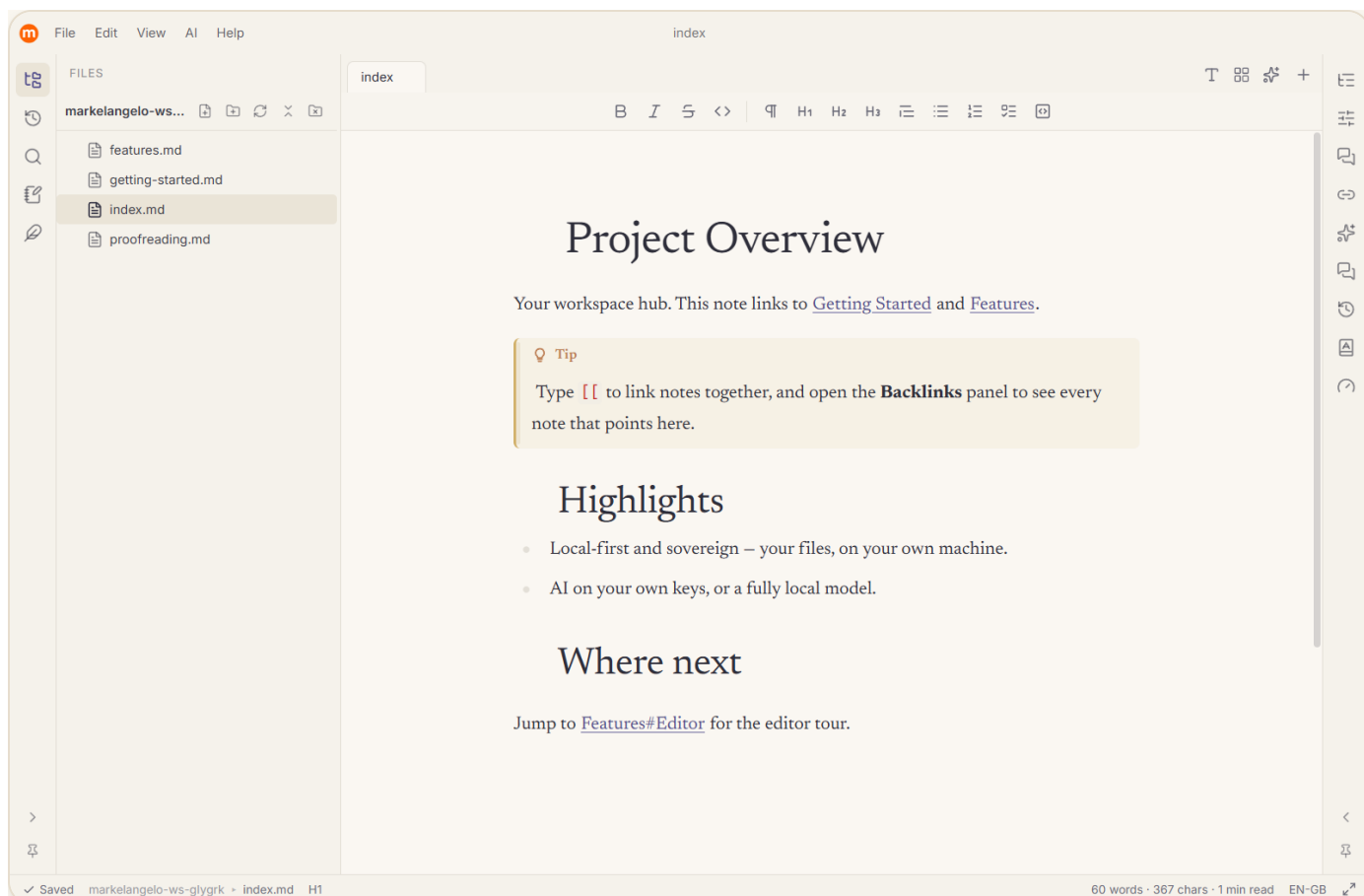


Stop pasting your work into a chatbot.

Markelangelo is a sovereign writing *workshop*, not just an editor. The AI works *inside* your document, your prompts are reusable tools, and nothing ever leaves your machine. Draft from nothing, interrogate what you've written, or reshape it for a new reader, all in place and on your own keys. This is the complete guide, with pictures.

START More than an editor

Markelangelo looks like a beautiful markdown editor, and it is one. But what it really gives you is a sovereign writing *workshop*: a place to draft, interrogate and reshape documents with AI that works inside the page, on your own terms.



A daily-driver editor with a serious AI workshop built in, local-first, no account, no telemetry.

Everyone who writes serious documents does the same exhausting shuffle: draft in one window, paste into a chatbot in another, copy the answer back, re-fix the formatting, repeat. Markelangelo ends it. Your prompts become reusable tools that run *inside* your document and apply in place, and because they run on your own keys or a local model, your work never leaves your machine.

See how the AI workshop works →

Why it's different



Sovereign

No account, no telemetry. Your files are plain `.md` on your disk; your AI runs on your keys or fully offline.



AI in the page

Draft, interrogate and transform documents in place, with a library of prompts you build and own.



Networked notes

`[[wiki-links]]`, backlinks and chat-over-your-notes turn a folder into a living knowledge base.



Portable

Standard markdown in, standard markdown out. No lock-in, take your work anywhere, any time.

Who it's for

Writers, researchers, consultants, note-takers and developers who want a fast, focused editor *and* a real AI workshop, without surrendering their data to someone else's servers. If you value owning your words as much as writing them, this was built for you.

The definitive guide

This is the complete, illustrated reference for Markelangelo: every feature, and the full depth of control you have over it, documented in one place. It leads with the AI workshop (the reason Markelangelo exists), then the editor and organising your project, then the whole **settings and configuration** surface, prompts, personas, models, privacy, spend, right down to the individual controls.

START Getting started

From download to your first saved document in just a few minutes.

Install & first launch

Markelangelo ships as an unsigned installer, so Windows SmartScreen may greet the first run with a warning. This is expected, the app simply isn't code-signed yet, not unsafe.

- 1 Run the downloaded installer. If SmartScreen appears, click **More info**, then **Run anyway**.
- 2 Let the installer finish, then launch Markelangelo. A one-time welcome tour introduces the essentials.

Note

The "Run anyway" prompt appears only the first time. Markelangelo has no account and no telemetry.

Staying up to date

Once installed, Markelangelo keeps itself current. It quietly checks for new versions, and when one is ready it offers to download and install it for you, so you are always on the latest without hunting for a new installer. The only thing it ever asks the internet is "is there a newer version?"; your documents are never part of that.

Create & open documents

- 1 Press `Ctrl+N` to create a fresh document and start writing straight away.
- 2 Press `Ctrl+O` to open an existing markdown file from anywhere on your disk.
- 3 Choose **File** ▶ **Open Folder** to open a whole **workspace folder**. This populates the file-tree sidebar and, importantly, powers wiki-links (`[[note]]`) and folder-wide search.

Tip

Wiki-links and search only resolve within an open workspace folder, so open one early if you're building a linked set of notes.

Save your work

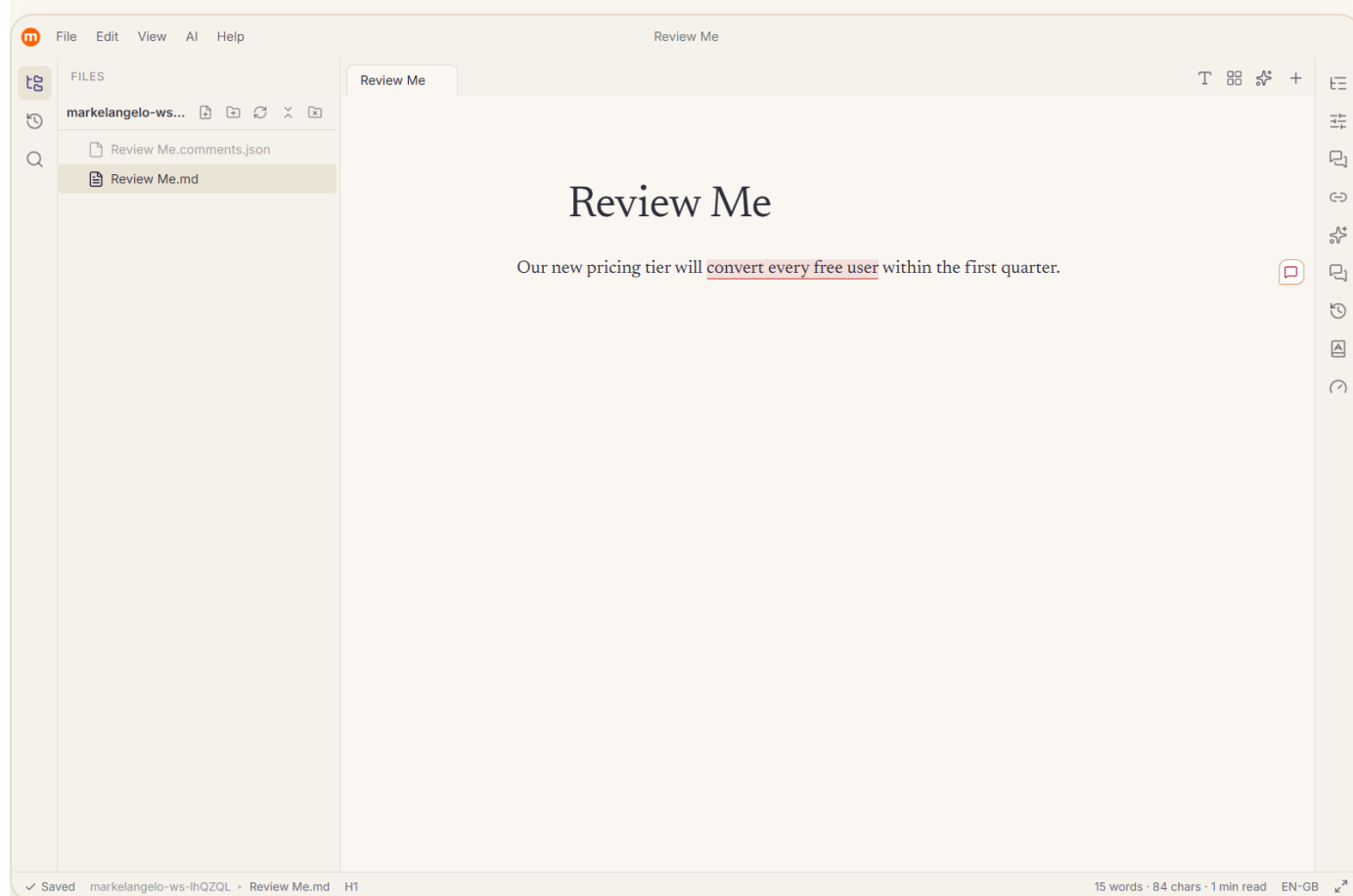
- 1 Press `Ctrl+S` to save the current document. New documents will ask where to put the file the first time.
- 2 Prefer to never think about it? Enable **autosave** in settings and Markelangelo writes changes to disk for you as you go.

Everything you save is plain markdown, exactly where you put it, ready to back up, sync or version however you like.

THE HEADLINE FEATURE

AI comments: argue with your own draft

The AI stops lecturing you from a side-panel. It pins its notes to the exact sentences they're about, right in the margin, like comments beside a Word document, and each one becomes a conversation you can have, and settle, without ever leaving the page.



Run a review and every remark lands on the passage it's about: highlighted in the text, bubbled in the margin.

From passive critique to an action you take

Ask a chatbot to critique your work and you get a wall of prose that you then have to map, by hand, back onto your own sentences. Markelangelo's review prompts (**Devil's advocate**, **Evidence check** and **Clarity & concision**) do that mapping for you. Each remark is **anchored** to the exact span it concerns, so you can see at a glance what needs attention, and precisely where.

The point

A critique you can read is useful. A critique you can *act on*, sentence by sentence, is halfway to a rewrite. That's the difference.

Talk it through, then commit the winner

Click a comment and it opens into a **thread**, a focused conversation with the AI about that one passage. Push back, add context ("I actually have the Q1 pilot numbers"), ask for options. Together you shape a **proposed revision**, and when you're happy you resolve it in a single click:

↔ Replace

Swap the passage for the agreed revision, in place.

↵ Insert below

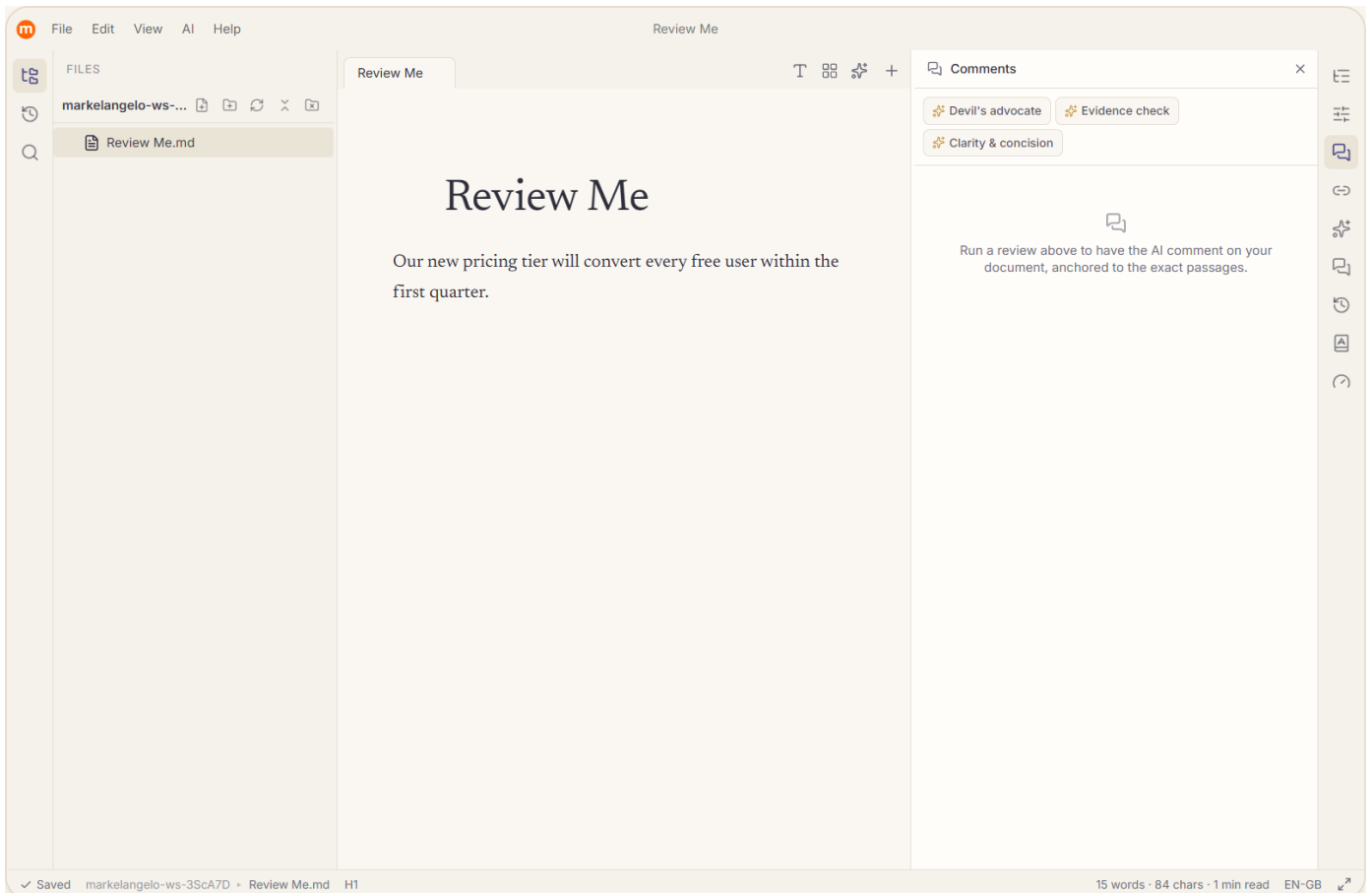
Keep the original and drop the alternative underneath it.

