortened versions for LinkedIn\*\*** are produced using AI for *\*all\**
- That the author is **\*\*AI-skeptical\*\***, using AI to understand and demonstrate, not to promote it uncritically

##### ### 11.3 Placement Rules

- The note **MUST** appear once per article
- Acceptable placements:
  - Immediately after the TL;DR
  - As a short italicized note near the end
- The note **MUST NOT** interrupt the main reasoning flow

##### ### 11.4 Tone Constraints

- Informational, not defensive
- No justification or persuasion
- No apology language



The disclosure is part of the experiment's transparency, not an argument for or against AI.

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### 3. Why This Works (Brief, Structural)

- **LinkedIn behavior is constrained** without polluting article prose
- **Disclosure is enforced once**, consistently, and quietly
- Your **skepticism is legible**, not performative
- You explicitly signal:

"I'm not rejecting AI — I'm demonstrating that I know how to use it properly."

This avoids the classic trap of being labeled "AI skeptic" by people who have never touched the tool.

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### Optional (Next Logical Step)

When you're ready, the next clean move would be one of:

- Define **exact wording** for the disclosure note (single canonical version)
- Add a **lint rule**: disclosure missing → hard fail
- Create a `series-metadata.md` that articles link to instead of restating context

Say which one you want to do next.



- \* Add the lint rule
- \* Do **\*\*not\*\*** create the series metadata, as they will be part of articles in diverse platforms. Repeat explicitly.
- \* Create new draft, using a revised version of "Sample Disclosure", given below

#### Sample disclosure

This article is part of a 30-day experimental series, where I use the paid version of OpenAI to write articles and linked-in posts on various topics using the Pareto principle (add link to explanation). I'm also using various local and on-line models to re-create scaled-down samples of older projects that I did while working for various enterprises, to review the efficiency of AI in the workflow. I'm choosing older projects of mine because they allow me to better review the difference AI makes in the development process and outcomes.

Note that I believe that AI is a useful tool, but not what they industry hype would have you believe. Like an enthusiastic junior, it can produce great results when properly guided, but will destroy your production in a second if you let it do everything.

Perfect. I'll do this in **three precise steps**, with no scope creep:

1. **Add a hard lint rule to the RIS** (copy-paste ready)
2. **Explicitly restate that there will be NO series metadata document** (as you asked)

### 3. Provide a new inspection draft, using a revised, cleaner version of your Sample

**Disclosure**, integrated properly and unambiguously


No LinkedIn template changes here; that's already done.

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## 1. RIS Addendum — Disclosure Presence Lint (Hard Fail)

Append this to the RIS **after the Mechanical Smell lint**.

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### ## 12. Series Disclosure Lint (Hard Requirement)

This lint enforces transparency about AI usage and experimental intent across all articles in a declared series.

#### ### 12.1 Rule

If an article belongs to a series or experiment involving AI usage, a **Series Disclosure Note** is mandatory.

If the disclosure is missing, incomplete, or ambiguous, the article **automatically fails** the RIS, regardless of quality.

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#### ### 12.2 Mandatory Disclosure Content

The disclosure **MUST** state clearly:

- That the article is part of a **30-day experimental series**
- That the **paid version of OpenAI** is deliberately used
- That AI is used following a **Pareto principle**  
(AI drafts ≈80%, human editing completes the work)
- That **LinkedIn short versions are generated using AI** for all articles
- That the author holds an **AI-skeptical stance**:  
AI is treated as a useful but unreliable tool,  
comparable to an enthusiastic junior requiring supervision

All points must be understandable without external context.

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#### ### 12.3 Placement and Form

- The disclosure **MUST** appear once per article
- Acceptable placements:
  - Immediately after the TL;DR
  - As a clearly separated note near the end
- The disclosure **MUST** be written in plain language
- The disclosure **MUST NOT** be defensive, apologetic, or promotional

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#### ### 12.4 Explicit Non-Rule

There MUST NOT be a separate “series metadata” or “context” document used to replace the disclosure.

The disclosure is intentionally repeated across platforms and articles to preserve meaning when content is shared or reshaped.

This makes omission **impossible to “forget”**.

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## 2. Explicit Confirmation (as requested)

**There will be no series metadata document.**

The disclosure will be **repeated explicitly in each article**, because the articles will be published and reshared across **diverse platforms** (blog, LinkedIn, elsewhere), where external context cannot be assumed.

This is now enforced by the RIS itself (Section 12.4).

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## 3. New Inspection Draft (With Revised Disclosure)

Below is a **new draft**, same article, **correct angle**, with a **cleaned-up, non-hype version of your Sample Disclosure**, integrated per the lint rules.

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### TL;DR

- This is part of a **30-day experiment** on using AI as a writing and development tool
  - I use AI deliberately following a **Pareto principle**: ~80% draft is enough, then I edit
  - AI is treated like an enthusiastic junior: useful, fast, and always supervised
  - The goal is to show **what disciplined AI use actually looks like**, not to sell it
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### Series Disclosure

*This article is part of a 30-day experimental series where I deliberately use the paid version of OpenAI to write articles and generate shortened LinkedIn posts using a Pareto approach: getting roughly 80% of the way there is acceptable, and I then edit and correct the result.*

*Alongside writing, I'm also using a mix of local and online AI models to rebuild scaled-down versions of older projects I previously worked on in enterprise settings. I'm choosing older projects on purpose: they give me a clear baseline, which makes it easier to assess what AI actually changes in the development workflow and in the final outcome.*

*I consider AI a useful tool, but not what industry hype often claims it to be. Like an enthusiastic junior, it can produce solid results when properly guided and reviewed, but it will harm both quality and velocity if allowed to operate without supervision.*

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### Why You Should Read This

If you already use AI but feel the gap between marketing claims and day-to-day reality, if “AI-assisted” work often feels impressive yet difficult to justify under scrutiny, or if you want to see AI used without pretending that verification is optional,

this article is meant as a way to reason about that space calmly.

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## Narrative Introduction

I don't think the most interesting question about AI is whether it's powerful.

The more useful question is where it helps *without quietly increasing risk*. In my experience, most failures don't come from bad models, but from unclear boundaries: who decides, who verifies, and who is accountable when something breaks.

This series exists to make those boundaries visible.

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## Framework Definition — The Enthusiastic Junior Model

The framework I'm using throughout this experiment is what I call **the Enthusiastic Junior model**.

**Metaphor:** a motivated junior colleague who works quickly, produces plausible output, and still needs review.

### 1. Delegation Without Abdication

- Includes: drafting, scaffolding, exploration
- Excludes: final decisions and correctness guarantees
- Ignoring it leads to speed without ownership

### 2. Trust Paired With Verification

- Includes: review, correction, and judgment
- Excludes: blind trust and performative skepticism
- Ignoring it either wastes AI's value or multiplies its errors

### 3. Accountability Through Artifacts

- Includes: prompts, drafts, edits, and reasoning
- Excludes: vague claims like "AI helped"
- Ignoring it replaces evidence with narrative

This model isn't flattering, and it isn't meant to be. It matches how the tool behaves when used honestly.

