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1) Status snapshot

- Repo: cubist_art on Google Drive. Working copy on Dell G7. Secondary copy on Alienware.
- 2. Python: Dell is running 3.13.7. Alienware likely used 3.12. Virtual env lives inside the synced project folder.
- 3. Tests: Pytest "collects 11 items" but runs 0 because a module import fails during collection.
- 4. Primary blocker: tests (and possibly fixtures/CLI) expect run_cubist in cubist_core_logic, but that symbol is not present. The environment itself is healthy enough to import the package and run pytest, but the public API changed.
- 5. Tooling: Added tools/dev_diag.ps1 for one-shot diagnostics. Provided a merged .vscode/tasks.json that adds "Tests: Pytest (log to .diag/pytest_last.txt)" and a diagnostics task. You ran dev_diag successfully; it confirmed the import failure.

2) Known problems

- Missing public API symbol: run_cubist no longer exists in cubist_core_logic. Tests or fixtures still import it, causing import-time failure and zero tests executed.
- 2. **Version drift**: 3.13.7 on Dell vs 3.12 on Alienware. Some dependencies and your code path were validated on 3.12, not 3.13.

- 3. **Venv in Google Drive**: The virtual environment lives under a synced path. That invites file locks, sync races, and path issues on multi-machine setups.
- 4. **GUI gaps** (from prior run): missing log text box, progress bar not updating, some geometry options not wired in the UI.
- 5. **Output gaps**: pipeline reported "No SVG for None ..." messages earlier. That suggests geometry steps ran without producing artifacts or the output path was not set correctly.
- 6. **Plugin test fragility**: a prior geometry plugin discovery test had failed on the old machine for concentric circles reproducibility. This likely needs a quick recheck once tests run again.
- 7. **Path edge cases**: spaces in G:\My Drive\... are OK, but any ad-hoc shell scripts or brittle path joins may fail. Keep using quoted paths in tasks and scripts.
- 8. **Inconsistent import surface**: callers import from different modules (cubist_core_logic, CLI, registry). Without a single stable facade, refactors break tests and tools.

3) Completed or in place

- Diagnostics: tools/dev_diag.ps1 runs a standard set of checks and tees pytest output to .diag/pytest_last.txt.
- 2. **VS Code tasks**: merged tasks.json provided to run tests with logging and to invoke the diagnostics script easily.
- 3. **Actionable triage**: PowerShell-safe one-liners to inspect what the module exports and to grep for run_cubist references.
- 4. **Back-compat plan**: a safe, reversible **shim** to restore run_cubist by delegating to the current entrypoint (run_pipeline). Script provided to append it with a

4) Open tasks and priorities

P0 — unblock the test runner

- Restore public API. Choose one:
 - A) Append the run_cubist shim to cubist_core_logic.py using tools/add_run_cubist_shim.ps1. This keeps existing tests stable and buys time.
 - B) Update tests and any fixtures to import the current entrypoint (for example cubist_cli.run_pipeline). This is cleaner long-term.
 Acceptance: dev_diag shows a clean import of cubist_core_logic. pytest executes all collected tests (pass/fail/skip is fine, but not zero).
- 2. **Stabilize Python version**. Pin project to 3.12 for v2.3.7. **Acceptance**: py -3.12 -m venv C:\venvs\cubist_art-3.12 works, requirements install cleanly, pytest runs under this interpreter.
- 3. Move venv outside Drive. Keep source under Google Drive, put the venv in C:\venvs\... and add that Scripts folder to PATH in tasks.

 Acceptance: VS Code tasks run python from the external venv without needing manual activation

P1 — make the pipeline and UI solid

4. SVG output regression. Re-run the CLI pipeline after tests execute and confirm SVGs are written to the expected output/production/... paths.
Acceptance: each geometry selected produces .svg (and any other expected assets) under the timestamped run folder. No "No SVG for None" messages.

- 5. **GUI fixes**. Ensure the log text box renders and is fed by your logger. Make the progress bar advance per geometry and per stage.
 - **Acceptance**: visible log stream during runs; progress bar reflects geometry steps and completes to 100% when done.
- 6. **Plugin pass**. Validate all registered geometries (voronoi, delaunay, poisson, scatter circles, rectangles, cascade, concentric circles). Confirm deterministic output for a fixed seed.
 - **Acceptance**: plugin discovery returns callables; for a fixed seed and same input image, geometry calls yield deterministic metrics or hashes in a smoke test.
- 7. **Stable import facade**. Add cubist_api.py that re-exports the supported surface, and point tests and CLI helpers to it. Keep cubist_core_logic free to evolve.

Acceptance: all in-repo imports use cubist_api for the public functions. A refactor of internals does not break tests.

P2 — quality of life and guardrails

8. **Editable install**. Add a minimal pyproject.toml and run pip install -e . in the venv.

Acceptance: imports resolve without relying on PYTHONPATH=. hacks.

- Pre-commit checks. Add a local pre-commit or simple tools/preflight.ps1 that runs ruff, mypy (if used), and pytest smoke before commits.
 Acceptance: one command reports style, types, and a fast test pass.
- 10. **Reduce handoff friction**. Wire the **Continue** VS Code extension to your OpenAl key so you can chat in-repo without copy/paste. Keep the .diag folder for quick logs.

Acceptance: you can run a test task, then say "open .diag/pytest_last.txt" in-IDE and get immediate help.

5) Decisions needed from you

- 1. Pick the P0 path: apply the **shim** now, or update tests to the current entrypoint.
- 2. Confirm we can pin to **Python 3.12** for v2.3.7 and create the venv under C:\venvs\cubist_art-3.12.
- 3. Confirm replacing .vscode/tasks.json with the merged version I provided.
- 4. Give the green light to add cubist_api.py and migrate test imports once the blocker is cleared.
- 5. Confirm you want the Continue integration steps added to the repo docs.

6) Immediate next actions (my recommendation)

- 1. Run: pwsh -File tools/add_run_cubist_shim.ps1.
- Run: Terminal → Run Task... → Tests: Pytest (log to .diag/pytest_last.txt) and send me the new log.
- 3. If tests execute, re-run the CLI pipeline once to check for SVGs and GUI logging. Report any geometry that still emits "No SVG for None".

If you prefer, I can ship full-file replacements for cubist_core_logic.py and a new cubist_api.py that harden the surface right away.