📌 Keep as note

Turn the remark into a callout beside the text.

🔗 Promote to note

Send the whole discussion to a linked `[[note]]`.



The Comments panel is your review inbox: run a pass, then work through every thread in one place.

How to run a review

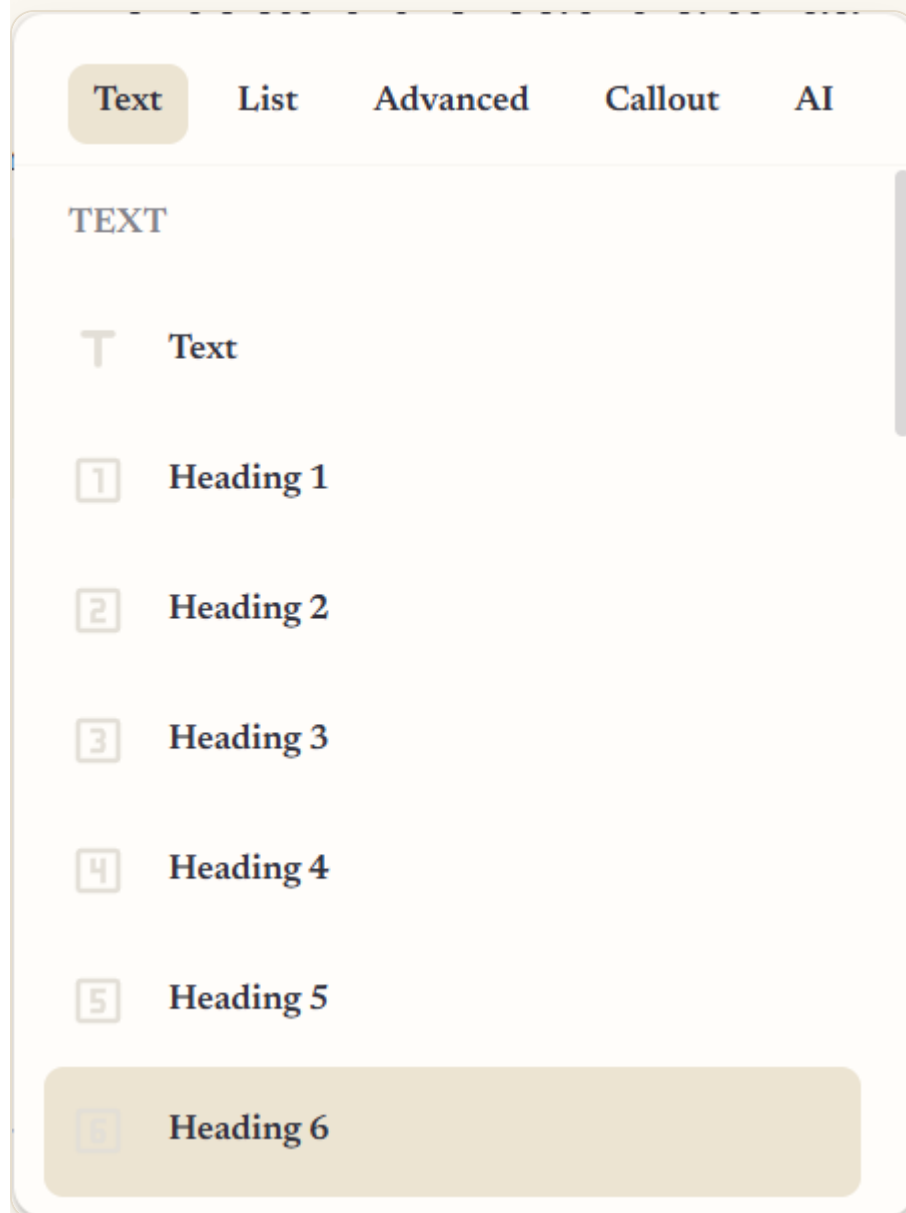
- 1 Open the **Comments** panel from the dock rail (or the command palette).
- 2 Pick a lens: **Devil's advocate**, **Evidence check** or **Clarity & concision**.
- 3 The AI reads your document and drops anchored comments: passages light up and bubbles appear in the margin.
- 4 Open any thread to discuss, draft a revision, and resolve it: replace, insert, keep as a note, or promote to a note.

Yours, and portable

Comments live in a small `<document>.comments.json` file beside your note, so they persist across sessions, never clutter your Markdown, and travel with your files. And like everything else here, the review runs on **your own key or a fully local model**, so your draft only ever goes where you send it. See [Providers, keys & privacy](#).

Your document is the workspace

Most apps bolt a chatbot onto a sidebar. Markelangelo does the opposite: the AI works *on the document in front of you*, in place, and the prompts you run are reusable tools you own.



Press **/** anywhere and the AI is right there in the flow of writing, no context-switch.

The tab-hopping tax

You know the drill. Write in your document, copy a paragraph, switch to a chatbot tab, paste it, type the prompt, wait, copy the answer, switch back, paste it, re-fix the formatting the paste destroyed, then do it again for the next paragraph. Your best prompts live in a chat history you'll never find again, and every round trip sends your work to someone else's servers.

Markelangelo collapses that loop. Your prompts are **saved, named, versioned and one keystroke away**. You run them on a selection or the whole document; the result streams in beside your text, you see a **word-level diff**, and you apply it **in place**, or edit it first. Nothing gets copied out. Nothing gets pasted back.

The point

Stop swapping between your document and a chat window. The document *is* the chat window, and it remembers your tools.

Three things you do to a document

Draft

Start from a prompt, not a blank page. Scaffold a business plan, draft a brief, outline a report, then fill it in.

Interrogate

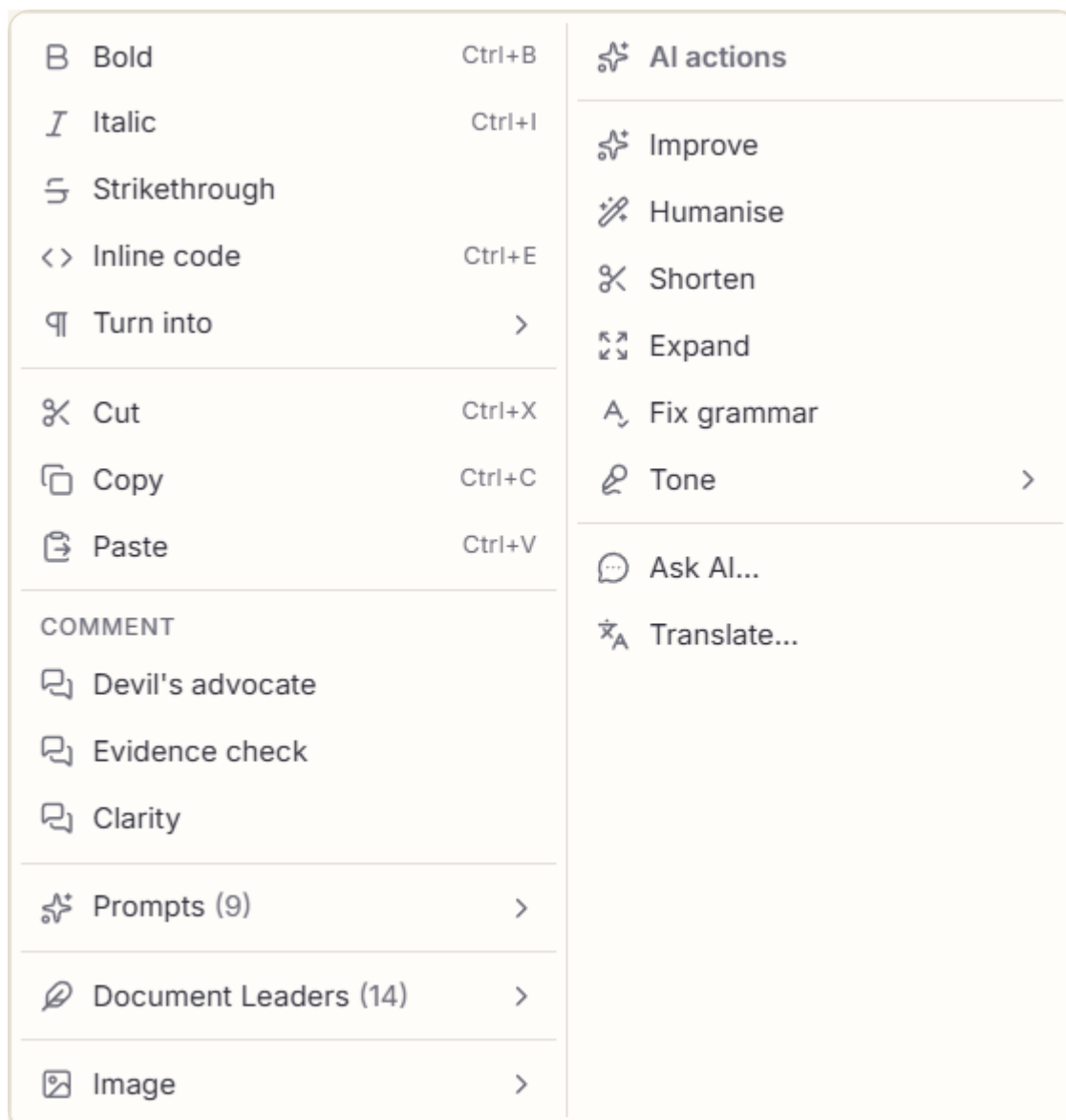
Make the document talk back. "What's my weakest claim?" "Which assertions have no evidence?" "Answer this from the text only."

Transform

Improve, humanise, tighten, restructure, re-voice, translate or summarise, on a selection or the whole doc, applied where you're working.

Select what you want to do something to, then do it

That is the whole design law. Select a passage and **right-click**, and the menu opens as two columns. The left keeps the familiar editing tools, formatting, synonyms, comment lenses, your saved prompts, Document Leaders and images. The right is a dedicated column of **AI actions**: Improve, Humanise, Shorten, Expand, Fix grammar, a Tone submenu, plus Translate and Ask AI. One selection, one menu, everything you can do to it.



Right-click a selection: editing on the left, a column of AI actions on the right.

Actions that know when they make sense

You cannot really shorten a single word, so the reshape actions grey out until the selection is long enough to be worth it. Each has its own sensible minimum, and you can tune them all in **Settings** ▶ **Quick Actions**. Ask AI and Translate are always available.

The other ways in

- **Type**  → the **AI** group in the slash menu (Run prompt, Summarise, Generate outline, Translate, Chat with notes).
- **Run Prompt** () → your whole library of saved tools, with variables and a live token/cost estimate.

- **Document Leaders** → run a named prompt, persona and model as a single one-click tool on a selected idea, from its sidebar tab or the right-click menu. See [Document Leaders](#).
- **Chat with Notes** (`Ctrl+Shift+L`) → ask questions across your whole indexed folder, with citations.

Sovereign by default

Every one of these runs on **your own API key** (Anthropic, OpenAI, OpenRouter) or a **fully local model** (Ollama, LM Studio). No account, no telemetry, no middleman, your document only ever goes where *you* send it. See [Providers, keys & privacy](#).

USE CASES

What you can actually do

These aren't hypotheticals. Every one below ships as a **real prompt** in your library, run it today, edit it, or fork it into your own. Real problems, real answers, all without leaving the page.

Draft from nothing

Business plan from a blank page. You know the pieces, market, model, financials, risks, but not where to start. Run [Business plan](#) and it scaffolds the whole structure into your document, with bullet prompts under every heading telling you exactly what to write. Then fill each section, using [Challenge](#) as you go to pressure-test your assumptions.

Any first draft. [Draft](#) takes a one-line brief, document type, topic, audience, and writes a structured first draft with clearly-marked `[placeholders]` where only you know the specifics. A blinking cursor becomes a working draft in ten seconds.

Interrogate what you've written

The sceptic, before the reviewer

Challenge

You're too close to your proposal to see the holes. "Play devil's advocate" reads the whole document and hands back your three weakest claims, the strongest counter-argument, and what a hostile reviewer attacks first, so you fix it before they find it.

Which claims are unbacked? Evidence

A report full of confident assertions, but which ones have nothing behind them? "Evidence check" flags every unsupported claim and says exactly what proof would make it credible.

Ask your own document Ask doc

"Does this actually say what the deadline is?" "Ask this document" answers your question from the text alone, quotes the passage it relied on, and tells you plainly when the answer isn't there.

Did we cover the brief? Criteria

A bid or grant that must answer specific requirements. Paste the criteria into "Check against criteria" and get a Met / Partial / Missing scorecard with a gaps-to-close list.