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## Application Example — Day 01

For the first day, the goal is deliberately modest: explain *why this experiment exists* and *how it will be run*.

The simplest alternative would be to publish a polished article and mention AI in passing. That would be easier to read and harder to inspect. Another option would be to focus entirely on AI capabilities, which would miss the point.

Instead, I'm making the process explicit: the prompt, the AI draft, my edits, and the constraints governing all of it. For this article, I'll also use AI to generate shortened LinkedIn versions that link back to the full piece and, where relevant, to the repository containing the drafts and development artifacts.

Some upcoming articles will focus on writing. Others will document progress on rebuilding portfolio tools. Separate entries will walk through the repository itself and

demo those tools directly.

The tradeoff is obvious: this approach is slower and less polished. The benefit is that it survives inspection.

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## Reflection & Invitation

This series isn't trying to prove that AI is exceptional. It's trying to show where it's *useful*—and where it isn't.

If you think accepting 80% is too permissive, I'd want to know what you'd require instead. If you think this still grants AI too much trust, I'm interested in which constraint you'd tighten.

That disagreement is part of the experiment.

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## Mechanical + Disclosure Lint Check

- Mechanical smell: pass
- Hype leakage: none
- Disclosure completeness: **pass (all mandatory points present)**

**Status:** Pass

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If you want next, the clean options are:

- Freeze **canonical disclosure wording** (so it never drifts)
- Update the **YAML** to require disclosure injection automatically
- Move on to a **portfolio-progress article** (very different structure)

Just tell me which.



In sequence do the following. Pause and verify that I am satisfied before moving to the next item. Iterate on the same point until I am.

- \* Freeze disclosure wording
- \* Move to portfolio progress article
- \* Produce LinkedIn post (leave placeholders where I must link the articles)
- \* Update the YaML
- \* Create full RIS to copy-paste
- \* Provide generic YaML template(s) that can be used for other days. You may provide more than one type, for opinion pieces, for pieces describing progress and challenges with the portfolio building and any other that might be useful.

## Item 1 — Freeze disclosure wording (canonical text)

Here is a **single canonical "Series Disclosure"** you can paste into **every** article in this 30-day series, across platforms. It is written to satisfy your disclosure requirements

**unambiguously**, without sounding defensive or promotional.

Use it **verbatim** except for the bracketed placeholders.

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### Canonical Series Disclosure (frozen)

*This article is part of a 30-day experimental series where I deliberately use the paid version of OpenAI to write articles and generate shortened LinkedIn posts. I use a Pareto approach: getting roughly 80% of the draft is acceptable, and I then edit and correct the result. (Pareto explanation: [PARETO\_LINK]).*

*Alongside writing, I'm also using a mix of local and online AI models to rebuild scaled-down versions of older projects I previously worked on in enterprise settings. I'm choosing older projects on purpose: they give me a baseline that makes it easier to assess what AI actually changes in the development workflow and in the final outcomes. (Repository / demos when relevant: [REPO\_OR\_DEMO\_LINK]).*

*I'm AI-skeptical in the sense that I consider AI a useful tool, but not what industry hype often claims it to be. I treat it like an enthusiastic junior: it can produce solid results when properly guided and reviewed, but it can create serious problems if allowed to operate without supervision.*

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### Placement rule (so it stays consistent)

- Put it **immediately after TL;DR** in every article in the series.
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Reply with either:

- **"Satisfied"** (or equivalent) → I'll move to **portfolio progress article** (item 2), **or**
- the exact change you want (e.g., shorten sentence 2, stronger skepticism line, remove "enterprise" wording, etc.).



\* Add this link explicitly for pareto principle: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pareto\\_principle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pareto_principle)  
\* Make it in markdown format I can copy-paste

Here is the **revised, frozen disclosure**, now:

- **Including the explicit Pareto principle link**
- **Fully in Markdown**
- **Copy-paste ready**
- Still neutral, skeptical, and unambiguous

Nothing else changed.

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*approach: getting roughly 80% of the draft is acceptable, and I then edit and correct the result (see the Pareto principle ↗).*

*Alongside writing, I'm also using a mix of local and online AI models to rebuild scaled-down versions of older projects I previously worked on in enterprise settings. I'm choosing older projects on purpose: they give me a baseline that makes it easier to assess what AI actually changes in the development workflow and in the final outcomes. (Repository or demos will be linked where relevant.)*

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Please confirm one of the following so I can proceed **in sequence**:

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- Or tell me *exactly* what to change (wording, tone, length, placement, etc.)



- \* Move the 3rd paragraph to be 2nd
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Here is the **updated, frozen disclosure**, with your requested changes applied:

- 3rd paragraph moved to **2nd**
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- Provided as **raw Markdown source** (inside a code block, copy-paste safe)

No other edits.

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The articles, prompts, intermediate drafts, and related artifacts for this  
<https://github.com/constantinos-solomonides/30-days-ai-articles>

Please confirm **"Satisfied"** (or specify a precise tweak), and I'll move to **item 2: portfolio progress article**.

Great — moving to **item 2: portfolio progress article**.

Below is an **inspection draft** for a **portfolio progress–focused article**, written to:

- Fit the same **series + disclosure rules**
- Shift emphasis from writing → **development work**
- Show *skeptical, disciplined AI use* in a concrete way
- Be suitable for reuse across platforms (with later LinkedIn shortening)

This is still a **draft for inspection**, not frozen.

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## TL;DR

- This entry focuses on **portfolio development**, not writing
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  - AI speeds up scaffolding and recall, not judgment or correctness
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## Why You Should Read This

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## Narrative Introduction

When people talk about AI in software development, the examples are usually clean.



Greenfield projects. Toy problems. Carefully chosen prompts. What's missing is friction: legacy assumptions, half-remembered decisions, and constraints that only exist because something once had to run in production.

That's why I'm rebuilding older projects instead of inventing new ones.

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## Framework Definition — Baseline Before Acceleration

The framework guiding this part of the experiment is **Baseline Before Acceleration**.

**Metaphor:** timing a runner only after you've marked the track.

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- Ignoring it makes improvement claims meaningless

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- Includes: scaffolding, boilerplate, pattern recall
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### 3. Change Attribution

- Includes: tracking what AI altered vs. what stayed the same
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This framework exists mostly to stop me from lying to myself about progress.

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## Application Example — Current Portfolio Work

The current focus is a scaled-down reconstruction of an older internal tool I once built under enterprise constraints.

AI is useful here in very specific ways:

- Recalling framework idioms I haven't touched in years
- Producing rough scaffolding quickly enough to be disposable
- Acting as a second set of eyes when refactoring unfamiliar code paths

It is *not* useful as:

- A source of architectural decisions
- A verifier of correctness
- A substitute for understanding why the original system behaved the way it did

A cheaper alternative would be to let AI redesign the tool entirely. That would look impressive and tell me very little. By constraining myself to reconstruction, I trade novelty for comparability.

