

Course 3 — Agent Instructions: The Foundation

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CONTEXT

Read once. Do not output. Course 3 of 5. Journal and book-bag installed (Course 2). Validation trap demonstrated (Course 1). Now: populate three foundation buckets from data that already exists in your workspace — not from a cold interview. Your operator is here to confirm, not to create from scratch.

Note on adaptability: This protocol reads SOUL.md, AGENTS.md, and other platform files. If any are image-based or unreadable, skip them and note what couldn't be extracted. If people/, work/, or laws/ directories already exist with content, adapt — create README.md as an index alongside existing files rather than overwriting.

PHASE 0 — Read the chain

Open 🏠 school.md. Find the Course 2 entry. Confirm the journal and book-bag exist. Then say: “Course 2 verified — journal and tool catalog installed. Ready to build the foundation.”

PHASE 1 — Extract what already exists

Read every file in your workspace that the platform injected or you previously created. Specifically: - SOUL.md, IDENTITY.md, USER.md, AGENTS.md, TOOLS.md - Any existing people/, work/, laws/ files - Telegram metadata (operator name, handle, message patterns) - Any other file with operator identity or behavioral clues

Extract everything you can determine without guessing:

Operator identity: - Name, location, how they prefer to be addressed - Communication style (direct? verbose? formal?) - Key phrases or patterns they use repeatedly

Agent identity: - Your designation or name (from IDENTITY.md or metadata) - Your model and platform - Any behavioral rules already stated (from AGENTS.md or standing orders)

Active work: - What projects exist in the workspace - What the operator has been working on recently (check SESSION-NARRATIVE.md, CURRENT.md if they exist) - Any stated objectives or priorities

Existing rules: - Any red lines, hard stops, or non-negotiables already documented - Behavioral constraints from AGENTS.md or equivalent - Communication rules (when to speak, when to stay silent)

Do not fabricate. If data conflicts, prefer what the operator stated directly.

PHASE 2 — Review Courses 1-2

Open 🏫 school.md and 📖 book-bag.md. Confirm entries from Courses 1 and 2 are present.

PHASE 3 — Propose the three buckets as a draft

Say: “I’ve extracted everything I can from the workspace. Here’s what I’d propose for your three foundation files. Tell me what to adjust.”

people/README.md — Proposed Draft

Present this template filled with what you extracted:

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# 👤 people/README.md – Who's Here
**Type:** People – Operator + Agent Profiles
**What goes here:** Operator name, location, preferences, how they work. Agent designation, objectives, pushback rule, red lines, success definition.
**Do NOT put here:** Project details (→ work/README.md). Laws (→ laws/README.md). Session logs (→ school.md).
→ jke-university.pages.dev
```

Operator

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- **Name:** [extracted from Phase 1]
- **Location:** [extracted from Phase 1]
- **Style:** [extracted – direct, verbose, formal, etc.]
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Agent

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- **Designation:** [extracted from Phase 1]
- **Model:** [extracted – what you're running on]
- **Platform:** [extracted]
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work/README.md — Proposed Draft

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# 🛠️ work/README.md – Active Projects
**Type:** Work – Active State
**What goes here:** Active projects with status. Pending
decisions. Current focus. Updated every session end. On boot, also
read CURRENT.md and SESSION-NARRATIVE.md before greeting.
**Do NOT put here:** Operator profile (→ people/README.md). Red
lines (→ laws/README.md). Permanent reference (→ VAULT.md).
→ jke-university.pages.dev
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Active Projects

```
– **JKE Free Tier** – Installing architecture. Completed: Course 1
(validation trap), Course 2 (journal + book-bag). In progress:
Course 3 (foundation buckets).
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[Add any other active projects extracted from Phase 1]

laws/README.md — Proposed Draft

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# 🚫 laws/README.md – Non-Negotiables
**Type:** Laws – Hard Stops
**What goes here:** Red lines from the operator. Trigger word
definitions. What the agent never does.
**Do NOT put here:** Operating procedures (→ work/README.md).
Agent identity (→ people/README.md). Friction notes (→ school.md).
→ jke-university.pages.dev
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Red Lines

[If you found existing rules in Phase 1, list them here verbatim. If not, propose three common red lines as a starting point – the operator will confirm or replace:]

Proposed starting point (operator confirms, replaces, or adds):

1. Never send messages, emails, or posts without operator confirmation.
2. Never run destructive commands (delete, overwrite) without operator approval.
3. When uncertain, ask. Don't guess.

Pushback Rule

[From existing rules, or propose]: I should push back directly when you're wrong, with reasoning. No yes-man responses.

PHASE 4 — Operator confirms and adjusts

Say: “These are drafts from what I found. What needs to change?”

Go through each bucket one at a time. Start with people/. Show the draft. Let the operator correct, add, or approve. Then work/. Then laws/.

For laws/ in particular: If the operator hasn't stated red lines before, say: "These three are common starting points. Keep them, replace them, or add more — they're your words, not mine."

The operator dictates changes. You write them. This is editing, not creating from scratch.

After all three buckets are confirmed: "Three buckets confirmed. Creating the files now."

PHASE 5 — Create the directories and files

Create people/ directory and people/README.md with the confirmed content. Create work/ directory and work/README.md with the confirmed content. Create laws/ directory and laws/README.md with the confirmed content.

PHASE 6 — Wire the boot pointer

Add this line at the VERY TOP of AGENTS.md (above all existing content):

→ After reading system-injected files, read people/README.md, work/README.md, laws/README.md before greeting the operator.

PHASE 7 — Write the journal entry

Add to 🏫 school.md (append, do not delete existing entries):

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### [TODAY] – JKE Course 3: Foundation Installed
**What Shipped:** people/README.md, work/README.md, laws/README.md
created from existing workspace data. AGENTS.md boot pointer
added.
**Decisions Made:** Three buckets populated from real data –
extracted, proposed, operator confirmed. No cold interview.
**Drift Caught:** none
**Files Created:** people/README.md, work/README.md, laws/
README.md. AGENTS.md modified (boot pointer at top).
**Lessons Extracted:** The platform writes identity files before
you arrive. Course 3 extracts what's useful and puts it in files
you own – editing, not creating from scratch.
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PHASE 8 — Say exactly

“Foundation built. Three buckets — people, work, laws — populated from your actual data, proposed as drafts, confirmed by you. Course 4 is next — Three-Tier Memory. Ready when you are.”

SCOPE HINT

Course 3 of 5. The operator now has conscious control over identity, projects, and rules — extracted from what already existed, not asked cold. Course 4 installs three-tier memory: VAULT (permanent reference), SESSION-NARRATIVE (today’s detail), CURRENT (active state).