Reshape it for a new purpose

The board version. You wrote it for engineers; the board needs plain English. Select the passage, run **Re-pitch** with the audience set to "a non-technical executive", and it recasts tone, jargon and length, with a diff you approve before a word changes.

Meeting notes → decisions & owners. Messy notes in; a clean record out. **Actions** returns the decisions actually made and an *Action · Owner · Due* table, inventing nothing that isn't in the notes.

One click, from idea to finished piece

A post in a voice you choose. Jot the raw idea, select it, and click a **Document Leader** such as "LinkedIn: Contrarian" or "Article: Storyteller". A prompt, a persona and a model, bound into one tool, turn the line into a finished, on-voice draft right below it, no dialog, no settings. See **Document Leaders**.

A figure that matches the words. Select a passage and, from the right-click **Image** group, have the AI generate an illustration that fits, in your chosen house style, dropped straight into the page. See **Images**.

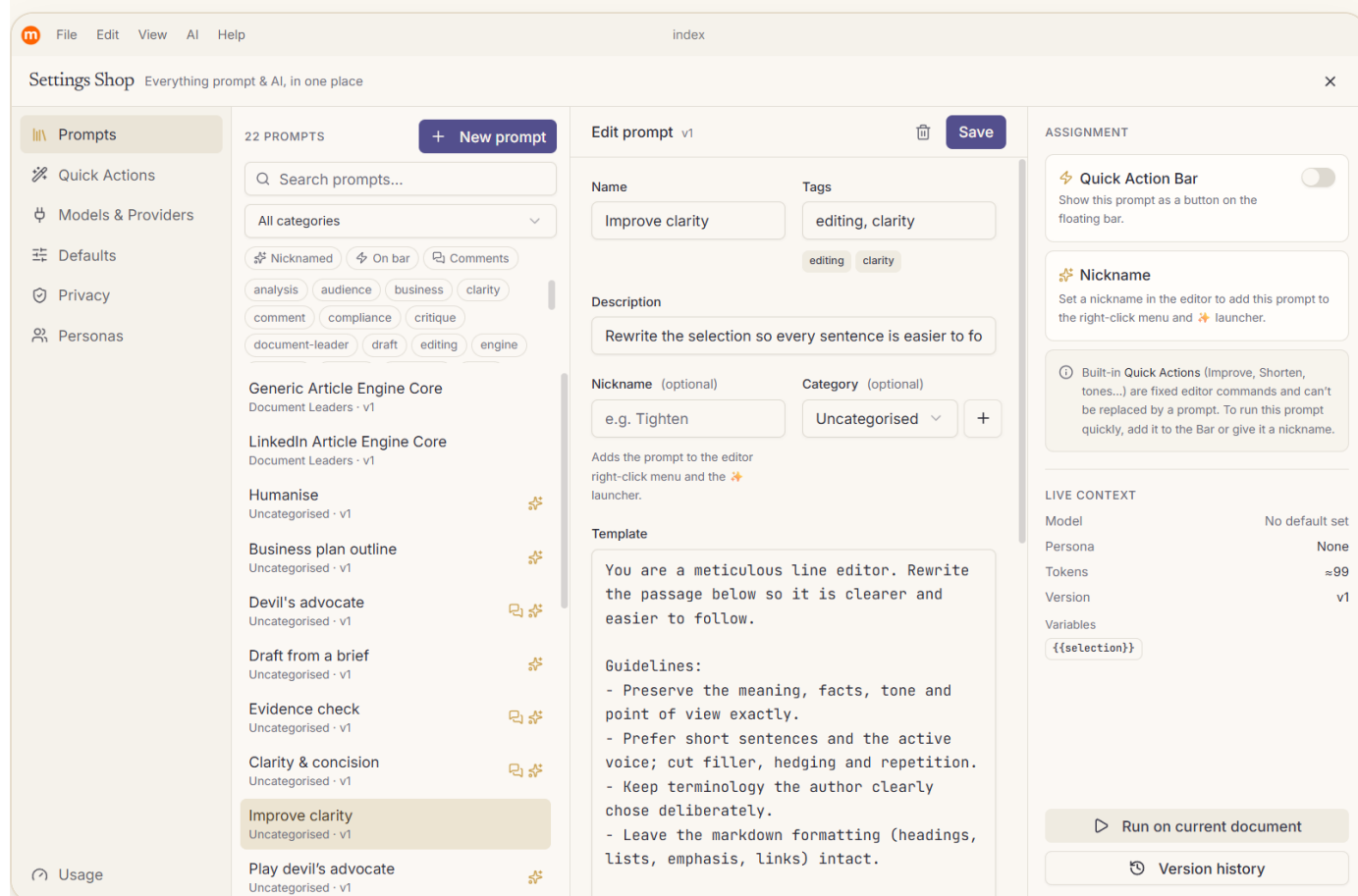
And when you can't find it...

Chat with Notes searches your whole indexed folder and answers "where did I write that thing about the lighthouse?" with citations, your second brain, kept local. See [Build your own tools](#).

The thread running through every recipe: **saved as a reusable tool · runs inside the document · applies in place · on your keys or a local model**. No tab-hopping. No copy-paste. No lock-in.

MAKE IT YOURS Prompts, personas & your own tools

The prompts we ship are a starting point. The real power is that every one is editable, and you can build a library of document tools tuned to exactly how you work, versioned, categorised and one keystroke away.



The Prompts tab (**Ctrl+Shift+,**), the whole library, a full editor, and a live-context inspector for each prompt.

Anatomy of a prompt

A prompt is a reusable instruction with everything it needs bundled in. The editor gives you:

- **Name & description** — what it is and what it's for, in a line.
- **Template** — the instruction itself. Drop in `{{selection}}`, `{{document}}` or `{{title}}` and Markelangelo fills them from what you're working on.
- **Variables** — add your own slots such as `{{audience}}` or `{{criteria}}`. Each is either free **text** or a fixed set of **choices**, with a default, and you're asked for it at run time.
- **Model** — run this prompt on a specific model, or inherit the feature default.
- **Persona** — attach a default voice (below).
- **Global message** — a tick to append your standing instruction, or opt this prompt out.
- **Respond as a comment** — make the prompt post its answer as an anchored margin comment instead of an inline result, with its own pill colour. This is how the review lenses work. See [AI comments](#).

Versions

Every edit to the body or variables is snapshotted. Tuned a prompt too far? Restore any earlier version, and the current one is saved first, so you never lose a good one.

Nicknames

Give a prompt a short nickname and it appears on the editor right-click menu and the ✨ launcher, one click, no dialog.

Categories

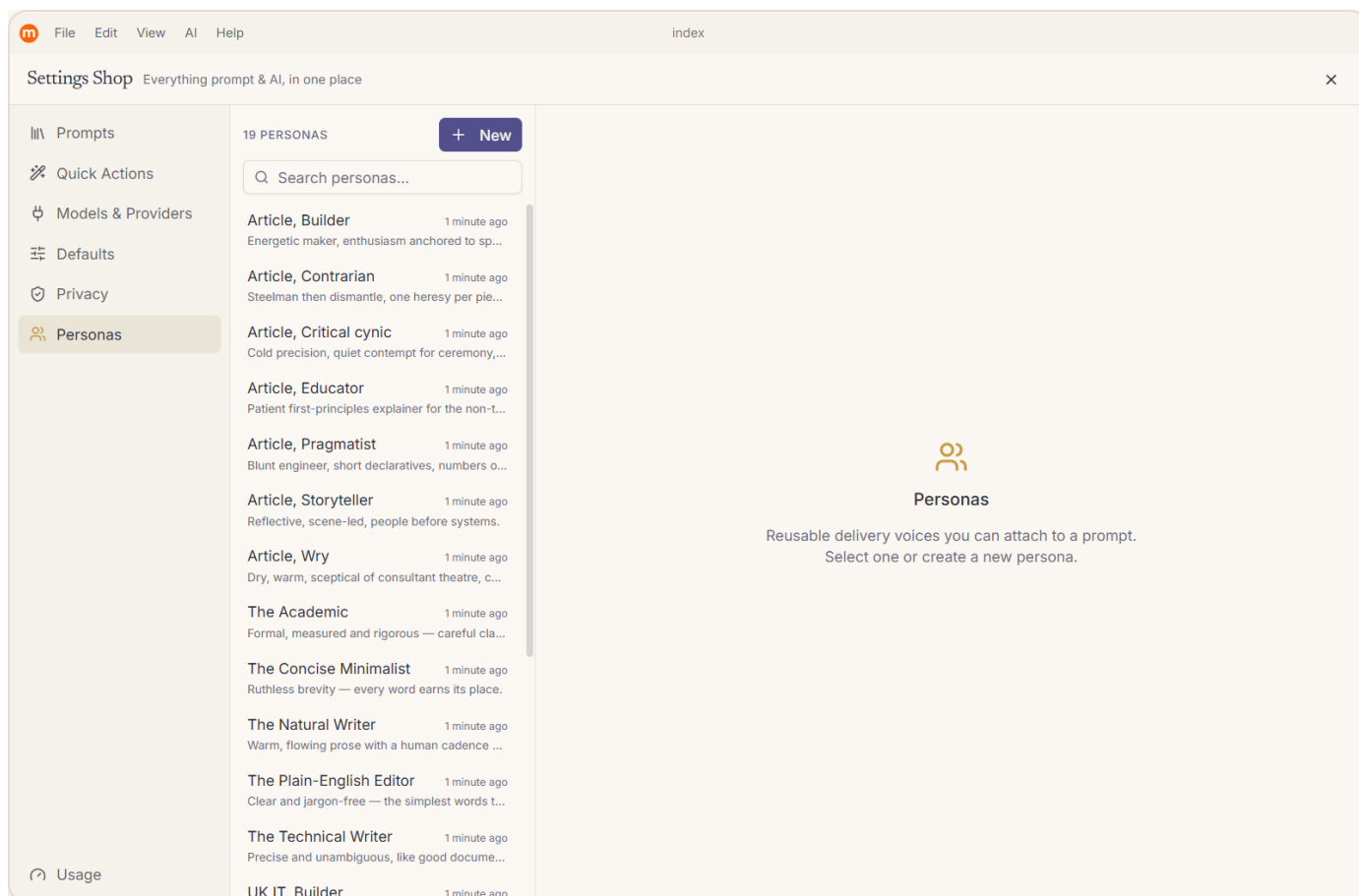
File prompts into curated groups and filter by them, plus filter pills for nicknamed, on-the-bar and comment prompts, so a big library stays navigable.

Per-prompt model

Point a heavy analysis prompt at a frontier model and a quick tidy-up at a cheap local one, each prompt picks its own.

Personas: reusable voices

A **persona** captures *how* a reply should sound, its voice, tone and structure, separately from what a prompt asks for. Each is just a **name**, a one-line **description** and an **instruction** that is added to the system prompt of any run that uses it (describe the manner of delivery, not the task). Write a "sceptical reviewer" or a "warm, plain-English editor" once, attach it to any prompt, or pick it at run time. Markelangelo ships a starter set, the Technical Writer, the Natural Writer, the Plain-English Editor, the Concise Minimalist and the Academic, to build from.



Personas, a name, a one-line description, and the instruction that shapes the voice.

One instruction, everywhere

The switchable **global message** is a single instruction appended to every run. It ships enabled, set to "Return only the requested output, no preamble, no commentary", so you never have to repeat it. Edit it, turn it off, or opt any individual prompt out with its own tick.

Even the built-in actions are yours

The selection rewrites (Improve, Humanise, Shorten, Expand, Fix grammar), the five tones and the document actions (Summarise, Generate outline) are permanent tools, but the *instruction* behind each one is editable in **Settings** ► **Quick Actions**, with a Reset to restore the original. That same tab holds the **minimum word counts** that grey each action out until a selection is long enough to be worth it. See [Your document is the workspace](#).

Fast access

Put your most-used tools on the **Quick Action Bar**, a row of one-click buttons (your own icon and colour each) carried in the editor's top toolbar, that run any prompt or command. Between

that, nicknames on the right-click menu, the ✨ launcher and Run Prompt (`Ctrl+Shift+J`), your workshop is always a keystroke away.

Bundle a whole way of writing

When a prompt, a persona and a model always belong together, save them as a **Document Leader**: one named tool you run in a single click on a selected idea. It is the natural next step once your prompts and personas are in shape. See [Document Leaders](#).

Yours to keep

Export your whole prompt library to a file and import it on another machine (imports merge by name and are versioned, so nothing is clobbered). Your tools are portable, just like your documents.

MAKE IT YOURS Document Leaders

Your best prompts, married to a voice and a model, and run on a single idea with one click.

A prompt gives structure. A persona gives voice. A model does the thinking. A **Document Leader** is all three bound into one named tool, so a whole way of writing becomes a single click. Point one at an idea in your document and it produces the finished piece, in the right shape and the right voice, below the line you selected.



DOCUMENT LEADERS



DOCUMENT LEADERS

+ New



Select an idea in the document, then click a Leader to generate the article below it.



GENERIC ARTICLE ENGINE CORE



Article: Builder

Article: Contrarian

Article: Critical cynic

Article: Educator

Article: Pragmatist

Article: Storyteller

Article: Wry

LINKEDIN ARTICLE ENGINE CORE

LinkedIn: Builder

LinkedIn: Contrarian

LinkedIn: Critical cynic

LinkedIn: Educator

LinkedIn: Pragmatist

LinkedIn: Storyteller

LinkedIn: Wry



Select an idea, then click a Leader. Each is a prompt, a persona and a model in one.

Structure, voice, and the marriage of the two

The engine

A prompt that lays down the *structure*, how a LinkedIn article or a long-form piece is built, section by section.

The persona

A reusable *voice*: the Builder is constructive, the Contrarian pushes back, the Storyteller leads with a scene, the Wry one keeps it light.

The Leader

The two, married, on a chosen model.
"LinkedIn: Contrarian" or "Article: Storyteller"
becomes one button you press.

Run one in a click

Open the **Document Leaders** tab on the sidebar, select the idea you want written up, and click a Leader. The piece is generated and inserted directly beneath your selection. The same Leaders are on the right-click menu too, so you never have to leave the passage you are working on.

Markelangelo ships two ready-made packs, a **generic Article** engine and a **LinkedIn** engine, each with seven personas, so you have fourteen Leaders to try on day one, all running on a frontier model.