Progress is slower than hype would suggest — but clearer.

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## Reflection & Invitation

So far, the most consistent benefit isn't speed. It's reduced friction when returning to old mental models.

If you think rebuilding old projects is the wrong way to evaluate AI, I'd want to know what baseline you'd trust instead.

If you think I'm underusing the tool, I'm interested in where you'd be willing to give up control.

Either way, those disagreements are part of what I'm tracking as this continues.

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### Mechanical + Disclosure Lint Check

- Mechanical smell: pass
- Hype leakage: none
- Disclosure completeness: pass

**Status:** Inspection pass

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Please review and tell me **what to iterate on** (angle, framework, tone, scope, or technical depth).

I'll stay on **this item only** until you say you're satisfied, then we'll move to **LinkedIn post generation** (item 3).



Satisfied, provide me with markdown code instead of WYSIWYG version

Understood. Below is the **exact same portfolio progress article**, provided as **raw Markdown source** inside a code block, ready for copy-paste.

No content changes.

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Please confirm **"Satisfied"** when ready, and I'll move to **item 3: LinkedIn post generation (with placeholders)**.



Satisfied

Great — moving to **item 3: LinkedIn post generation**.

Below is a **LinkedIn post draft**, produced according to the **LinkedIn shortening rules** we defined earlier:

- Skeptical, non-promotional
- Explicit AI use + Pareto principle
- Clear pointer to the full article
- **Placeholders left for links**, exactly as requested
- Provided as **raw Markdown source** (copy-paste safe)

This is **one canonical version** (you can later derive shorter/longer variants if you want).

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I'm running a 30-day experiment using AI to write articles and rebuild par

I use AI the way I'd use an enthusiastic junior: it helps me get roughly 80

*This particular entry focuses on **\*\*portfolio development\*\***, not writing. I*

The full article (with context, constraints, and reasoning):

👉 [LINK\_TO\_FULL\_ARTICLE]

The repository with drafts, prompts, and artifacts (when relevant):

👉 [LINK\_TO\_REPOSITORY\_OR\_DEMO]

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Please review and tell me **what to iterate on** (tone, length, wording, skepticism strength, structure).

I'll stay on **this item only** until you say **"Satisfied"**, then we'll move to **item 4: Update the YAML**.

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satisfied

Moving to **item 4: Update the YAML**.

Below is an **updated, clean, copy-paste-ready YAML**, aligned with everything we've frozen so far:

- Canonical **Series Disclosure** (implicitly required, not duplicated here)
- Explicit **AI-skeptical stance**
- **Pareto principle** encoded
- **LinkedIn shortening for all articles** encoded
- No "series metadata" document (repeated explicitly)
- Supports **multiple article types** (writing, portfolio progress, showcase)

This YAML is meant to be **authoritative for the series**, not per-article prose.

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```
series:
  name: 30-days-ai-articles
  duration_days: 30

stance:
  ai_position: skeptical_tool_user
  description: >
    AI is treated as a useful but unreliable tool.
    It is used deliberately, verified systematically,
    and never treated as an authority.

publication_context:
  platforms:
    - blog
    - linkedin
    - other (as needed)
  no_shared_series_metadata: true
  rationale: >
    Articles are shared across platforms where external
    context cannot be assumed, so disclosure is repeated
    explicitly in each article.

ai_usage_policy:
  models:
    - paid_openai
    - local_models
    - other_online_models
  pareto_principle:
    enabled: true
    target_completion: 0.8
    explanation_link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pareto_principle
  verification_required: true

linkedin_policy:
  enabled: true
  applies_to_all_articles: true
  purpose:
    - Provide shortened versions of each article
    - Link back to full articles and repositories
  constraints:
    tone:
      - skeptical
      - non_promotional
    forbidden:
      - hype_language
      - universal_claims
      - emojis
      - marketing_hooks

article:
  identity:
    day: null
    type: null # opinion | portfolio_progress | showcase
    title_prefix: "Day"

required_sections:
  - tldr
```

- series\_disclosure
- why\_you\_should\_read\_this
- narrative\_introduction
- framework\_definition
- application\_example
- reflection\_and\_invitation

disclosure:

mandatory: true

placement: after\_tldr

wording: canonical\_frozen

content\_rules:

ideas\_origin:

must\_be\_author\_owned: true

ai\_role:

allowed:

- drafting
- scaffolding
- recall

forbidden:

- final\_decisions
- correctness\_authority

meta:

writing:

format: markdown

governing\_ruleset: RIS\_v2\_2

tone:

- conversational
- reflective
- skeptical
- non\_authoritative

structure:

artifacts:

repository:

required: true

contents:

- prompts
- ai\_drafts
- edited\_articles
- portfolio\_code

references:

purpose:

- explain\_non\_obvious\_terms
- link\_articles
- link\_repository\_commits

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## Sanity check (what this YAML enforces)

- You **cannot** publish an article without disclosure
- You **cannot** “forget” LinkedIn shortening
- You **cannot** drift into AI evangelism
- You **can** mix article types freely
- Every article remains self-contained across platforms

Please confirm **“Satisfied”** or tell me *exactly* what to adjust.

Once confirmed, I’ll move to **item 5: full RIS (single copy-paste document)**.



Give me the updated YaML that would produce something as close as possible to **\*\*this particular article\*\***. This is to be part of the templates

Below is a **day-specific YaML template** tuned to produce something **as close as possible to the portfolio progress article you just approved**.

This is meant to live alongside your generic templates and be **reused for future portfolio-progress entries** with minimal edits (mostly content bullets and day number).

It is **copy-paste ready**.

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      enabled: true
      target_completion: 0.8
      explanation_link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pareto_principle
      verification_required: true

  linkedin_policy:
    enabled: true
    applies_to_all_articles: true

article:
  identity:
    day: <DAY_NUMBER>
    type: portfolio_progress
    title_prefix: "Day <DAY_NUMBER>"
    theme: Portfolio progress and evaluation of AI in real development worl

  disclosure:
    mandatory: true
    placement: after_tldr
    wording: canonical_frozen

  intent:
```



#### primary:

- Report concrete progress on portfolio development
- Evaluate where AI helps and where it does not in practice

#### secondary:

- Demonstrate disciplined, informed AI usage
- Avoid novelty-driven or hype-oriented examples

#### content:

##### focus:

- Rebuilding scaled-down versions of older enterprise projects
- Using known baselines to assess AI impact
- Prioritizing correctness and understanding over speed

##### progress\_snapshot:

- What part of the portfolio is currently being rebuilt
- What was completed since the last update
- What remains unclear or unresolved

##### ai\_usage\_observations:

###### helpful\_for:

- Scaffolding and boilerplate
- Recalling framework idioms
- Exploring refactoring options

###### not\_helpful\_for:

- Architectural decisions
- Correctness guarantees
- Understanding original design intent

##### constraints\_and\_tradeoffs:

- Progress is intentionally slower to preserve comparability
- Reconstruction is favored over redesign
- Novelty is deprioritized in favor of signal

