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the human contract.
what an interface owes you.

The commitments an AI interface makes to the person using it. Not a mission statement. A set of promises you can hold us to.

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THE CONTRACT

an interface owes you something.

ten promises, plainly stated.

Every screen shapes how a person feels and what they can do. That power comes with obligations. This contract names them, so the promise is testable and the person can tell when it is broken.

HOW TO READ

each page states the promise to you, then how we keep it in the build.

COMMITMENT / 01

you are safe here.

safety and recoverability.

Nothing you do should feel dangerous or final by accident. Destructive actions are confirmed, reversible where possible, and never taken on your behalf without your say-so.

COMMITMENT

you will not lose your work to a misread click, and you can undo.

IN PRACTICE

no destructive automation without explicit sanction. Undo and recovery paths on every irreversible action. Clear, non-alarming error and recovery states.

COMMITMENT / 02

you can understand this.

understanding over cleverness.

The interface will not make you feel stupid or behind. It explains itself in plain language, shows real state, and keeps the primary task reachable in a few obvious steps.

COMMITMENT

you will always know what is happening and what to do next.

IN PRACTICE

skimmable layout, plain copy, honest labels, primary task reachable in few steps, no jargon walls.

COMMITMENT / 03

you stay in control.

agency, never capture.

You set the pace. The interface will not seize your pointer, steal your focus, or move the ground under you. Automation runs quietly and hands control back.

COMMITMENT

the software waits for you; it does not act over you.

IN PRACTICE

no focus-stealing, no pointer hijacking, quiet automation you can pause, review, and stop.

COMMITMENT / 04

it remembers, with your consent.

memory the person owns.

The machine can hold the details so you do not have to carry them in your head. It remembers only what you allow, shows you what it holds, and forgets when you ask.

COMMITMENT

it remembers you, and you decide what it keeps.

IN PRACTICE

memory is opt-in and visible; you can view, edit, and delete it; nothing is remembered quietly.

COMMITMENT / 05

it tells you the truth.

truth over theater.

Numbers, progress, and system state reflect reality. If something is uncertain, it says so. It will not perform confidence it does not have, and it will not invent a result to look complete.

COMMITMENT

what you see is true; if we are not sure, we say so.

IN PRACTICE

no fake state or metrics; disclose uncertainty in plain words; when in doubt, behave deterministically and truthfully.

COMMITMENT / 06

your data stays yours.

privacy by default.

Data lives on your device first, then in your own storage, then only through a plainly disclosed service. Nothing is collected quietly, and the surface tells the same truth as the code.

COMMITMENT

we collect nothing quietly, and you can always leave with your data.

IN PRACTICE

on-device first; minimal collection; plain disclosure of anything that leaves; export in an open format at any time.

COMMITMENT / 07

this works for everyone.

accessibility as a promise.

The interface meets you where you are: assistive technology, larger text, keyboard paths, reduced motion, and measured contrast in both light and dark. Access is not a setting bolted on later.

COMMITMENT

however you read, type, or move, this is built for you.

IN PRACTICE

WCAG AA contrast in both appearances, keyboard-complete paths, reduced-motion support, screen-reader semantics, no color-only meaning.

COMMITMENT / 08

when a door closes, another opens.

the nearest truthful yes.

Always yes does not mean promising what is unsafe or false. When one route closes, the interface names the real constraint, preserves your agency, and opens the next reachable path.

COMMITMENT

you will not hit a dead end without a truthful way forward.

IN PRACTICE

name the constraint plainly, keep agency, offer the nearest safe and honest alternative; a fallback is a door, not an apology.

THE REFUSAL LIST

what this interface will never do.

the promises stated as refusals.

Some commitments are clearest as things we refuse. If the interface does any of these, it has broken the contract.

WE WILL NEVER

fabricate metrics, progress, or system state. take a destructive action without your explicit sanction. steal your focus or hijack your pointer. remember you without your consent. collect your data quietly. trap your data or block export. hide a real constraint behind a fake success. fail you silently on accessibility.

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THE CONTRACT

less like a maze, more like a door.

the promise, kept.

This is what the interface owes the person using it: safety, understanding, control, consented memory, truth, privacy, access, recovery, quiet automation, disclosed uncertainty, and a way out with your data. Held together, they are one promise. The person stays whole.

THE PROMISE

you are safe here. you are not behind. you can understand this. you stay in control. you can always leave with what is yours.