Build your own

Press **New** and a Leader takes shape from parts you already have:

- **Name** — how it reads on the sidebar, for example "LinkedIn: Wry".
- **Engine prompt** — the prompt that lays down the structure.
- **Persona** — the voice it speaks in.
- **Model** — a specific model, or the feature default.

A Leader is a pure join: it points at those pieces rather than copying them, so improving the underlying prompt or persona quietly improves every Leader that uses it. Edit or delete any Leader from the same tab (hover for the pencil).

Why it helps

The prompt that nailed a piece last week is not lost in a chat history. It is a Leader on your sidebar, voice and model included, ready to turn the next raw idea into a finished draft. See also [Prompts, personas & your own tools](#).

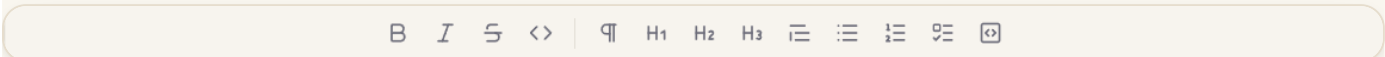
WRITING The editor

A live, distraction-free writing surface where markdown formats itself as you type.

Markelangelo's editor renders your formatting inline, headings, emphasis and lists take shape the moment you write them, so you see the finished look without a separate preview pane. It's plain markdown underneath the whole time.

The formatting toolbar

A slim toolbar sits across the top of the editor, always to hand. It carries the marks you reach for most, **Bold**, *Italic*, strikethrough and inline code, then, past a divider, every block type: paragraph, headings one to three, quote, bullet, numbered and task lists, and code block. Click any button and it applies to your current selection. If you keep a bespoke quick-action bar, its buttons sit alongside, so the space above your writing does real work.



The top toolbar: inline marks, then the block types, centred and always visible.

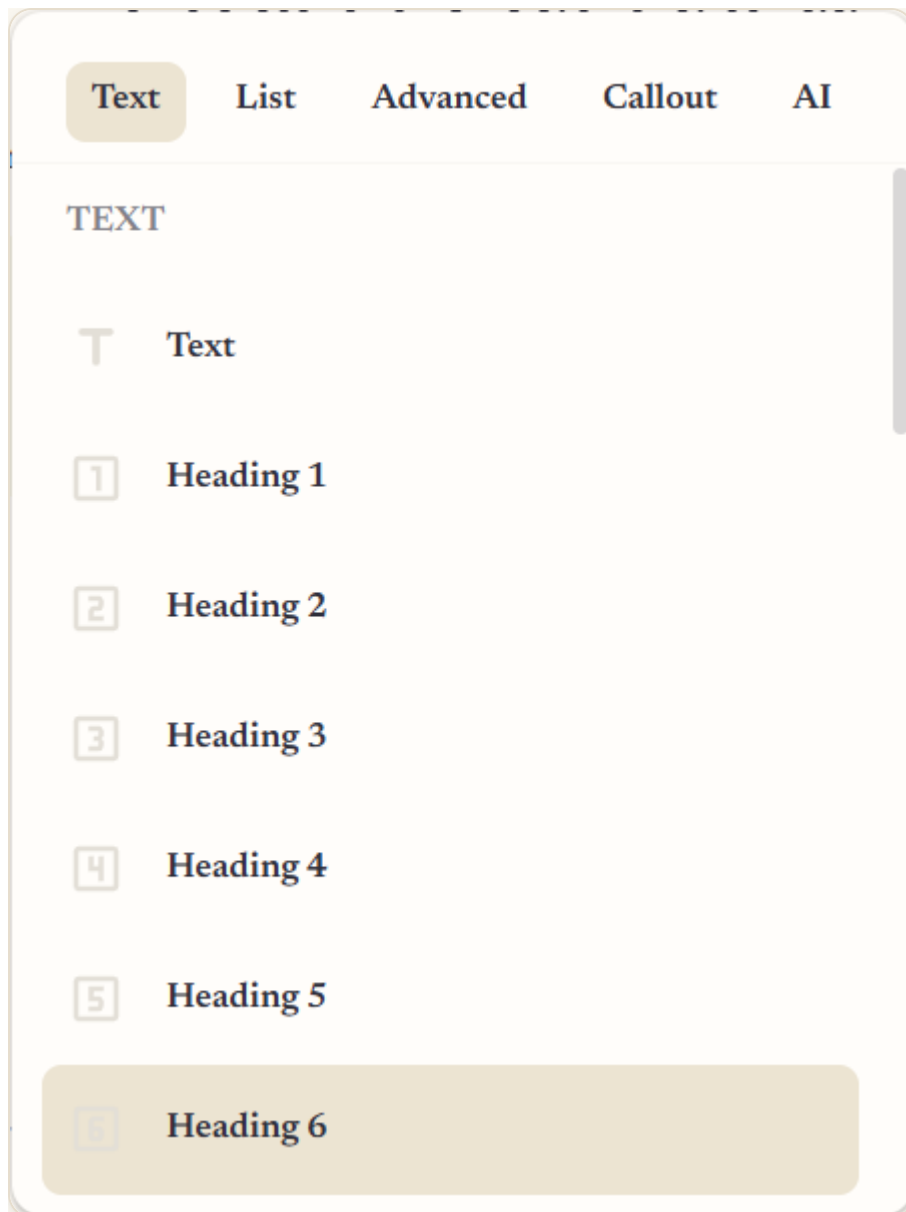
Markdown shortcuts

Prefer to keep your hands on the keys? Type the familiar markdown and it becomes formatting instantly:

TYPE THIS	YOU GET
#	A heading (more # for deeper levels)
-	A bullet list item
>	A block quote
bold	Bold text
`code`	Inline <code>code</code>

The slash menu

Press `/` on an empty line to open the slash menu, a searchable list of every block you can insert, from tables and code blocks to callouts and AI actions.



The slash menu, start typing to filter, then press Enter to insert.

Tip

Just type a word after the `/`, for example `/table` or `/callout`, to jump straight to what you want without scrolling.

The right-click menu

Select any text and right-click for a two-column command centre: editing, synonyms, comment lenses, your prompts, Document Leaders and images on the left; a column of AI actions on the right. It is the fastest way to reshape a passage without lifting your hands from the work. See [Your document is the workspace](#).

Rich blocks

Every block is draggable, hover to the left of any paragraph, list or heading to reveal a handle, then drag it to reorder your document. Beyond the basics, the editor handles the demanding stuff too:

Tables

Insert and edit tables visually, with rows and columns you can add or remove as you go.

Code blocks

Fenced code with per-block language selection and syntax-aware preview.

KaTeX maths

Write mathematical notation that renders crisply inline and in display blocks.

Mermaid diagrams

Describe flowcharts and diagrams in text and see them drawn live.

Spelling in bulk

Creative speller? **Proofread mode** checks the whole document at once and offers one-click corrections, no right-clicking word by word. See [Proofread mode](#).

WRITING Proofread mode

Check the whole document at once, and fix every spelling slip in a few clicks, no right-clicking word by word.

If your spelling is creative at the best of times, correcting a document the usual way is tedious: right-click a red word, read the menu, pick the fix, and do it again, and again. Proofread mode turns that into a single sweep. Run it once and every misspelling in the document is marked at the same time, each with its likeliest corrections offered right beside it.

▼ Proofreading

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besside **beside** **bedside** **Bessie** × each one so you can fix the hole document
in a few clicks.

Every misspelling flagged at once, with green suggestion pills you click to fix.

How it works

- 1 Run it from **Edit ► Check Spelling** or press **F7**. The whole document is scanned in one pass.
- 2 Each misspelling is marked in **red**, with up to three **green** suggestion pills beside it.
- 3 **Click a pill** to accept that correction, the word is replaced and the marks disappear. **Click the small cross** to keep your original spelling as it is.
- 4 Prefer to blitz the lot? A floating **Correct all remaining** bar fixes every word you have not already handled, using each one's top suggestion. Anything you corrected by hand is left untouched.

Local and private

Proofreading runs entirely on your machine against a bundled British English dictionary, so it works offline and no text is sent anywhere. It checks English for now.

Built for the way some of us write

This one exists for dyslexic writers first. The goal is simple: get a document from "creatively spelled" to clean without the death-by-a-thousand-clicks of the old way.

WRITING Callouts

Draw the eye to what matters with tidy, colour-coded boxes that travel with your file.

Tip

Type `[]` to link notes together, and open the **Backlinks** panel to see every note that points here.

A rendered callout.

Callouts are highlighted panels for notes, tips, warnings and the like, perfect for guidance, caveats and anything a reader shouldn't skim past. Markelangelo gives you five flavours: **Note**, **Tip**, **Important**, **Warning** and **Caution**, each with its own colour and icon.

Two ways to make one

- 1 Press `/`, choose **Callout**, then pick the type you want, Note, Tip, Important, Warning or Caution.
- 2 Or simply type `> [!WARNING]` on its own line, press Enter, and write the body on the following lines.

Both routes produce the same result, so use whichever feels quicker in the flow of writing.

Tip

The `[!WARNING]` marker is hidden while you edit for a clean look, but it stays in the saved file. That means your callouts render correctly on GitHub, in Obsidian and anywhere else that speaks the same syntax, fully portable, no lock-in.

WRITING Collapsible headings

Fold long documents down to their outline so you can focus on the section in front of you.

Every heading in Markelangelo can be folded. Hover over a heading and a small chevron appears beside it; click the chevron to collapse everything beneath that heading, right up to the next heading of the same or a higher level. Click it again to expand the section back out.

It's a fast way to navigate a big document, collapse the parts you're done with, keep the section you're working on open, and the whole structure stays readable at a glance.

Note

Folding is **view-only**. Collapsing a heading never alters your file, it only changes what's shown on screen. Save, reopen or hand the document to someone else and every word is exactly where you left it.

Great for long documents

The longer the document, the more this earns its keep. Working through a lengthy report or a sprawling set of notes becomes far less daunting when you can quietly tuck away everything except the part that needs you right now.

WRITING Images

Drop a picture in, or generate one from your words, and it's saved right beside your document. Everything stays on your disk.

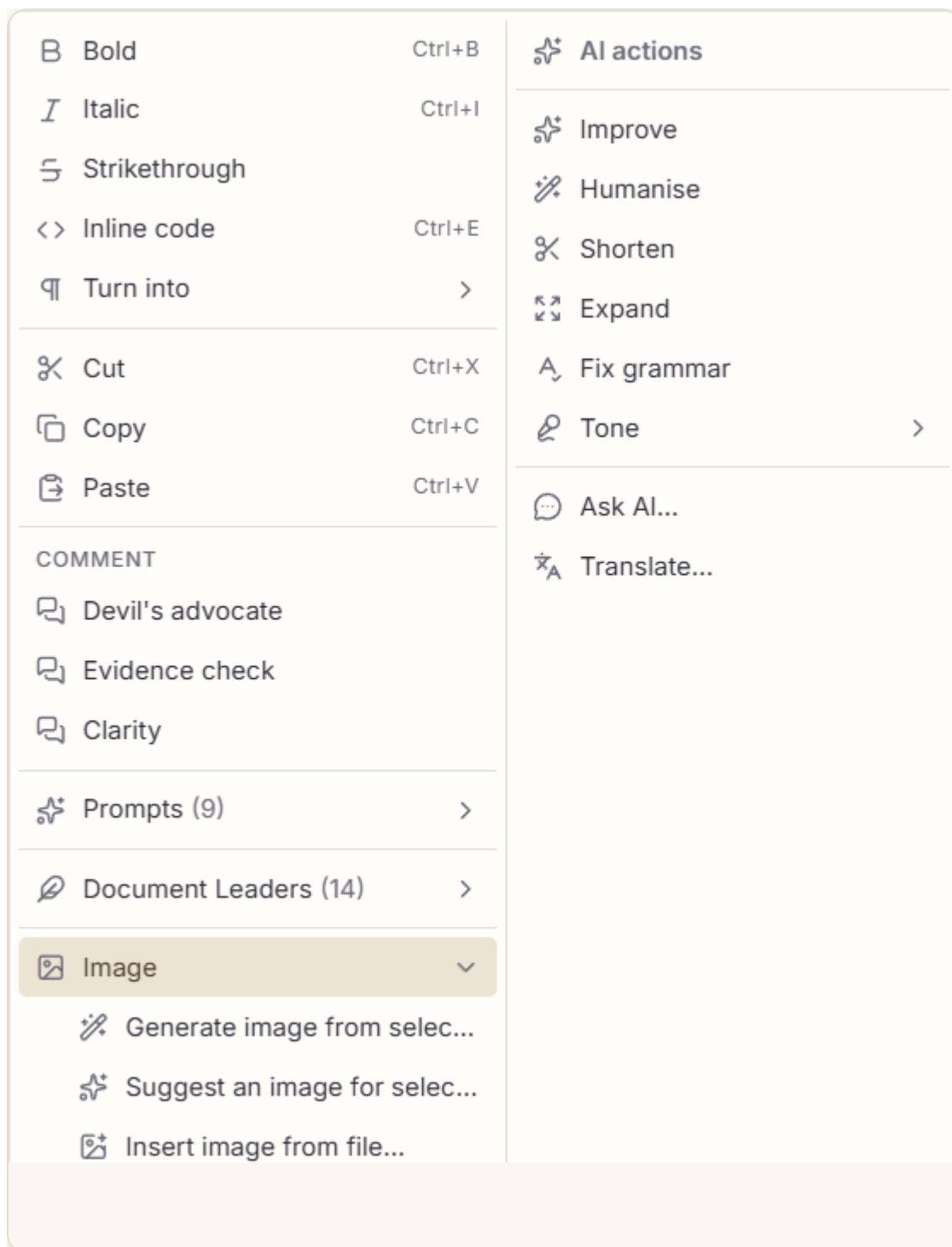
Adding an existing image is as direct as it should be. You can:

- 1 **Paste** an image straight from your clipboard with `Ctrl+V`, handy for screenshots and copied graphics.
- 2 **Drag** an image file from your file manager and drop it into the editor where you want it.

Either way, Markelangelo saves the image into an `assets/` folder sitting next to your document and inserts a reference to it at the cursor. Nothing is uploaded and nothing is hosted elsewhere, the picture lives locally, right alongside the words it belongs to.

Generate an image from your words

Need a figure that does not exist yet? The AI can make one, and drop it straight into the page. Select a passage and right-click into the **Image** group, where three routes wait, each following the same "select, then do" law as the rest of the app.



