

Unlinked Notes: Purpose, Scope, and Handling Guidance

1. Purpose of the `/unlinked-notes/` Directory

The `/unlinked-notes/` directory contains **supporting materials generated during the construction, assessment, and validation** of the wider system. These materials are intentionally **excluded from the navigable shell and all HTML-linked content**.

Their purpose is limited to:

- documenting **methodological process**,
- preserving **provenance and auditability**,
- recording **reasoning constraints and development artefacts**,
- and providing **contextual clarification** should questions arise regarding authorship, method, or construction integrity.

They do **not** form part of the substantive case presentation.

2. Deliberate Non-Linkage

No file or subdirectory within `/unlinked-notes/` is linked from:

- the shell interface,
- any HTML document,
- chronology entries,
- claims, appendices, or guides.

This non-linkage is **intentional and material**.

It ensures that:

- substantive conclusions stand independently of process commentary,
- readers are not required to engage with developmental material to understand the case,
- and no interpretive weight is inadvertently assigned to reflective or methodological notes.

3. Directory Structure and Intended Function

3.1 Root-level documents (`/unlinked-notes/`)

Files at the root level (e.g. *AI and I*, *Context Emulation Protocol*, *Role of AI*) document **how assistive technologies were bounded, constrained, and used** during development.

These documents function as:

- technical disclosures,
- boundary statements,
- and provenance safeguards.

They exist to answer *methodological* questions only and do not contribute factual content.

3.2 /cognition/

This subdirectory contains **internal cognitive artefacts** used to externalise and stabilise reasoning during system design.

These documents:

- explore conceptual structure,
- test analytical models,
- and record non-final reasoning states.

They are **thinking tools**, not outputs.

They should not be interpreted as:

- evidence,
- explanation of events,
- or statements of belief.

3.3 /emotional-context/

This subdirectory records **subjective emotional context** contemporaneous with the system's development.

Its sole function is to preserve:

- motivational context,
- proportionality,
- and human impact.

These materials have **no evidential value** and are not intended to influence findings or outcomes. They exist only to prevent misinterpretation of persistence or scope if motivation is queried.

3.4 /provenance-artifacts/

This subdirectory contains **process logs and reasoning traces** (e.g. Cognition Stack files) that document how analytical conclusions were reached without altering substantive content.

These artefacts:

- demonstrate consistency,
- show absence of retrofitting,
- and provide an audit trail if reasoning integrity is challenged.

They are **methodological records**, not analytical arguments.

4. Constraints on Use and Interpretation

Materials within /unlinked-notes/:

- **must not** be treated as evidence;
- **must not** be cited as proof of factual claims;
- **must not** be relied upon for liability, credibility, or intent;
- **must not** be disclosed proactively as part of submissions.

They should be accessed **only if**:

- provenance is questioned,
- authorship or method is challenged,
- or an audit of construction process is explicitly requested.

5. Relationship to the Substantive Record

The substantive case record is fully contained within:

- the navigable shell,
- linked HTML documents,
- referenced evidence,
- and indexed assets.

The case **does not depend** on /unlinked-notes/.

Their inclusion or exclusion does not alter:

- chronology,
- factual findings,
- legal issues,

- or conclusions drawn elsewhere.

6. Summary

The `/unlinked-notes/` directory exists to ensure **transparency without contamination**.

It provides:

- provenance without persuasion,
- context without advocacy,
- and method without outcome influence.

Its correct handling preserves the integrity of the wider system by keeping **process visible but non-operative**.