

# WEEK 2: KEY TAKEAWAYS

## The 10 Takeaways from Lab Week

### 01. "WHAT AM I MISSING?"

"What am I missing?" is your most powerful prompt — ask it when you need an objective voice. Claude is full of ideas. Only ask if you have a minute to walk through what it says.

### 02. PAIR IT WITH "JUST GIVE ME THREE"

Pair "What am I missing?" with "Just give me three options" to keep Claude manageable. Don't let the goblins overwhelm you with a twelve-point list.

### 03. TWO DOCUMENTS, EVERY PROJECT

Every project needs TWO documents: Specs + Must-Dos, and a Changelog. The specs doc is your anchor. The changelog is your artificial memory. Tell Claude to set them up.

### 04. GOLDFISH MEMORY

Claude has the memory of a goldfish — documentation IS its memory. Create an artificial memory for Claude because it doesn't come with one. And you can dictate exactly what's in it.

### 05. REGRESSION TESTING

Regression testing: when you add something new, test ALL the old must-dos too. This prevents the classic problem of fixing something but breaking something else.

### 06. CLAUDE SKILLS

Claude Skills turn repetitive multi-step tasks into one-command goblin agents. If you find yourself doing the same steps over and over, build a skill. You will save time.

### 07. UNIQUE TRIGGER PHRASES

Use unique trigger phrases (song lyrics, movie quotes) so you don't accidentally fire skills. Say the key word or key phrase and it automatically activates.

### 08. CHAT, COWORK, CODE

Chat = creative brain. Code = execution brain. Cowork = the bridge between them. Dispatch is powerful but credit-hungry — use sparingly, still in beta.

### 09. CLAUDE.MD IS A LIVING DOCUMENT

Your Claude.md is a living document — add to it, trim it, let it evolve. It will start to understand you. Occasionally go back and say, "Make this more concise without leaving out details."

### 10. ASK ANY DAMN THING

Claude will never say your idea is stupid. Ask any damn thing you want. People will judge, but Claude won't. Use that privacy to dream big.

## HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 3

- If you haven't built your Claude.md yet, DO IT
- Ask Claude "What am I missing?" on something you're working on

- Create a specs document for your widget project (what it does + must-dos)
- Bring your widget to class — working or broken, we want to see it