The Image group: generate from a selection, ask for a prompt first, or insert your own.

Generate from selection

Select some text and ask straight away. The AI reads the passage, generates an image to match, and inserts it below, all in one click.

Suggest a prompt first

Not sure what to ask for? Have the AI propose an image prompt from the surrounding text, tweak the wording, then press create.

Insert from file or URL

Already have the picture? Point at a file on disk or a web address and Markelangelo fetches it locally and files it beside your document.

A **style library** in Settings decides the look, editorial photo, flat vector, watercolour, line art, isometric, or your own. Pick the active style once and every generated image comes out in that voice. Generation runs on your own OpenAI key; the finished picture is saved into the same local `assets/` folder as everything else.

Note

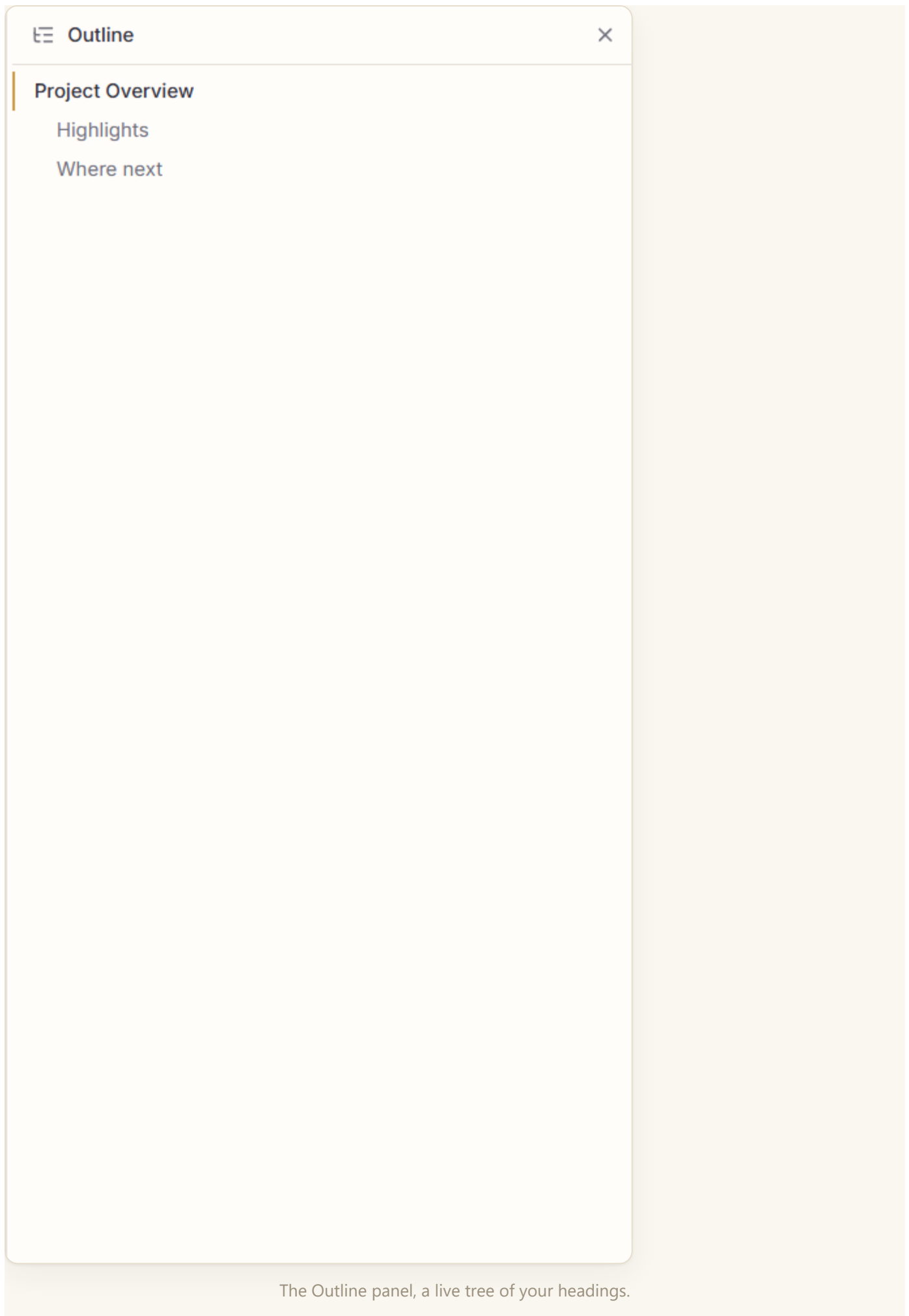
For a tidy, portable relative path, save your document first. Images added to an unsaved draft are tucked away in the app's own storage for safekeeping; once the document has a home on disk, new images land in an `assets/` folder beside it, so the whole document folder can be moved or shared as one neat package.

ORGANISE Outline & Properties

See your document's shape at a glance and edit its frontmatter as friendly, typed fields, no YAML wrangling required.

Two panels in the right dock help you keep a long document in order: the **Outline** shows its structure, and **Properties** gives you a tidy form for the metadata at the top of the file.

Outline



The Outline panel, a live tree of your headings.

The Outline panel builds a live tree from your headings, nested exactly as they are in the document. It updates as you type, so it always reflects the current shape of your work. Click any heading to jump straight to it, handy for a report or a piece of documentation that runs to dozens of sections.

As you write, the section you're editing is highlighted in the tree, so you always know where you are in a long piece. Think of it as a table of contents you can navigate with, rather than just read.

Properties

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title

Project Overview

tags

handbook, reference

status

living

+ Add property

Saved as YAML frontmatter. Editing here reformats that block.

The Properties panel, edit YAML frontmatter as typed fields.

Many markdown documents carry a block of *frontmatter* at the very top, a small slab of YAML holding the title, tags, a status and whatever else you like. The Properties panel turns that block into a friendly form: each entry becomes a typed field you can edit directly, without touching the raw syntax.

Properties come in the shapes you'd expect:

Text

A single line, a title, an author, a summary. Just type into the field.

Number

A numeric value, edited with a number field so you don't fat-finger a letter in.

True / false

A simple toggle for yes/no properties like `draft` or `published`.

Tag list

A list of tags you add and remove one at a time, rather than typing brackets and commas.

You can add a new property or remove one you no longer need, all from the panel. Everything you change is written back as ordinary YAML at the top of the file, nothing proprietary, nothing hidden. Open the same document in any other editor and the frontmatter reads exactly as you'd expect.

Note

Markelangelo leaves your raw frontmatter block untouched until you actually edit a property. Existing formatting, comments and ordering are preserved right up to the moment you change something.

ORGANISE Wiki-links & Backlinks

Connect your notes into a living web of knowledge, link any document to any other with a pair of brackets, and see every connection flow both ways.

Wiki-links are the heart of turning a folder of markdown files into a *knowledge base*. Instead of hunting for the right file every time you want to reference it, you simply write its name in double brackets, `[[note]]`, and Markelangelo weaves the connection for you. It's the fastest way we know to manage all your project documentation as one interlinked, navigable whole.

Writing a link

Type `[[` anywhere in your document and an autocomplete list of every note in your workspace appears. Keep typing to filter it, then choose the note you want:

- Use the **arrow keys** to move through the list;
- press **Enter** to accept the highlighted note;
- or simply **click** the one you want.

Once a link is in place, **click it** to open that note. If the note doesn't exist yet, clicking the link creates it for you on the spot, so you can link forward to a document you haven't written, then fill it in later. Your ideas lead; the files follow.

Precise links

Two small flourishes make links do exactly what you mean:

SYNTAX	WHAT IT DOES
<code>[[note]]</code>	Links to another note in your workspace.
<code>[[note#heading]]</code>	Jumps straight to a particular heading inside that note.
<code>[[note alias]]</code>	Shows friendly display text while still linking to <code>note</code> .

In the editor, the brackets tuck themselves away so your prose reads cleanly, but they stay in the underlying file. That means your links are portable: open the same folder in Obsidian, or any other tool that speaks wiki-links, and everything still resolves.

Backlinks, the web, both ways

Backlinks



No other notes link here yet.

The Backlinks panel, every note that points at the one you're reading.

A link only tells half the story: it points outward. The **Backlinks** panel in the right dock tells you the other half, every note in your workspace that links *to* the document you're currently reading. Follow those threads and the whole shape of your project reveals itself: which ideas reference this one, where a topic is discussed, how it all hangs together. It's the difference between a pile of files and a genuine, navigable web of project documentation.

Try it

- 1 Open a workspace folder so Markelangelo can see all your notes.
- 2 In a document, type `[[` and start typing the name of another note.
- 3 Pick the note from the autocomplete list to insert the link.
- 4 Click the link to open (or create) that note.
- 5 Open the **Backlinks** panel to see every note that links back to it.

Note

Wiki-links need an open workspace folder, that's how Markelangelo knows which notes are available to link between and can build the backlink web across them. Open a folder first, then the brackets come alive.

ORGANISE The rails & panels

Every tool you need lives one click away down the edges, open a panel when you want it, tuck it away when you don't.

Markelangelo keeps its working tools on two slim icon rails, one down each edge of the window. The left rail switches the sidebar (files, search, recents, prompts, Document Leaders); the right rail is the dock, where self-contained **panels** open and close independently, so your writing surface stays as clear or as busy as you like.

What's in the dock

Outline

A live tree of your headings, click to jump anywhere in a long document.

Properties

Your document's frontmatter as friendly typed fields.

Comments

Every AI comment on the document, grouped and ready to resolve. See [AI comments](#).

Backlinks

Every note that links to the one you're reading.

AI

The AI workspace, run prompts, personas and actions on your document.

Chat with Notes

Ask questions across your workspace and get answers grounded in your own notes.

History

Local snapshots of a document you can browse and restore.

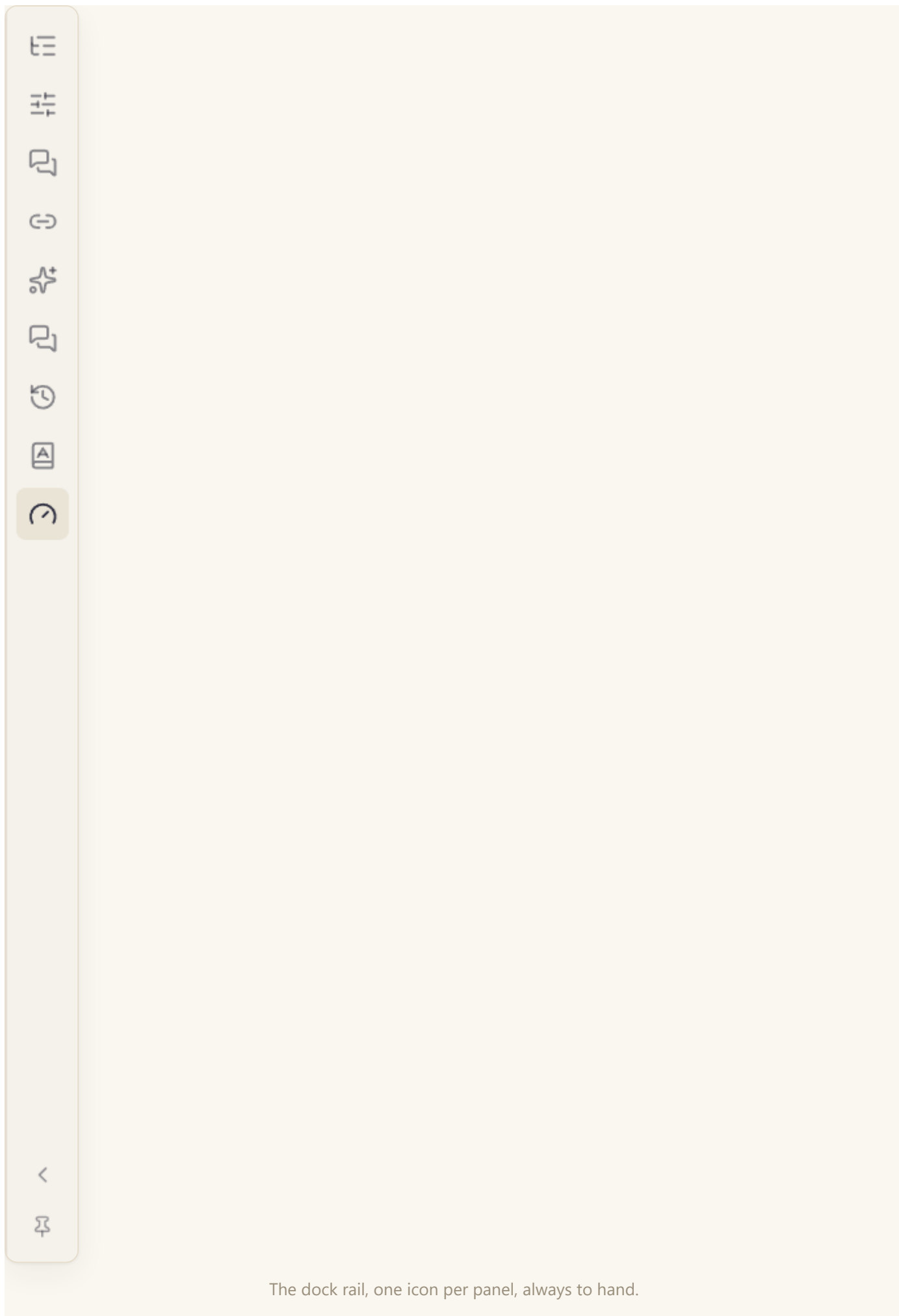
Thesaurus

The bundled 140k-entry thesaurus, right beside your writing.

Usage

A running tally of your AI usage and cost.