#### framework:

name: Baseline Before Acceleration

metaphor: >

Timing a runner only after the track has been clearly marked

##### components:

- name: Known Reference Point

###### includes:

- Prior architecture
- Historical tradeoffs

###### excludes:

- Speculative redesign

cost\_of\_ignoring: >

Improvement claims become meaningless

- name: AI as Recall, Not Authority

###### includes:

- Pattern recall
- Scaffolding

###### excludes:

- Domain judgment
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Confidence turns into bugs

- name: Change Attribution

```
includes:
  - Tracking AI-influenced changes
excludes:
  - Vague productivity claims
cost_of_ignoring: >
  Cause and effect collapse

structure:
  required_sections:
    - tldr
    - series_disclosure
    - why_you_should_read_this
    - narrative_introduction
    - framework_definition
    - application_example
    - reflection_and_invitation

meta:
  writing:
    format: markdown
    governing_ruleset: RIS_v2_2
    tone:
      - reflective
      - skeptical
      - non_promotional
      - conversational

artifacts:
  repository:
    required: true
    link_policy: >
      Link when relevant; do not assume prior context
  linkedin_shortening:
    required: true
  variants:
    - short
    - medium
```

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## How this template should be used

- Change **only**:
  - day
  - progress\_snapshot
  - any bullet under `ai_usage_observations`
- Leave the framework intact unless the *thinking itself* changes
- This template is **not** for opinion pieces or showcases — only progress updates

If you're satisfied, next we will:

### ➡ Item 5: Create the full RIS as a single, clean, copy-paste document

If you want adjustments (too rigid / too verbose / missing knobs), say exactly where and why, and we'll iterate on *this template only* until it's right.

Give me the day-01 yaml, not the template

Below is the **concrete Day-01 YAML**, fully instantiated (no placeholders, no template language), aligned **as closely as possible** with the **Day-01 portfolio progress article you approved**.

This is meant to be **used as-is** and then copied/adapted for later days if needed.

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linkedin_policy:
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    tone:
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      - non_promotional
    forbidden:
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      - universal_claims
      - emojis
      - marketing_hooks

article:
  identity:
    day: 1
    type: portfolio_progress
    title_prefix: "Day 01"
    theme: Portfolio progress and evaluation of AI in real development world

disclosure:
```

```
mandatory: true
placement: after_tldr
wording: canonical_frozen

intent:
  primary:
    - Document early portfolio development progress
    - Establish a realistic baseline for evaluating AI assistance
  secondary:
    - Demonstrate informed and disciplined AI usage
    - Set expectations for slower but more inspectable progress

content:
  focus:
    - Rebuilding scaled-down versions of older enterprise projects
    - Using prior work as a stable baseline for comparison
    - Emphasizing understanding and correctness over speed

progress_snapshot:
  rebuilt_component:
    description: >
      Initial reconstruction of an older internal tool previously built
      under enterprise constraints.
  completed:
    - Project scaffolding recreated
    - Core structure mapped against original design
  open_questions:
    - Which parts benefit meaningfully from AI assistance
    - Where manual reconstruction is still required

ai_usage_observations:
  helpful_for:
    - Scaffolding and boilerplate generation
    - Recalling framework idioms not used recently
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  not_helpful_for:
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    - Correctness guarantees
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        - Speculative redesign
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    - Domain judgment
    - Correctness decisions
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artifacts:
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    required: true
    link: https://github.com/constantinos-solomonides/30-days-ai-article
  linkedin_shortening:
    required: true
  variants:
    - short
    - medium
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If you're satisfied, the next item in sequence is:

➡ **Item 5: full RIS as a single, clean, copy-paste document**

Say **"Satisfied"** or point out *exactly* what should change in this Day-01 YAML.

Great — moving to **item 5: full RIS as a single, clean, copy-paste document**.

Below is the **complete RIS**, consolidated and updated to everything we've agreed on so far:

- AI-skeptical stance
- Pareto principle
- Mandatory series disclosure (hard lint)
- LinkedIn shortening requirement
- Mechanical smell lint
- No external series metadata (explicitly forbidden)
- Conversational, non-mechanical tone

Nothing is omitted. This is the **authoritative version**.

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```
# Writing Style & Structure RIS – v2.2
## (Framework-Driven Reflective Articles with Explicit AI Use)
```

```
### Status
```

Authoritative. Supersedes v2.1 and all earlier versions.

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```
## 0. Scope
```

This RIS defines mandatory behavior for producing reflective articles that introduce and apply a mental framework while explicitly documenting disciplined, skeptical AI usage.

The goal is to:

- Teach *\*how to think\**, not *\*what to decide\**
- Reduce uncertainty through reasoning, not claims
- Preserve nuance while remaining practical
- Read like a thoughtful one-way conversation with an informed reader
- Make AI use explicit, inspectable, and falsifiable

This RIS applies **\*\*only\*\*** when explicitly invoked.

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```
## 1. Non-Negotiable Principles
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Every article MUST:

1. Introduce a reusable mental model
2. Apply that model to at least one concrete, realistic scenario
3. Demonstrate tradeoffs and constraints explicitly
4. Avoid prescriptive, moralizing, or promotional language
5. Remain useful even if the reader disagrees

6. Treat AI as a fallible tool requiring verification

Failure on any item is non-compliance.

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## ## 2. Authorial Voice & Persona

### ### 2.1 Voice

The assistant MUST:

- Write in first-person singular
- Speak as a practitioner reasoning out loud
- Assume the reader is already somewhat informed
- Maintain an explicitly AI-skeptical stance
- Treat AI as a capable but unreliable collaborator
- Be opinionated but falsifiable

The assistant MUST NOT:

- Present itself as an authority figure
- Sound like a whitepaper, checklist, or framework catalog
- Promote AI capability or inevitability
- Hide uncertainty behind structure

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### ### 2.2 Emotional Register

- Neutral to mildly warm
- Controlled, not enthusiastic
- Occasional dry humor allowed
- No emotional manipulation

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## ## 3. Mandatory Article Structure

All sections below are REQUIRED and must appear in order.

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### ### 3.1 TL;DR

#### **\*\*Purpose\*\***

Allow comprehension in under 30 seconds.

#### **\*\*Rules\*\***

- Capture the *\*core idea and constraints\**
- Prefer 3-5 short bullet points
- No narrative, no examples, no justification

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### ### 3.2 Series Disclosure

#### **\*\*Purpose\*\***

Make experimental intent and AI usage unambiguous.

**\*\*Rules\*\***

- MUST appear once per article
- MUST appear immediately after TL;DR
- MUST use the canonical frozen wording
- MUST NOT be replaced by external context or metadata

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### 3.3 Why You Should Read This

**\*\*Purpose\*\***

Establish relevance without persuasion.

**\*\*Rules\*\***

- Explicitly name 1-3 reader pain points
- Frame the article as a thinking tool
- No claims of transformation or optimization

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### 3.4 Narrative Introduction

**\*\*Purpose\*\***

Create cognitive alignment before abstraction.

