Build an AI *second brain* with Claude.

Claude reads every note once, writes it into a linked wiki in Obsidian, and keeps it current. Two tools: Obsidian (free) and the Claude desktop app. Codex works too.

THE ONE RULE

Save every good answer back into the wiki. That is what makes it compound.

Why it beats upload-and-ask

COMPILE ONCE

RAW NOTES	CLAUDE CODE	WIKI	OBSIDIAN
Inputs	**Programmer**	**Codebase**	**Screen**
articles, PDFs, calls	reads, files, links	grows, stays current	graph + pages

NotebookLM and file uploads rebuild every answer from scratch and keep nothing. Here the summary is written once. The video says strict folders took answers from about 60% to 95% right.

The vault

3 LAYERS

```
raw-sources/ read only
wiki/        Claude owns
  index.md   page + 1 line
  log.md     dated changes
CLAUDE.md    the rules
user.md      who you are
soul.md      who Claude is
anti-ai-style.md banned words
```

01 Feed

CLIP

Obsidian Web Clipper in Chrome, folder set to `raw-sources`. Drop PDFs, transcripts and screenshots in too.

02 Ingest

COMPILE

`Ingest every new file in raw-sources. Follow CLAUDE.md.` Claude writes pages, links them, updates index.md and log.md.

03 Ask

QUERY

`Using the wiki only, what do I know about [topic]? Cite the pages.` Claude opens index.md, then the linked cluster.

04 Save back

COMPOUND

`Save this as a new wiki page, link it to related pages and update index.md.`

Do it after every good table, comparison or breakdown.

Identity files

SOUND LIKE YOU

Turn on voice mode and say: `Interview me one question at a time to write user.md, soul.md and anti-ai-style.md.` Talk 15 minutes. Add a banned phrase each time a draft makes you cringe.

Starter CLAUDE.md

OUR VERSION, PASTE TODAY

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# Layout
- raw-sources/ READ ONLY. Never edit, move or delete.
- wiki/ one page per person, company, project, idea.
- wiki/index.md every page: [[link]] + one line.
- wiki/log.md one dated line per change.
- Read user.md, soul.md, anti-ai-style.md first.

# Ingest
1. Read each new raw file.
2. Update existing pages first. New page only if none fits.
3. Link with [[wiki links]]. Note the source on each fact.
4. Update index.md, add a line to log.md.

# Answering
- index.md first, then linked pages. Cite pages.
- If the wiki does not know, say so. No guessing.
- "save this" = write a wiki page + update index.md.

# Weekly health check
- Fix wrong, stale, duplicate, unlinked pages. Log it.
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Then automate it

4 JOBS

7:30 AM	Scheduled task: `Read log.md and today's new raw-sources. Give me a 10-line brief of what needs me.`
Meetings	Transcripts into raw-sources, Claude files actions and decisions. A note-taker connector (he uses Fireflies) syncs them by itself.
Weekly	`Health-check the wiki. Fix wrong, stale, duplicate or unlinked pages and log what changed.` Stops "context rot".
15 min	Obsidian Git plugin: auto commit and push to a **private** GitHub repo.

Checklist

- ☐ Install Obsidian + Claude desktop
- ☐ Vault: raw-sources, wiki, CLAUDE.md
- ☐ 5 sources + first ingest
- ☐ Voice interview: 3 identity files
- ☐ Ask 1 question, save it back
- ☐ Web Clipper to raw-sources
- ☐ 7:30 brief + weekly health check
- ☐ Obsidian Git to private repo