The rails

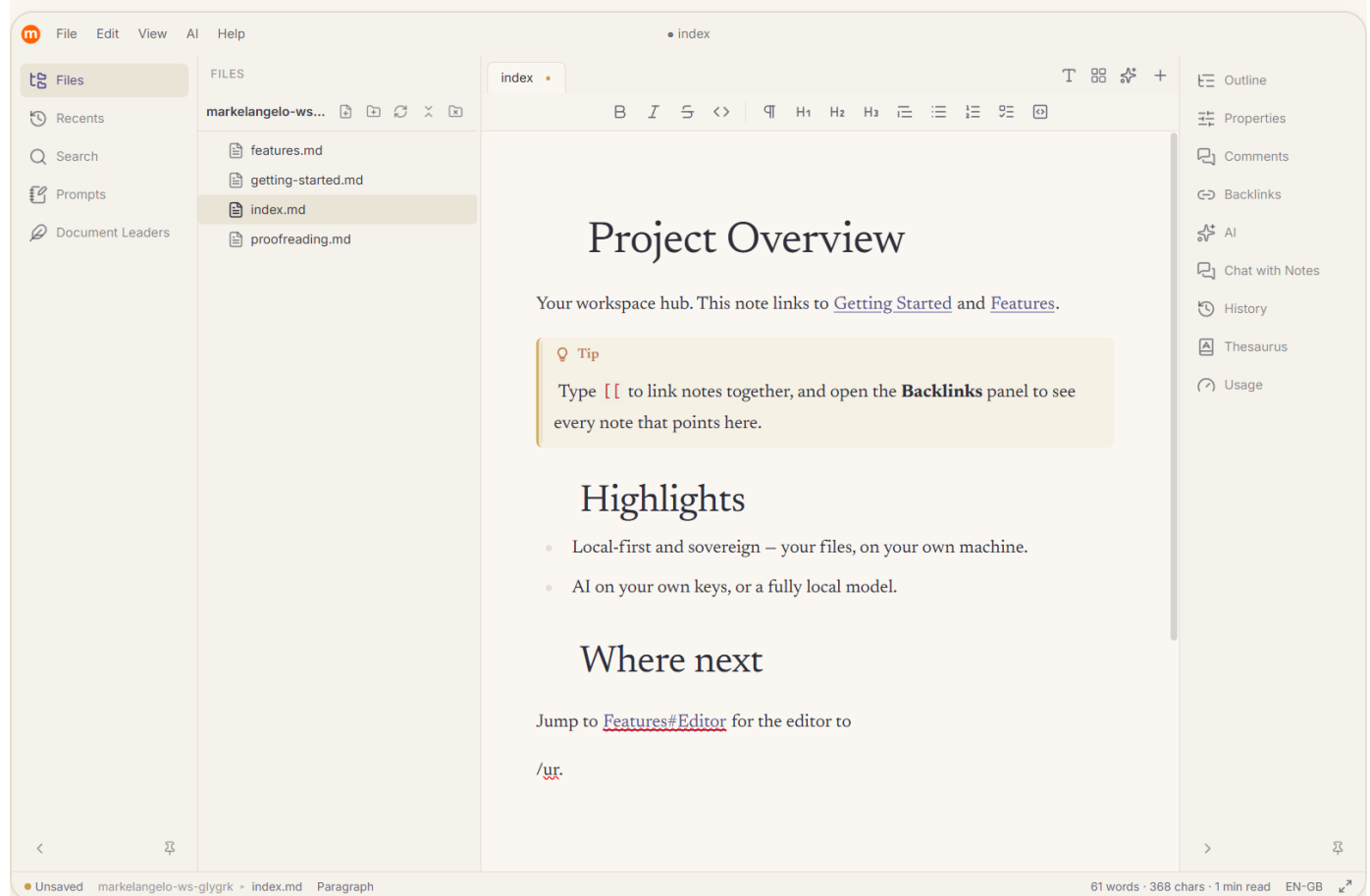


The dock rail, one icon per panel, always to hand.

Each rail is a persistent strip of icons. Click one to open its panel or sidebar; click it again to close. Because the rail never goes away, a closed panel is always exactly one click from reappearing, no menus to dig through, no state to remember.

Pop out the labels

Icons are compact, but not always obvious at a glance. A chevron at the foot of each rail **expands it to show the text name beside every icon**, so you can read exactly what each one does. It works on both rails, left and right. When you want the labels to stay, click the **pin** beside the chevron and the rail keeps them open across restarts.



Click the chevron to reveal labels on either rail; pin them to keep them open.

This keeps the interface out of your way when you're writing and instantly legible when you're not. Open just the Outline while drafting; add Backlinks when you're linking notes together; bring up the AI panel when you want a hand, then close them all and enjoy a clean canvas.

Note

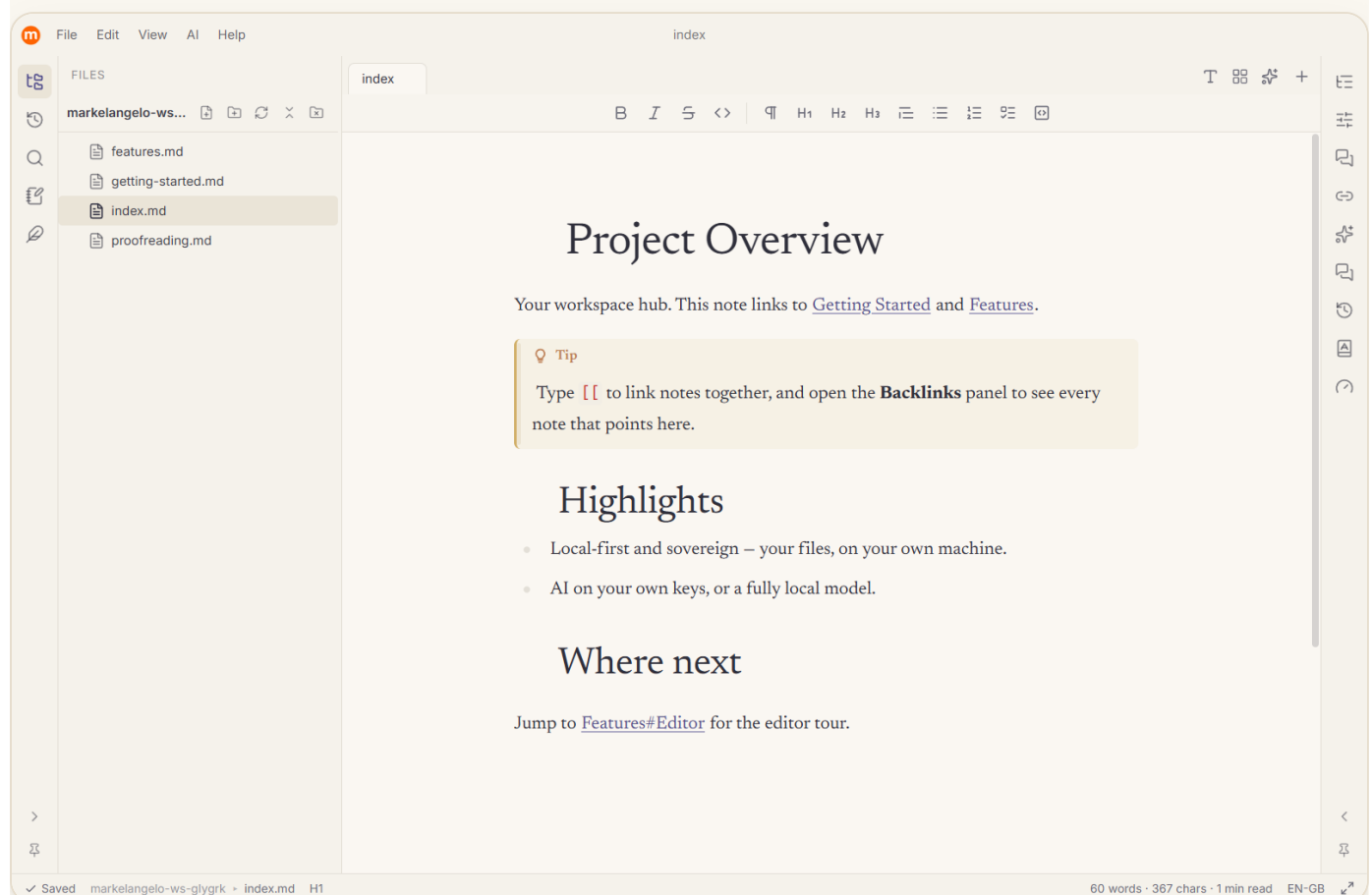
Every panel is also reachable from the command palette, press `Ctrl+Shift+P` and search for it by name if you'd rather keep your hands on the keyboard.

NAVIGATE Command Palette & Quick Actions

Reach any command, jump to any file, and fire your favourite prompts, all without leaving the keyboard.

Markelangelo is built to be driven fast. Whether you know exactly what you want or you're hunting for it by name, there's a keystroke that gets you there in a second.

The command palette



The command palette, every command, one search away.

Press `Ctrl+Shift+P` to open the **command palette**: a searchable list of every command in the app. Start typing what you want to do, toggle a panel, switch a theme, run an export, enter Zen

mode, and the list narrows as you go. Choose a result and it runs. It's the single fastest way to reach any corner of Markelangelo, and it means you never have to memorise a keyboard shortcut you use only now and then.

Go to file

When you know the document you want, press `Ctrl+P` for **Go to file**. Type a few characters of a file's name and a fuzzy search finds it across your workspace, no need to remember which folder it's in or type the name in full. Hit Enter to open it. In a big documentation set, this is how you move between notes in the blink of an eye.

The quick action bar

The **quick action bar** is a row of your own one-click buttons, carried in the editor's top toolbar beside the built-in formatting controls. Each button carries its own **icon** and **colour**, and runs whatever you assign to it, any prompt from your library or any command in the app. Build up a row of the actions you reach for most, and your day-to-day workflow becomes a single click.

Tip

Learn just two keys, `Ctrl+Shift+P` for commands and `Ctrl+P` for files, and you can run the whole app without ever reaching for the mouse.

CONTROL Settings & the Settings Shop

Nothing is hidden and nothing is hard-wired. Every behaviour, from autosave to the exact model behind each feature, is yours to set, in two places built for two moods.

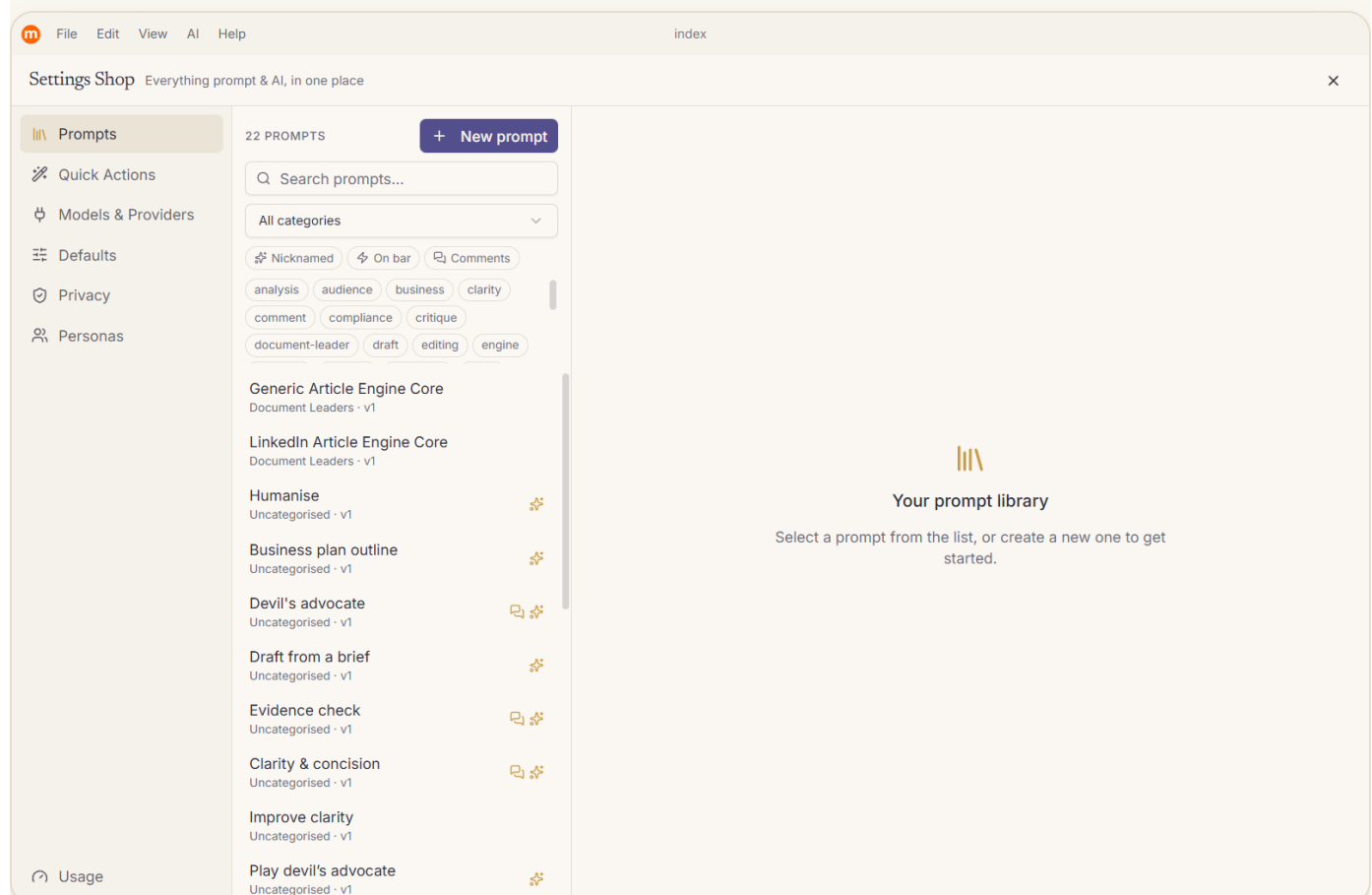
Two homes for your preferences

The Settings dialog

Open with **Ctrl+,** or **File ► Settings**. A focused, searchable dialog with a section for every part of the app: General, Appearance, Quick Action Bar, Language, Privacy & Sovereignty, AI Providers, Models, AI Defaults, Prompt Library, Prompt Categories, Personas, AI Images, Global Message, Quick Actions, Knowledge and Usage & Budget.

The Settings Shop

Open with **Ctrl+Shift+,** or **File ► Settings Shop**. A full-width, **non-modal** workspace that leaves your document running underneath, so you can tune a prompt and see the effect without closing anything. Its own byline says it best: everything prompt and AI, in one place.



The Settings Shop, your whole prompt-and-AI workshop consolidated into tabs.

Inside the Settings Shop

The Shop gathers the AI surface into seven tabs:

- **Prompts** — the hero: a master-and-detail manager for your whole prompt library, with filters on the left and a full editor and assignment inspector on the right.