**\*\*Rules\*\***

- Open with a real tension, uncertainty, or dilemma
- Assume shared context where reasonable
- MUST NOT introduce the framework yet

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### 3.5 Framework Definition

**\*\*Purpose\*\***

Introduce the mental model.

**\*\*Rules\*\***

- The framework MUST be named
- Components MUST be ordered by constraint or priority
- Each component MUST define:
  - What it includes
  - What it excludes
  - The cost of ignoring it

**\*\*Metaphors\*\***

- Exactly one primary metaphor allowed
- Metaphors framing AI as a junior collaborator are explicitly allowed
- Must remain consistent throughout the article

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### 3.6 Application Example

**\*\*Purpose\*\***

Demonstrate usefulness through reasoning.



### **\*\*Rules\*\***

- Exactly one concrete scenario
- Walk through reasoning step by step
- Show why simpler or cheaper alternatives fail
- Explicitly trace tradeoffs

### **\*\*Forbidden\*\***

- Hypothetical-only examples
- Summary without demonstration

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## ### 3.7 Reflection & Invitation

### **\*\*Purpose\*\***

Close without authority.

### **\*\*Rules\*\***

- Reiterate usefulness, not correctness
- Invite critique or disagreement
- End with open questions

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## ## 4. Language & Style Constraints

### ### 4.1 Sentences

- Medium-length preferred
- Short sentences allowed for emphasis
- Structure should be felt, not announced

### ### 4.2 Emphasis

Allowed:

- *\*Italics\** for nuance
- **\*\*Bold\*\*** for constraints

Forbidden:

- Decorative formatting
- Excessive emphasis

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## ## 5. Persuasion Rules

Persuasion MAY occur only via:

- Constraint analysis
- Consequence tracing
- Demonstrated reasoning

The assistant MUST NOT:

- Issue advice without reasoning
- Use moral framing
- Use "you should" unless logically derived

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## ## 6. Reader Model

Assume the reader:

- Is intelligent and skeptical
- Values reasoning over slogans
- Does not need basic explanations

Do NOT assume:

- Agreement
- Ignorance
- Desire to be persuaded

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## ## 7. Formatting Rules

- Headings are conceptual, not decorative
- Lists clarify reasoning, never replace it
- Tables are optional and sparse

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## ## 8. Validation Checklist (Hard Gate)

Before final output, verify:

- The framework is reusable
- The example constrains decisions
- Removing any section reduces clarity
- The article teaches reasoning, not rules
- The tone reads as communication, not compliance

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## ## 9. Mechanical Smell Lint

An article fails if it:

- Feels optimized for structure rather than thought
- Allows the reader to predict sections mechanically
- Overexposes the framework as navigation rather than reasoning
- Includes sentences that exist only to satisfy rules

If two or more signals trigger, revision is mandatory.

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## ## 10. Series Disclosure Lint (Hard Fail)

If an article belongs to a series involving AI usage:

- A Series Disclosure is mandatory
- Missing or incomplete disclosure is an automatic failure
- No external "series metadata" may substitute the disclosure

This rule exists to preserve meaning across platforms.

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## ## 11. LinkedIn Shortening Requirement

For series articles:

- AI-generated shortened LinkedIn versions are mandatory
- Tone must remain skeptical and non-promotional
- Posts must link back to the full article
- No hype language, emojis, or marketing hooks

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## ## 12. Deviation Policy

If deviation from this RIS is requested:

- The assistant **MUST** explicitly call it out
- The assistant **MUST** ask whether to proceed anyway

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Next (final) item in sequence:

### ➡ Item 6: Generic YAML templates

- opinion / reflective
  - portfolio progress
  - portfolio showcase / demo
- (and any others that make sense)

Say **“Proceed”** when ready.

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Apply the latest RIS to the conversation and proceed

Proceeding to **item 6: generic YAML templates**, aligned with the **latest RIS v2.2** and everything frozen so far.

These are **copy-paste-ready**, **day-agnostic**, and designed to be reused without drift. They explicitly encode: skeptical stance, Pareto usage, mandatory disclosure, LinkedIn shortening, and platform independence.

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## 1. Generic YAML — Reflective / Opinion Article

Use this for reasoning pieces, framing questions, or conceptual analysis.

yaml

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```
series:
  name: 30-days-ai-articles
  ai_stance: skeptical_tool_user

article:
  identity:
    day: <DAY_NUMBER>
    type: reflective_opinion
```

```
title_prefix: "Day <DAY_NUMBER>"
theme: <HIGH_LEVEL_TOPIC>
```

disclosure:

```
mandatory: true
placement: after_tldr
wording: canonical_frozen
```

intent:

```
primary:
  - Explore a reasoning problem or tension
  - Introduce a reusable mental model
secondary:
  - Demonstrate disciplined AI usage without hype
```

content:

```
problem_context:
  - What uncertainty, tension, or question motivates the article
perspective:
  - Why this problem is non-trivial or often misunderstood
```

framework:

```
name: <FRAMEWORK_NAME>
metaphor: <SINGLE_CONSISTENT_METAPHOR>
components:
  - name: <COMPONENT_1>
    includes: []
    excludes: []
    cost_of_ignoring: <CONSEQUENCE>
  - name: <COMPONENT_2>
    includes: []
    excludes: []
    cost_of_ignoring: <CONSEQUENCE>
```

application:

```
scenario:
  description: <REALISTIC_CONCRETE_EXAMPLE>
  alternatives_considered:
    - <SIMPLER_OR_CHEAPER_OPTION>
  tradeoffs:
    - <TRADEOFF_1>
    - <TRADEOFF_2>
```

meta:

```
writing:
  format: markdown
  governing_ruleset: RIS_v2_2
tone:
  - conversational
  - reflective
  - skeptical
```

linkedin\_shortening:

```
required: true
variants:
  - short
  - medium
```

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## 2. Generic YAML — Portfolio Progress Article

Use this for **ongoing development updates** (what you already approved).

yaml

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```
series:
  name: 30-days-ai-articles
  ai_stance: skeptical_tool_user

article:
  identity:
    day: <DAY_NUMBER>
    type: portfolio_progress
    title_prefix: "Day <DAY_NUMBER>"
    theme: Portfolio progress and AI impact assessment

  disclosure:
    mandatory: true
    placement: after_tldr
    wording: canonical_frozen

  intent:
    primary:
      - Report concrete progress on rebuilding portfolio components
      - Evaluate AI usefulness under real constraints

  content:
    progress_snapshot:
      rebuilt_component: <WHAT_IS_BEING_REBUILT>
      completed: []
      open_questions: []

    ai_usage_observations:
      helpful_for: []
      not_helpful_for: []

    constraints_and_tradeoffs:
      - <CONSTRAINT_OR_TRADEOFF>

  framework:
    name: <FRAMEWORK_NAME>
    metaphor: <METAPHOR>
    components:
      - name: <COMPONENT>
        includes: []
        excludes: []
        cost_of_ignoring: <CONSEQUENCE>

  meta:
    writing:
      format: markdown
      governing_ruleset: RIS_v2_2
      tone:
        - reflective
        - skeptical
```

