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The document workhorse: projects that remember a job, and custom GPTs that remember how you want it done.

What it is best at

Projects: a desk for a job.

Attach up to 40 files and write the instructions once. Every new chat starts already knowing both.

Give ChatGPT more context

Upload files to give ChatGPT deeper context about your project.

Up to 40 files per project. 50 MB per document, 20 MB per image.

Custom GPTs.

A reusable assistant: a name, instructions and reference files. The same rules apply every time.

Name

Instruction to Checklist

Output you can check.

Ask for the paragraph reference beside every line, and checking is a glance down a column.

1. Complete annual cyber awareness training. [Para 3]
2. Complete training by 30 September. [Para 3]
3. Report completion percentages to the training officer. [Para 4]
4. Submit completion percentages by 5 October. [Para 4]

Two models, clearly named.

GPT 5.6 Terra is the careful one and the default. GPT 5.4 is faster for quick rewrites.

GPT 5.4

GPT 5.6 Terra



Also inside

- **Files in the chat:** Word, PDF, slides, spreadsheets.
- **One chat per nominee** inside a project.

- **Secure web search:** for public facts, with sources shown.
- **Conversation starters** show a new user what to paste.

Try this first

In a project holding the instruction and last year's package: "Draft this quarter's package from the facts below. Match the attached format. Mark anything missing CONFIRM."

Know before you go

No share control yet on projects. Pass the instructions and files to a shipmate instead.

It does not write Office files. Paste into your template, or use Grok.

No policy library. For the governing instruction, use Gemini.

Public tools take public material. A work account may take more, within its rules. Nothing classified, ever.



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