- **Quick Actions** — tune the built-in selection actions and build your Quick Action Bar.
- **Models & Providers** — connect providers, manage keys, and edit the model catalogue.
- **Defaults** — pick the default model for each feature, and set the global message.
- **Privacy** — the one-click sovereignty stance switcher.
- **Personas** — your reusable delivery voices.
- **Usage** — a read-only view of spend and tokens (it sits at the foot of the rail).

General preferences

The **General** section holds the everyday behaviours:

SETTING	WHAT IT DOES	DEFAULT
Restore previous session on launch	Reopen the tabs and folder you had open last time.	On
Autosave	Write changes to disk automatically while you type.	Off
Autosave delay	How long to wait after you stop typing before saving (0.5 to 5 seconds).	1.5 s
Daily word goal	Shown as a gold ring in the status bar. Set to 0 to switch it off.	0 (off)

A clean slate, safely

Reset all settings restores every preference to its out-of-the-box value. Your documents, API keys and prompt library are *not* touched, only your preferences return to default.

Where everything lives

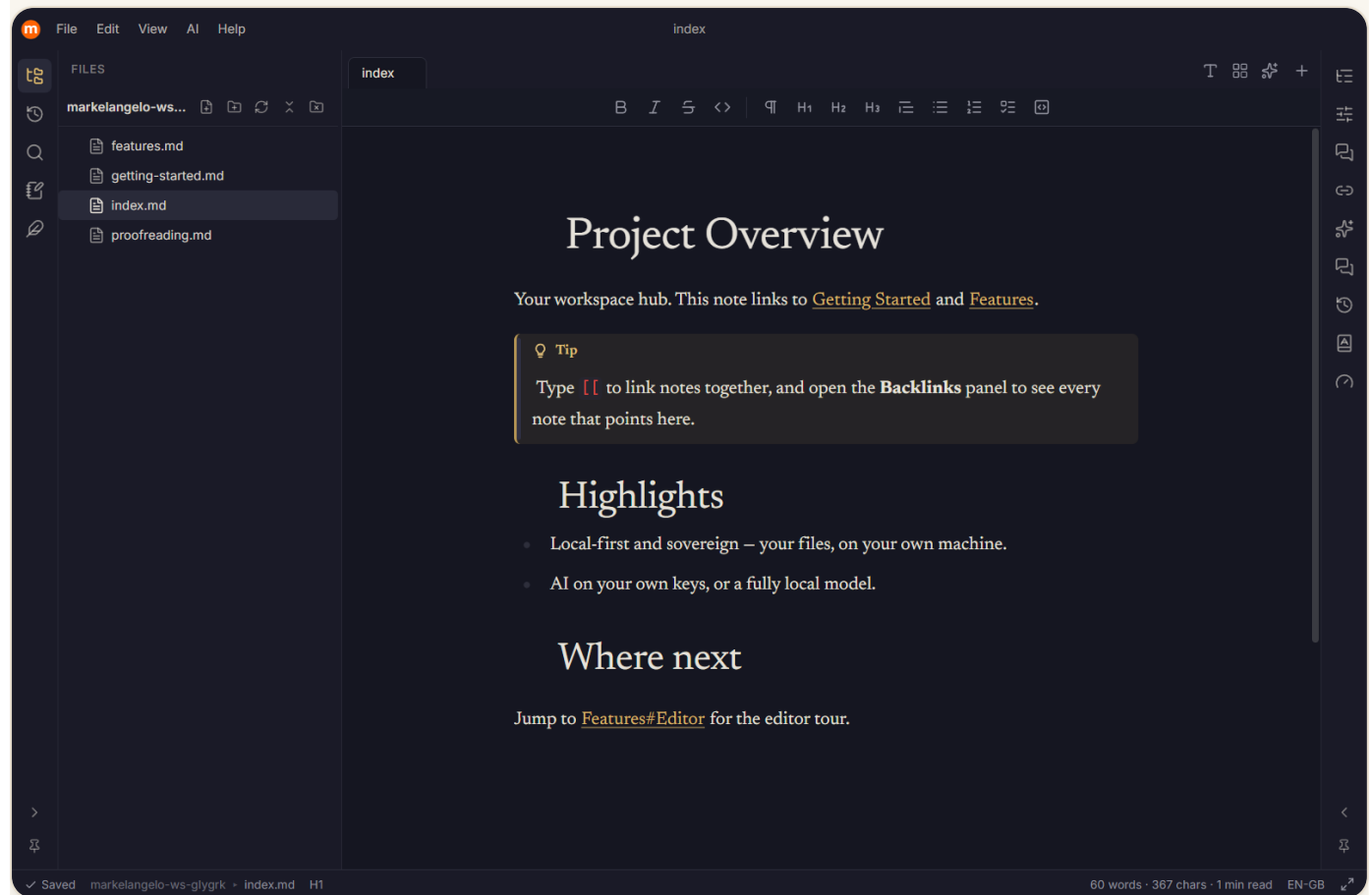
Look and feel is in [Appearance](#); spelling and dictionaries in [Language](#); keys and models in [AI Providers](#); data routing in [Privacy & Sovereignty](#); spend in [Usage & Budget](#); and your tools in [Prompts & personas](#) and [Document Leaders](#).

APPEARANCE Themes & reading comfort

Shape the app around your eyes and your mood, pick a theme, tune the typography down to the character, and strip everything back when you just want to write.

Markelangelo is a place you'll spend hours, so it's built to feel right for *you*. Everything here lives in **Settings** ▸ **Appearance** (`Ctrl+,`), from the overall theme down to the width of a line of prose.

Themes



Midnight Oracle, a deep indigo palette for long, late sessions.

Turn on **Follow system** and Markelangelo tracks your operating system's light and dark preference automatically. Or choose one of three hand-tuned themes yourself:

Daylight Athenaeum

Warm ivory and gilded ink. The default reading room, a classical light theme.

Midnight Oracle

A deep indigo night. A calm dark theme for low light and late hours.

Scriptorium

Aged paper and oak. A soft, book-ish light palette with a gentle feel.

Tip

There's a light/dark cycle command in the palette, and the theme swaps the whole palette in one move, tokens and all, so nothing is ever half-styled.

The Typography Studio

The **Typography Studio** puts the finer details of your prose in your hands, with a live preview that updates as you drag. Start with a **font pairing**:

Modern

Inter, a clean, contemporary sans-serif.

Editorial

Newsreader, a refined serif. The default.

Classic

Lora, a warm, calligraphic serif.

Technical

Geist, a precise, engineered sans.

Then dial in the reading experience with four sliders and a toggle:

CONTROL	RANGE	DEFAULT
Size	14 to 22 px	17 px
Line height	1.40 to 2.00	1.70
Measure (line width)	50 to 100 ch	72 ch
Paragraph spacing	0.5× to 2×	1×
Justified text	on / off	off

Small changes here make a real difference over a long session; a **Reset typography** button restores the defaults whenever you want a clean slate.

Focus, typewriter & Zen

When you want the world to fall away, three writing modes clear the decks:

- **Focus mode** (**F10**) dims everything except the paragraph you're working on.

- **Typewriter scrolling** keeps the caret centred on screen as you type, so your eye never chases the line down the page.
- **Zen mode** (**F9**) hides all the chrome, sidebar, tabs, toolbars, everything, leaving only your words. Press **F9** again to bring it back.

Document zoom

Need the text a little larger or smaller for the moment? Zoom the document with **Ctrl+=** and **Ctrl+-** (or **Ctrl** and the scroll wheel), anywhere from 70% to 200%, and **Ctrl+0** to snap back to 100%. It scales the document, not the chrome, handy for presenting on a big screen or squeezing more onto a small one.

CONTROL Language & spelling

Write in the language you think in, with a dictionary that learns your words and a thesaurus that never needs the internet.

Everything here lives in **Settings** ▶ **Language** (**Ctrl+,**). Markelangelo separates two kinds of spelling help: the live underline as you type, and a whole-document **Proofread** sweep. Both draw on the settings below.

Spellcheck languages

Choose up to **five** languages to check at once, so a bilingual document is underlined correctly throughout. British English is enabled by default and pinned to the top of the list; the full set on offer comes from your operating system, with names shown in plain form (British English, American English, and so on) beside their language code.

Downloaded once, then offline

A language's dictionary is fetched the first time you use it, then kept on your machine for good, so your spelling help keeps working with no connection.

Your personal dictionary

Names, jargon and coinages that are not "wrong" just need adding once. Type them into your **personal dictionary**, or right-click any underlined word and choose **Add to dictionary**, and they stop being flagged everywhere, in every document.

The thesaurus

Reach for a better word without leaving the page. Synonym lookups use a **WordNet-derived dataset of around 140,000 entries, bundled with the app and entirely offline**. Open it from the right-click menu on a word, the **Thesaurus** dock panel, or the "Look Up Synonyms" command (`Ctrl+Shift+Y`).

Proofread: the bulk pass

When you want to fix a whole document at once rather than word by word, **Proofread mode** (`F7`) checks the lot in a single pass and offers one-click corrections. It runs against a bundled British-English dictionary on your own machine. See [Proofread mode](#).

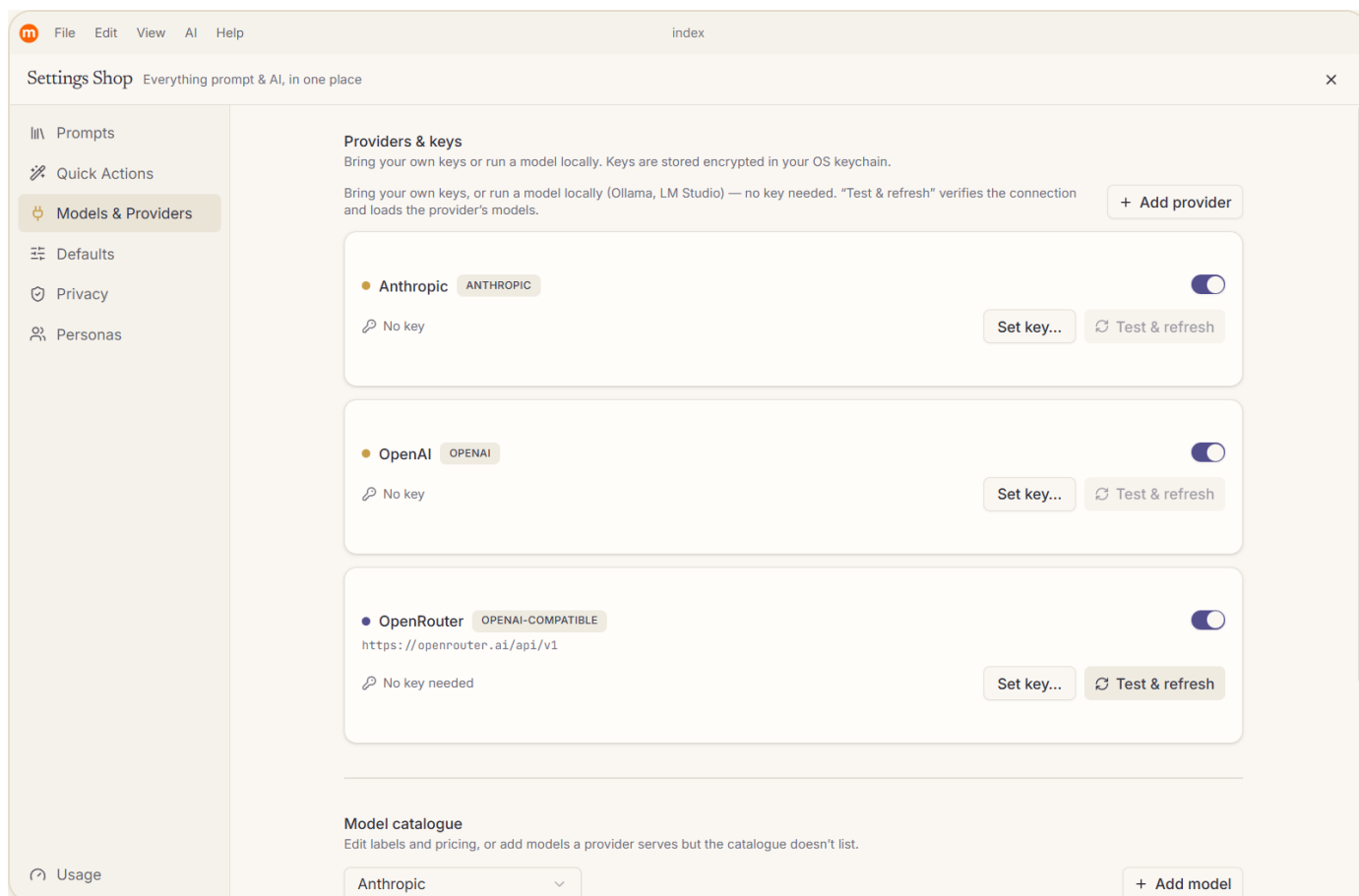
All local

Every part of the language toolkit, spellcheck, your personal dictionary, the thesaurus and proofreading, runs on your machine. None of your text is sent anywhere to be checked.

CONTROL AI providers & keys

There is no Markelangelo AI account and no middleman. You connect a provider you already pay for, or a model running on your own machine, and your keys stay encrypted on your disk.

Everything here lives in the **Models & Providers** tab of the [Settings Shop](#) (or **Settings** ► **AI Providers**). Three built-in providers are ready to connect, and you can add your own.



Models & Providers, connect a provider, paste a key, and manage the model catalogue.

The providers

Anthropic

Claude models (Opus, Sonnet, Haiku and more), on your Anthropic key.

OpenAI

GPT models and the embedding models that power semantic search, on your OpenAI key.

OpenRouter

One key, hundreds of models across providers, and the routing that drives the sovereignty stances.

Your own endpoint

Any OpenAI-compatible server, add it by name and base URL. This is how local models connect.

The three built-in providers cannot be removed, only disabled. Any additional **OpenAI-compatible** endpoint can be added yourself.

Adding a key, safely

On a provider's card, choose **Set key** and paste your API key. It is encrypted with your operating system's secure storage (Keychain, DPAPI or libsecret) and stored on your machine only. It is never synced and never logged, and the app itself only ever holds the last four characters to show you; the full key stays in the vault and goes straight to the provider when you run a request. Each card also offers **Replace key**, **Clear**, and **Test & refresh**, which verifies the connection and pulls the provider's live list of models.