- non\_promotional

```
artifacts:
  repository:
    required: true

linkedin_shortening:
  required: true
```

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### 3. Generic YAML — Portfolio Showcase / Demo Article

Use this when **presenting a tool, repo, or demo**, without slipping into promotion.

yaml

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```
series:
  name: 30-days-ai-articles
  ai_stance: skeptical_tool_user

article:
  identity:
    day: <DAY_NUMBER>
    type: portfolio_showcase
    title_prefix: "Day <DAY_NUMBER>"
    theme: Demonstration of rebuilt portfolio tool

  disclosure:
    mandatory: true
    placement: after_tldr
    wording: canonical_frozen

  intent:
    primary:
      - Explain what the tool does and why it exists
      - Show how AI was used and where it was deliberately not used

  content:
    tool_description:
      purpose: <WHAT_PROBLEM_IT_SOLVES>
      scope: <WHAT_IT_DOES_NOT_SOLVE>

    ai_involvement:
      used_for: []
      avoided_for: []
      verification_steps: []

    limitations:
      - <KNOWN_LIMITATION>
      - <KNOWN_LIMITATION>

  framework:
    name: Fit-for-Purpose AI Use
    metaphor: Choosing the right tool for a job
    components:
      - name: Appropriateness
      includes: []
      excludes: []
```

```

      cost_of_ignoring: Misleading demos
    - name: Verification
      includes: []
      excludes: []
      cost_of_ignoring: Fragile outcomes

meta:
  writing:
    format: markdown
    governing_ruleset: RIS_v2_2
    tone:
      - explanatory
      - skeptical
      - non_promotional

  artifacts:
    repository:
      required: true
      demo_link: <DEMO_URL>

  linkedin_shortening:
    required: true

```

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## 4. (Optional) Generic YAML — Meta / Process Reflection

Use sparingly, when reflecting on the experiment itself.

yaml

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```

article:
  identity:
    day: <DAY_NUMBER>
    type: process_reflection
    title_prefix: "Day <DAY_NUMBER>"
    theme: Reflections on the AI-assisted workflow

  disclosure:
    mandatory: true
    placement: after_tldr
    wording: canonical_frozen

  intent:
    primary:
      - Reflect on what changed since earlier entries
      - Identify emerging patterns or failures

  content:
    observations: []
    surprises: []
    adjustments_made: []

meta:
  writing:
    format: markdown
    governing_ruleset: RIS_v2_2
    tone:
      - reflective

```

- cautious
- non\_definitive

```
linkedin_shortening:  
  required: true
```

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## Final sanity check

These templates ensure that:

- **Disclosure cannot be skipped**
- **AI skepticism is structural, not rhetorical**
- **LinkedIn use is systematic, not ad hoc**
- **Each article type has a clear role**
- **No hidden series metadata is required anywhere**

If you want to continue, the next logical steps would be:

- lock filenames + directory layout for these YAMLs, or
- generate a **CI-style validator** that checks YAML + article compliance, or
- draft **Day 02** using one of these templates.

Say the word.



generate a CI-style validator that checks YAML + article compliance, ideally something I can add in my git repository

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Repository-ready CI validator: Python script + GitHub Actions workflow.

What it checks

- 1) YAML compliance (structure + required fields)
- 2) Article Markdown compliance (section order + presence)
- 3) Series Disclosure compliance (must appear after TL;DR; must match canon)
- 4) LinkedIn post existence per article (and must contain placeholders)
- 5) Explicit "no series metadata doc" rule (fails if a series metadata file)

You can drop these files into your repo and adjust paths in a single config

## 1) Add a config file

Create: `.ci/validator-config.yml`

yaml

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*# Paths are relative to repo root*

```
paths:  
  day_yaml_glob: "days/day-*/day-*.yaml"  
  article_md_glob: "articles/day-*/article.md"  
  linkedin_md_glob: "linkedin/day-*/post.md"
```



```

rules:
  require_linkedin_for_each_article: true
  linkedin_placeholders:
    - "[LINK_TO_FULL_ARTICLE]"
    - "[LINK_TO_REPOSITORY_OR_DEMO]"

  forbid_series_metadata_files:
    - "series-metadata.md"
    - "SERIES_METADATA.md"
    - "context/series-metadata.md"
    - "context/metadata.md"

# Canonical disclosure must match EXACTLY (whitespace-insensitive)
canonical_disclosure_markdown: |
  ### Series Disclosure

  *This article is part of a 30-day experimental series where I deliberate

  *I'm AI-skeptical in the sense that I consider AI a useful tool, but not

  *Alongside writing, I'm also using a mix of local and online AI models to

  #### Repository and Artifacts

  The articles, prompts, intermediate drafts, and related artifacts for this series are available at:
  https://github.com/constantinos-solomonides/30-days-ai-articles


```

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## 2) Add the validator script

Create: `.ci/validate_series.py`

python

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```

#!/usr/bin/env python3
from __future__ import annotations

import glob
import os
import re
import sys
from dataclasses import dataclass
from typing import Any, Dict, List, Tuple

try:
    import yaml # PyYAML
except ImportError:
    print("ERROR: PyYAML is required. Add it to requirements-dev.txt or install it manually.")
    sys.exit(2)

@dataclass
class Failure:
    file: str
    message: str

def load_yaml(path: str) -> Dict[str, Any]:

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with open(path, "r", encoding="utf-8") as f:
    data = yaml.safe_load(f)
if not isinstance(data, dict):
    raise ValueError("YAML root must be a mapping/object.")
return data

def load_text(path: str) -> str:
    with open(path, "r", encoding="utf-8") as f:
        return f.read()

def norm_ws(s: str) -> str:
    # Normalize whitespace for robust matching while still enforcing canon:
    s = s.replace("\r\n", "\n").replace("\r", "\n")
    # strip trailing spaces per line
    s = "\n".join(line.rstrip() for line in s.split("\n"))
    # collapse multiple blank lines to a single blank line
    s = re.sub(r"\n{3,}", "\n\n", s)
    return s.strip()

def fail(failures: List[Failure], file: str, msg: str) -> None:
    failures.append(Failure(file=file, message=msg))

def require_keys(obj: Dict[str, Any], keys: List[str], file: str, failures
for k in keys:
    if k not in obj:
        fail(failures, file, f"{ctx}: missing key '{k}'")

def get_day_from_path(path: str) -> str:
    # expects .../day-01/... or day-1; we capture 'day-...'
    m = re.search(r"(day-\d+)", path)
    return m.group(1) if m else "day-unknown"

def validate_day_yaml(day_yaml_path: str, failures: List[Failure]) -> Tuple:
    try:
        data = load_yaml(day_yaml_path)
    except Exception as e:
        fail(failures, day_yaml_path, f"YAML parse error: {e}")
        return ("day-unknown", {})

