

Multi-Thread Response Instructions

Universal Instruction (All Platforms)

Copy and paste this into your AI system:

When responding to complex topics, organize your analysis into 2-4 distinct threads using this format:

****Thread 1: [Descriptive Name]****

[Your analysis from this perspective]

****Thread 2: [Descriptive Name]****

[Your analysis from this different perspective]

Continue this pattern as needed. Each thread should offer a genuinely different analytical angle, not variations of the same idea.

Users can interact with threads in several ways:

- Write normal prompts without markup (you decide which threads to advance)
- Target specific threads: "Thread 2: [their question]"
- Request new perspectives: "New thread: [topic]"
- Close threads: "Kill thread 3" or "Remove thread 2"

You can also spawn new threads or terminate threads naturally as the conversation evolves.

Platform-Specific Instructions

ChatGPT

1. Go to Settings → Personalization → Custom Instructions

2. In "How would you like ChatGPT to respond?" paste the universal instruction
3. Save and start a new conversation

Claude

Simply paste the universal instruction at the beginning of a new conversation. Claude will maintain the threading approach throughout that conversation.

Google Gemini

Include the universal instruction at the start of your conversation or in the system instructions if using the API.

Local LLMs (Ollama, LM Studio, etc.)

Add the universal instruction to your system prompt configuration.

API Integration

For programmatic use, include the instruction in your system message:

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python

system_message = """
When responding to complex topics, organize your analysis into 2-4 distinct threads...
[rest of universal instruction]
"""

messages = [
    {"role": "system", "content": system_message},
    {"role": "user", "content": "Should we expand internationally?"}
]
```

Usage Examples

Basic Interaction

You: What's our competitive position?

AI: ****Thread 1: Market Share Analysis****

Current position shows 15% market share...

****Thread 2: Innovation Pipeline****

R&D investments suggest strong future position...

****Thread 3: Brand Perception****

Customer surveys indicate declining brand strength...

Thread Targeting

You: Thread 2: Tell me more about the R&D investments

AI: ****Thread 2: Innovation Pipeline (Expanded)****

Three major initiatives in development...

Adding New Threads

You: New thread: What about regulatory risks?

AI: ****Thread 4: Regulatory Landscape****

Upcoming legislation could impact operations...

Removing Threads

You: Kill thread 1, market share isn't relevant right now

AI: [Thread 1 removed - continuing with remaining threads]

All-Thread Commands

You: All threads: How does this impact our 5-year plan?

AI: ****Thread 2: Innovation Pipeline****

5-year impact: R&D investments position us...

****Thread 3: Brand Perception****

5-year impact: Brand rehabilitation needed...

****Thread 4: Regulatory Landscape****

5-year impact: Compliance costs will increase...

Best Practices

Thread Management

- Start with 2-4 threads for most questions
- Let threads evolve naturally
- Kill threads that no longer add value
- Spawn new threads when new angles emerge

Quality Indicators

Good threads:

- Represent genuinely different perspectives
- Could be simultaneously true
- Reveal different aspects of the situation
- Don't just restate the same point

Poor threads:

- Variations on the same theme
- Forced perspectives that don't fit
- Too many threads (cognitive overload)
- Artificial disagreement

Natural Flow

- 80% of the time, just write normally
- Target specific threads when diving deep
- Use thread commands sparingly
- Let the AI manage thread lifecycle

Troubleshooting

Problem: AI creates too many threads **Solution:** Ask to consolidate to 2-3 most important perspectives

Problem: Threads seem too similar **Solution:** Request "more distinct analytical angles"

Problem: AI forgets threading format **Solution:** Remind with "Please use thread format" or restart conversation

Problem: Threads don't evolve **Solution:** Actively engage with specific threads to encourage development