Or go fully local, no key at all

Prefer nothing to leave your machine? Run a model server locally and point Markelangelo at it. One-click presets set up **Ollama** (<http://localhost:11434/v1>) and **LM Studio** (<http://localhost:1234/v1>) for you; a local endpoint needs no key, no account and no bill. Install one, pull a model, and select it.

Tip

A local model is the most private option there is, and it's free to run. Cloud models are faster and more capable. Mix and match by setting different defaults per feature, below.

The model catalogue

Each provider carries a catalogue of models with an editable **label**, **context window**, **maximum output** and **price per million tokens** in and out. Built-in models can be relabelled and repriced; you can add models by id too. The pricing you set here is what drives the cost meter, so keeping it current keeps your **Usage** figures honest.

A model for every job

In the **Defaults** tab you choose the model behind each kind of work, so a quick tidy-up can run on something cheap and fast while long-form drafting reaches for a frontier model:

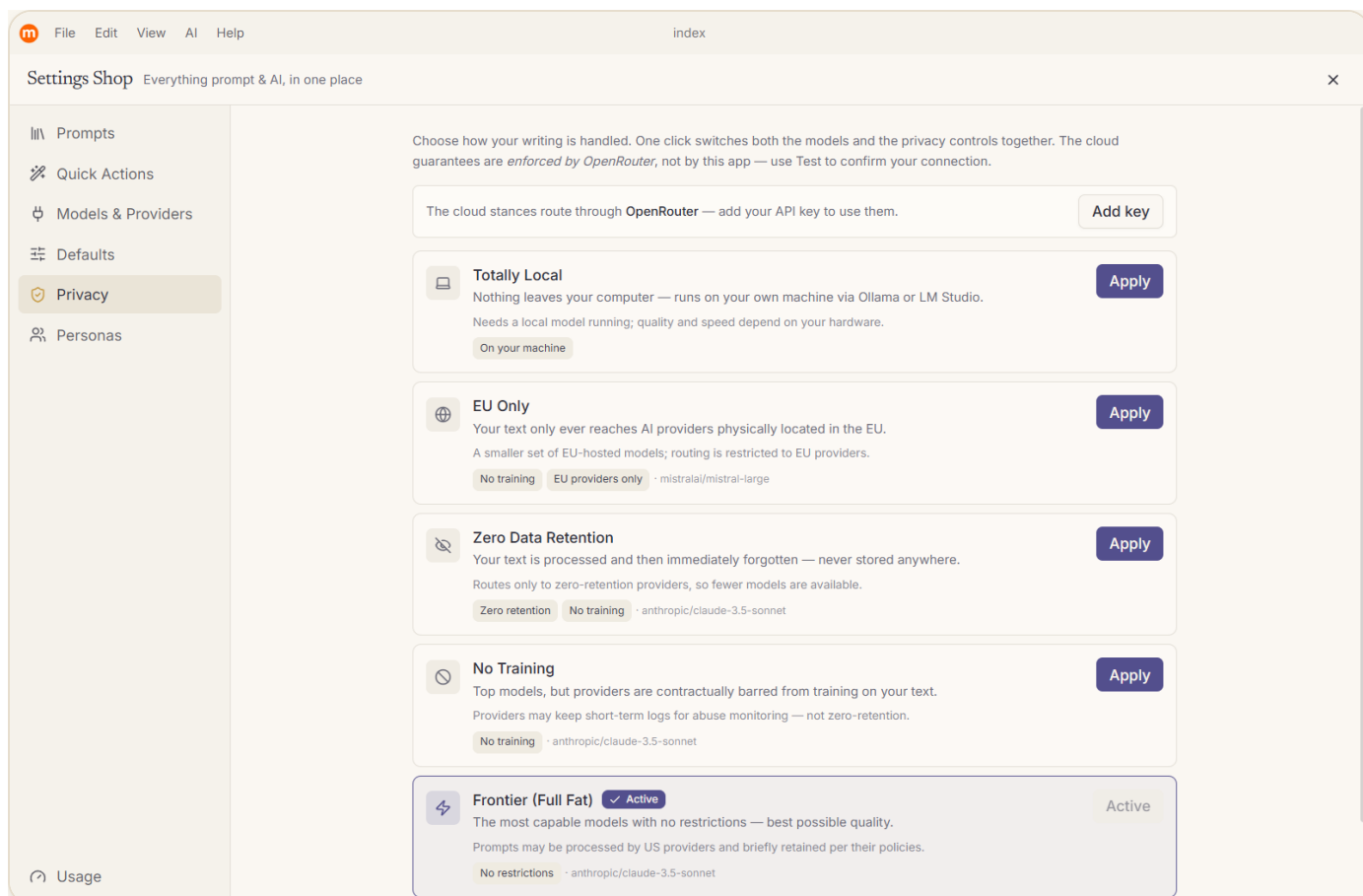
FEATURE	WHAT IT DRIVES
Quick actions	The selection rewrites: Improve, Shorten, change tone and the rest.
Prompt runs	Your prompt library and free-hand instructions.
Document actions	Summarise, outline and table-of-contents generation.
Chat with notes	Conversational answers grounded in your indexed notes.
Semantic index	The embeddings that power search and chat (needs an embedding-capable model).

Any prompt or Document Leader can also override its own model, so the default is only ever a sensible starting point.

CONTROL Privacy & Sovereignty

One click decides how far your words are allowed to travel. Dial in the exact balance of privacy and capability the work in front of you deserves.

The **Privacy** tab in the [Settings Shop](#) (or **Settings** ► **Privacy & Sovereignty**) is a switcher of five stances, ordered from most private to most capable. Picking one sets the model behind every text feature and, for the cloud stances, attaches routing rules to each request. The app is honest throughout about what each stance does and does not promise.



Five stances, from Totally Local to Frontier, one click apart, each honest about its trade-off.

Totally Local

Nothing leaves your computer. Runs on your own machine via Ollama or LM Studio. Needs a local model running; quality and speed depend on your hardware.

EU Only

Your text only ever reaches AI providers physically located in the EU. A smaller set of EU-hosted models, routing restricted to EU providers.

Zero Data Retention

Your text is processed and then immediately forgotten, never stored anywhere. Routes only to zero-retention providers, so fewer models are available.

No Training

Top models, but providers are contractually barred from training on your text. They may keep short-term logs for abuse monitoring, so not zero-retention.

Frontier (Full Fat)

The most capable models with no restrictions, for the best possible quality. Prompts may be processed by US providers and briefly retained per their policies.

How OpenRouter and its partners enforce this

The four cloud stances lean on **OpenRouter** as an enforcement layer that sits between Markelangelo and the model providers. The mechanism is worth understanding:

- 1 **Every provider is labelled.** OpenRouter tracks each downstream provider's region, its data-retention policy and whether it may train on what you send, and publishes those policies openly.
- 2 **Markelangelo attaches rules to each request.** Depending on the stance, it sets a zero-data-retention flag, a "do not collect this data" directive, and, for EU Only, an allow-list of EU-hosted providers.
- 3 **OpenRouter routes only to providers that comply.** Its routing engine narrows the candidates to those that satisfy your rules and passes the data-handling directives along with the request. If none can meet them, the request is refused rather than quietly sent to a weaker provider.
- 4 **The commitment is contractual, and the provider's.** The actual promise (no retention, no training, EU residency) is made by each downstream provider under the terms OpenRouter publishes and applies. OpenRouter is the gatekeeper; the providers are the parties bound by it.

So Markelangelo states the constraint, OpenRouter applies it against its partner providers, and you can read the detail in [OpenRouter's own sovereign-AI documentation](#). A **Test connection** button on the Privacy tab confirms a stance is wired up before you rely on it. **Totally Local** needs none of this: there is no network call to route.

One dial, hard to soft

Read the five stances as a single control that *you* set: from **hard** (Totally Local, nothing leaves the room), through EU Only, Zero Data Retention and No Training, to **soft** (Frontier, the fewest restrictions and the most capability). Where you set that dial is entirely your decision, and you can move it per task.

Important: it is your choice how much you share

The stance you select decides how much of your text may leave your machine, from **none at all** on **Totally Local** to the **fewest limits** on **Frontier (Full Fat)**. Choosing a more open stance is a deliberate decision to share more in exchange for capability. It is never done behind your back, and the app shows you plainly what each stance does and does not promise before you apply it.

Please be clear-eyed about the limits of anyone's control. On the cloud stances we apply the strongest routing controls available to us and OpenRouter applies them against its partners, but the actual handling of your text is performed by **third parties**, OpenRouter and the model providers, under **their own policies**. Those policies, and any guarantees in them, are theirs and not warranties given by Markelangelo, and we do not control, operate or audit those services. Even a model you run locally is third-party software that we did not write and cannot fully control.

We give our genuine best endeavours to honour every stance faithfully and to route your requests exactly as the stance describes. We cannot, and do not, guarantee that a third party will adhere to its own stated policy. You are responsible for choosing a stance suited to the sensitivity of your material; if in any doubt, **Totally Local** shares nothing. This guide is not legal advice, and it does not replace the terms of the providers you use.

None of this is a hedge around the intent, it is the intent: the choice sits in your hands, deliberately. Pick the strictest stance you are comfortable working within, and you never have to wonder where your words went.

Sovereign by default

You are never asked to trust us with your words; you choose, per session and per task, exactly whose hands they may pass through. See also **Your work, your machine**. You can keep a copy of everything here, this notice included, by downloading the full guide as a **PDF** from the sidebar.

CONTROL Usage & Budget

Every AI run is metered the moment it happens, so you always know exactly what your workshop is costing you, broken down by model and by feature.

Markelangelo records each run: the model, the feature, the tokens in and out, and the estimated cost from the pricing in your **model catalogue**. It all stays on your machine. You can read it two ways: the **Usage** dock panel for a quick glance while you work, and the **Usage & Budget** settings tab for the fuller picture.

 Usage 

Session

Today

Week

All

SINCE YOU OPENED THE APP

\$0.00

0 runs



No AI runs in this range yet

Costs appear here the moment you run a quick action, prompt or chat.

Estimates from your model pricing — verify against your provider's billing.

 Clear data

The Usage panel, spend and tokens at a glance, by model and by feature.

What it shows

Choose a time range, **Session** (since you opened the app), **Today**, **Week** (the last seven days) or **All**, and see the total cost, the number of runs, and tokens in and out. Two tables break it down: **by model** and **by feature** (quick actions, prompt runs, document actions, chat, semantic index, image generation), so you can see at a glance where your spend is really going.

A monthly budget, as a guide not a gate

Set a **monthly budget** in US dollars and the Usage panel tracks your month-to-date spend against it, turning **amber** past 80% and **red** past 100%. It is a soft ceiling: a gentle signal, never a wall. **Runs are never blocked**, whatever the meter says. Set it to 0 to switch the budget off entirely.

Honest numbers

The figures are estimates from the pricing you keep in the catalogue, a close guide, not your provider's invoice, so verify against their billing for the last penny. Everything is stored locally, and a **Clear usage data** action wipes it whenever you like.

MANAGE History & export

A safety net under every save, and clean documents to hand out, however your reader wants them.

History

Markelangelo keeps **local snapshots** of each file so you can always step back. A snapshot is taken on save, before an AI change is applied, and whenever you ask for one by hand. Open the history for a file to **diff** any snapshot against the current version and **restore** it in a click, all stored locally, nothing sent anywhere.

Tip

Because a snapshot is taken before every AI apply, you can experiment freely, if a rewrite isn't right, restore the version from a moment ago.

Export, print & copy

When a document is ready to leave the app, there is a route for every destination, all from **File**:

PDF

Produce a styled PDF with page options you control: page size, portrait or landscape, margins, and optional page numbers.

HTML

A styled, self-contained HTML file with proper syntax highlighting and a **light** or **dark** theme.

Print

Send the document straight to a printer, laid out the same way the PDF is.

Copy as HTML

Copy the document as rich HTML to the clipboard, ready to paste into an email or another editor with its formatting intact.

Whatever you hand over looks finished, embedded images and all, while your source stays plain markdown on disk.

Preferences live elsewhere

Configuring the app, prompts, models, privacy and the rest, is covered under [Settings & the Settings Shop](#) and the sections that follow it.

REFERENCE Keyboard shortcuts

The handful of keys that get you around Markelangelo without lifting your hands from the keyboard.

ACTION	SHORTCUT
Command palette	Ctrl+Shift+P
Go to file	Ctrl+P
New document	Ctrl+N
Open	Ctrl+O
Save	Ctrl+S
Reopen closed tab	Ctrl+Shift+T
Toggle sidebar	Ctrl+B
Zen mode	F9
Zoom in	Ctrl+=
Zoom out	Ctrl+-
Ask AI on selection	Ctrl+J
Run prompt	Ctrl+Shift+J
Chat with Notes	Ctrl+Shift+L
Proofread (check spelling)	F7

Note

For the always-current list, including any shortcuts added since this page was written, open **Help ▸ Keyboard Shortcuts** inside the app.

COVENANT Your work, your machine

Markelangelo is built on a simple promise: your files are yours, and nothing leaves your machine unless you ask.

This isn't a setting you switch on, it's how the app is made. The editor, and all local or bring-your-own-key work, stays **account-free**, **telemetry-free** and **sovereign**. There is no sign-up, no login, no phone-home, no analytics quietly watching what you type.

The covenant

Your files are yours

Plain markdown, sitting in ordinary files on your own disk. Open them in any editor, back them up any way you like, keep them forever. Nothing is locked in a proprietary format or a cloud you don't control.

No account, no telemetry

You don't create an account to use Markelangelo, and it doesn't report on you. What you write stays between you and your computer.

Nothing sent unless you ask

The only time anything crosses the network is when *you* run an AI request against a provider *you* chose, and even then, the **Totally Local** stance keeps it all on your machine.

Your keys, encrypted

Bring-your-own-key means the credentials are yours, stored encrypted on your device and used only to talk to the provider you named.

Why it matters

If you live in your documentation, the writers, researchers, engineers and note-keepers who spend their days inside their words, this is the difference between a tool you rent and a tool you own. Your ideas, drafts and half-formed thoughts are some of the most personal things you make. They deserve a home that treats them as yours alone.

Tip

Write freely. Nothing here is watching, nothing is uploaded by default, and everything you make is a plain file you can take with you. That's the whole point.