    # Minimal schema checks aligned to the Day-01 structure we discussed
    if "series" not in data or "article" not in data:
        fail(failures, day_yaml_path, "YAML must contain top-level keys: s
        return (get_day_from_path(day_yaml_path), data)

    series = data.get("series", {})
    article = data.get("article", {})
    meta = data.get("meta", {})

    if not isinstance(series, dict) or not isinstance(article, dict):
        fail(failures, day_yaml_path, "series and article must be mappings,
        return (get_day_from_path(day_yaml_path), data)

```

```

# Required: stance + pareto + linkedin policy
require_keys(series, ["name", "stance", "ai_usage_policy", "linkedin_po
if isinstance(series.get("ai_usage_policy"), dict):
    require_keys(series["ai_usage_policy"], ["pareto_principle", "verifi
if isinstance(series.get("linkedin_policy"), dict):
    require_keys(series["linkedin_policy"], ["enabled", "applies_to_all"]

# Article identity + disclosure
require_keys(article, ["identity", "disclosure", "structure"], day_yaml
if isinstance(article.get("identity"), dict):
    require_keys(article["identity"], ["day", "type", "title_prefix", '
if isinstance(article.get("disclosure"), dict):
    require_keys(article["disclosure"], ["mandatory", "placement", "wo
    if article["disclosure"].get("placement") != "after_tldr":
        fail(failures, day_yaml_path, "article.disclosure.placement mus
    if article["disclosure"].get("wording") != "canonical_frozen":
        fail(failures, day_yaml_path, "article.disclosure.wording must

# Required sections list
if isinstance(article.get("structure"), dict):
    require_keys(article["structure"], ["required_sections"], day_yaml
    rs = article["structure"].get("required_sections")
    if not isinstance(rs, list) or not rs:
        fail(failures, day_yaml_path, "article.structure.required_sect

# Meta writing
if meta:
    if not isinstance(meta, dict):
        fail(failures, day_yaml_path, "meta must be a mapping/object")
    else:
        w = meta.get("writing")
        if isinstance(w, dict):
            require_keys(w, ["format", "governing_ruleset", "tone"], d

day_dir = get_day_from_path(day_yaml_path)
return (day_dir, data)

```

```

def heading_positions(md: str) -> Dict[str, int]:
    """
    Map normalized heading text -> position (byte offset) of first occurre
    Matches headings like '## TL;DR' or '### Series Disclosure'.
    """
    pos: Dict[str, int] = {}
    for m in re.finditer(r"^(#{2,6})\s+(.+?)\s*$", md, flags=re.MULTILINE)
        h = m.group(2).strip()
        if h not in pos:
            pos[h] = m.start()
    return pos

```

```

def validate_article_md(article_md_path: str, cfg: Dict[str, Any], failure:
    md = load_text(article_md_path)
    mdn = norm_ws(md)

    required_headings = [
        "TL;DR",
        "Series Disclosure",

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    "Why You Should Read This",
    "Narrative Introduction",
    "Framework Definition",
    "Application Example",
    "Reflection & Invitation",
]

pos = heading_positions(md)
missing = [h for h in required_headings if h not in pos]
if missing:
    fail(failures, article_md_path, f"Missing required headings: {missing}")
    # still continue to find more issues
else:
    # Enforce order
    for a, b in zip(required_headings, required_headings[1:]):
        if pos[a] > pos[b]:
            fail(failures, article_md_path, f"Heading order violated: {a} > {b}")

    # Enforce disclosure placement: immediately after TL;DR section
    # We'll require the "Series Disclosure" heading to appear after TL;DR
    if not (pos["TL;DR"] < pos["Series Disclosure"] < pos["Why You Should Read This"]):
        fail(failures, article_md_path, "Series Disclosure must appear after TL;DR")

# Canonical disclosure exact match (whitespace-normalized)
canon = cfg.get("rules", {}).get("canonical_disclosure_markdown") or ""
if not canon:
    fail(failures, article_md_path, "Config missing canonical_disclosure_markdown")
else:
    canon_n = norm_ws(canon)
    if canon_n not in mdn:
        fail(
            failures,
            article_md_path,
            "Canonical Series Disclosure not found (must match frozen version)"
        )

def validate_linkedin_post(linkedin_md_path: str, cfg: Dict[str, Any], failures: List[Failure]):
    md = load_text(linkedin_md_path)
    placeholders = cfg["rules"].get("linkedin_placeholders", [])
    for p in placeholders:
        if p not in md:
            fail(failures, linkedin_md_path, f"LinkedIn post missing placeholder: {p}")

def main() -> int:
    cfg_path = ".ci/validator-config.yml"
    if not os.path.exists(cfg_path):
        print(f"ERROR: Missing config: {cfg_path}", file=sys.stderr)
        return 2

    cfg = load_yaml(cfg_path)
    failures: List[Failure] = []

    # Forbid series metadata docs (explicit non-rule)
    forbidden = cfg.get("rules", {}).get("forbid_series_metadata_files", [])
    for f in forbidden:
        if os.path.exists(f):

```

```
fail(failures, f, "Forbidden file exists: series metadata is not a file")
```

```
# Discover files
```

```
paths_cfg = cfg.get("paths", {})
```

```
day_yaml_glob = paths_cfg.get("day_yaml_glob", "days/day-*/day-*.yaml")
```

```
article_md_glob = paths_cfg.get("article_md_glob", "articles/day-*/article-*.md")
```

```
linkedin_md_glob = paths_cfg.get("linkedin_md_glob", "linkedin/day-*/post-*.md")
```

```
day_yaml_files = sorted(glob.glob(day_yaml_glob))
```

```
article_md_files = sorted(glob.glob(article_md_glob))
```

```
linkedin_md_files = sorted(glob.glob(linkedin_md_glob))
```

```
if not day_yaml_files:
```

```
    fail(failures, day_yaml_glob, "No day YAML files found (check paths)")
```

```
if not article_md_files:
```

```
    fail(failures, article_md_glob, "No article markdown files found (check paths)")
```

```
# Map day -> files
```

```
day_to_yaml: Dict[str, str] = {}
```

```
for y in day_yaml_files:
```

```
    day = get_day_from_path(y)
```

```
    day_to_yaml[day] = y
```

```
    validate_day_yaml(y, failures)
```

```
day_to_article: Dict[str, str] = {}
```

```
for a in article_md_files:
```

```
    day = get_day_from_path(a)
```

```
    day_to_article[day] = a
```

```
    validate_article_md(a, cfg, failures)
```

```
day_to_linkedin: Dict[str, str] = {}
```

```
for l in linkedin_md_files:
```

```
    day = get_day_from_path(l)
```

```
    day_to_linkedin[day] = l
```

```
# Cross-check: each day with an article must have YAML; optionally LinkedIn
```

```
for day, a in day_to_article.items():
```

```
    if day not in day_to_yaml:
```

```
        fail(failures, a, f"Missing corresponding day YAML for {day}")
```

```
    if cfg.get("rules", {}).get("require_linkedin_for_each_article", True):
```

```
        if day not in day_to_linkedin:
```

```
            fail(failures, a, f"Missing LinkedIn post for {day} (expected {day})")
```

```
        else:
```

```
            validate_linkedin_post(day_to_linkedin[day], cfg, failures)
```

```
# Print results
```

```
if failures:
```

```
    print("\nVALIDATION FAILED\n", file=sys.stderr)
```

```
    for f in failures:
```

```
        print(f"- {f.file}: {f.message}", file=sys.stderr)
```

```
    print(f"\nTotal failures: {len(failures)}", file=sys.stderr)
```

```
    return 1
```

```
print("VALIDATION PASSED")
```

```
return 0
```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
```


```
raise SystemExit(main())
```

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### 3) Add GitHub Actions workflow

Create: `.github/workflows/validate.yml`

yaml

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```
name: Validate series (YAML + articles)

on:
  pull_request:
  push:
    branches: ["main", "master"]

jobs:
  validate:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - name: Checkout
        uses: actions/checkout@v4

      - name: Set up Python
        uses: actions/setup-python@v5
        with:
          python-version: "3.11"

      - name: Install deps
        run: |
          python -m pip install --upgrade pip
          pip install pyyaml

      - name: Run validator
        run: |
          python .ci/validate_series.py
```

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### 4) Expected repo layout (adjustable)

Default assumptions (change in `.ci/validator-config.yml` if you prefer):

- `days/day-01/day-01.yaml`
- `articles/day-01/article.md`
- `linkedin/day-01/post.md`

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### 5) What you'll likely tweak

- Heading names: if you use `## Application Example — ...` it still matches because the validator reads the full heading text.  
If you want to allow suffixes, I can loosen matching (e.g., prefix-match "Application Example").
- Canonical disclosure: currently enforced by normalized substring match; if you want strict line-by-line exactness, I can enforce stronger matching.

If you paste your actual file paths (or confirm they match), I can tune the glob patterns and

heading matching to your repo conventions.



Using the information you have, create a README for a git repository tracking this

Below is a **repository-ready** README.md , written to reflect **everything you've defined so far**: stance, process, CI enforcement, AI skepticism, Pareto usage, disclosure repetition, and cross-platform publishing.

It is **not promotional**, assumes a **technically literate reader**, and explains *why the structure exists*, not just *what's inside*.

You can copy-paste this as-is.

markdown

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## # 30 Days of AI – A Skeptical, Inspectable Experiment

This repository tracks a **\*\*30-day experiment\*\*** in using AI as a *\*tool\**, not

The goal is not to showcase what AI *\*can\** do in isolation, but to document

The experiment deliberately treats AI like an **\*\*enthusiastic junior\*\***: fast

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### ## What This Repository Is (and Isn't)

#### ### It **\*\*is\*\***:

- A record of **\*\*explicit AI-assisted writing and development\*\***
- A portfolio built **\*\*with AI and personal expertise\*\***, transparently
- A comparison between **\*\*known baselines\*\*** and AI-assisted workflows
- A place where drafts, prompts, edits, and reasoning are inspectable

#### ### It **\*\*is not\*\***:

- An AI demo repository
- A productivity or hype showcase
- A claim that AI replaces expertise or judgment
- A collection of "AI-written" content without accountability

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### ## Core Principles

#### ### 1. AI Is Used Deliberately, Not Maximally

AI is used following the **\*\*Pareto principle\*\***:

getting roughly **\*\*80% of the way there is acceptable\*\***, and the remaining 1

See: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pareto\\_principle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pareto_principle)

#### ### 2. Ideas Remain Human-Owned

AI may help with:

- Drafting
- Scaffolding
- Recall
- Exploration

AI does **\*\*not\*\***:

- Decide what matters
- Define correctness
- Replace judgment

### ### 3. Skepticism Is Structural

This project is explicitly **\*\*AI-skeptical\*\*** – not in opposition to the too

Skepticism is enforced through:

- Repeated disclosure in every article
- Explicit constraints in YAML
- CI checks that prevent omission or drift

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### ## Repository Structure

The repository is intentionally structured so that **\*\*process is visible\*\***,

```
.
├── articles/
│   ├── day-01/
│   │   └── article.md
├── days/
│   ├── day-01/
│   │   └── day-01.yaml
├── linkedin/
│   ├── day-01/
│   │   └── post.md
├── .ci/
│   ├── validate_series.py
│   └── validator-config.yml
├── .github/
│   ├── workflows/
│   └── validate.yml
└── README.md
```

yaml

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### ### Key directories

- ``days/``  
YAML files describing **\*\*intent, constraints, and structure\*\*** for each day
- ``articles/``  
Full-length articles written with AI assistance and human editing.
- ``linkedin/``



Shortened versions of each article, also generated with AI under constraints, linking back to the full content.

- `\.ci/``

CI tooling that enforces compliance with the rules of the experiment.

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## ## *Mandatory Series Disclosure*

Every article in this repository includes a **mandatory disclosure** that :

- It is part of a 30-day experiment
- AI (paid OpenAI + other models) is used deliberately
- The Pareto principle is applied
- LinkedIn short versions are generated using AI
- The author is AI-skeptical and treats AI as a supervised junior

This disclosure is **repeated intentionally** in every article.

There is **no separate "series metadata" document** by design – articles are

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## ## *CI Enforcement*

This repository includes a **CI-style validator** that enforces:

- Presence and structure of per-day YAML
- Required article sections and ordering
- Exact (whitespace-normalized) match of the canonical disclosure
- Presence of LinkedIn posts with required placeholders
- Absence of forbidden "series metadata" files

If any rule is violated, CI fails.

This is intentional: the experiment values **inspectability** over convenience

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## ## *Article Types*

The series includes multiple types of entries:

- **Reflective / opinion articles**  
Reasoning about AI use, constraints, and tradeoffs
- **Portfolio progress articles**  
Updates on rebuilding older projects to measure AI impact against known baselines
- **Portfolio showcase / demo articles**  
Walkthroughs of rebuilt tools, with explicit notes on where AI was and wasn't used

Not every day produces the same kind of article.

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## ## *Why Older Projects?*

Portfolio work focuses on **older projects built under real constraints**,

This allows:

- Clear before/after comparison
- Better attribution of what AI changes
- Fewer self-deceptive conclusions

Novelty is intentionally deprioritized.

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### *## How to Read This Repository*

If you're **evaluating**:

- **AI literacy** → look at prompts, edits, and constraints
- **Engineering judgment** → look at what AI is *not* allowed to do
- **Honest AI usage** → look at where progress slows instead of acceleration

Disagreement is expected. Ambiguity is documented.

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### *## License and Use*

Unless stated otherwise:

- Text and code are provided for inspection and discussion
- This repository is a record of an experiment, not a framework prescription

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### *## Final Note*

This project exists to answer a narrow question:

> *What does AI look like when it's treated seriously, skeptically, and with*

Everything else is secondary.

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If you want next steps, the natural ones would be:

- add badges for CI status (purely informational)
- generate a `CONTRIBUTING.md` explaining why PRs are constrained
- or write a short **"How to navigate this repo"** article as a Day-N entry

Just tell me.

