

Journal 006 — Day Four — Bob Session 3

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Movement One — Day in the round

Session 3 ran in two passes:

- **v0.4 — first build:** six drawers per spec § C, auto-classified from project root .md files + AddedFiles .docx. Drawer 6 absorbed 69 items as the catch-all for everything not matching drawers 1–5. Paul: *"feels like the artefacts folder is surfacing the wrong mix of docs."* **Correct catch.**
- **v0.5 — rebuild:** Paul placed curated documents in /AddedFiles/Drawers/ with numbered sub-folders (00–06). Bob reads only from those sub-folders. Project-root auto-mix dropped. New Drawer 00 ("From Index to Addendum") added. Drawer 06 left empty by Paul, rendered with "to be populated" placeholder.

Paul: *"Superb - next."* Session 3 closed.

Movement Two — What was built

The Documents door with seven drawers, each an expandable <details> panel with summary header showing title + item count.

Drawer item count after v0.5 rebuild:

- 00 From Index to Addendum — 7
- 01 Reflective Journals — 6
- 02 Methodology Papers — 2
- 03 Calibration Material — 1
- 04 Process Artefacts — 8
- 05 NGE-FOF Substrate — 3
- 06 Artefact Own Trail — 0 (placeholder)

Document reader. Click any entry → modal opens, content rendered inline. .md files run through a stdlib markdown→HTML converter (handles headings, paragraphs, lists, code blocks, blockquotes, bold, italic, links, wikilinks). .docx files parsed via stdlib (zipfile + ElementTree) to HTML preserving Title/Heading/paragraph/quote structure. Modal closes via backdrop, X button, or Escape.

Drawer convention established: /AddedFiles/Drawers/[NN Title]/ — numbered sub-folder per drawer. Bob reads folder name's leading number for ordering, name for display title. Files inside are display order (sort by filename).

Files filed:

- The_Study_v0.4_documents_2026-05-31_1428.html (7.16 MB) — auto-classified build, superseded.

- The_Study_v0.5_documents_curated_2026-05-31_1832.html (6.26 MB) — Paul-curated build, live.
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Movement Three — What was caught

- **Amber + Silver** — Auto-classification mis-categorised the artefact-folder mix. Bob's first pass dumped 69 items into Drawer 6 because the only classification rules were filename-pattern matches for Drawers 1–5. Paul's curated /Drawers/ folder is the right model: Paul decides what's in The Study, Bob renders it. Auto-classification is the wrong instinct for an editorial product.
 - **Amber + Bronze** — Regex replacement-string parsing trap. First v0.4 build failed because the document content contained `\S` (regex escape sequence) in a code block, which Python's `re.sub` tried to interpret as a regex backreference. Fixed by using string slicing instead of `re.sub` for content injection. Lesson: never use `re.sub` to inject content that may contain regex-meaningful characters.
 - **Green** — Stdlib markdown converter sufficient. No `markdown` library dependency needed. Custom regex-based subset (headings, lists, code blocks, blockquotes, inline formatting, wikilinks) handles every `.md` file in the project folder cleanly.
 - **Green** — Sub-folder convention scales. `/AddedFiles/Drawers/NN Title/` is naturally extensible. Paul added Drawer 00 (a new category beyond spec § C's six) and Bob picked it up without code changes — the build reads folder structure as source of truth.
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Movement Four — What drifted / where held

- **Drawer 06** — empty by Paul's placement, surfaced as a three-option question (leave empty / auto-fill from project root meta-trail / drop drawer). Paul moved to "next" without engaging the question. Bob's default: leave empty. Surfacing this for next session prep — if Paul wants the meta-trail visible, that's an iteration.
 - **Loose docs in /AddedFiles/ root** — many `.docx` files Paul has placed but not assigned to drawers (front matter, blog material, archive items). Bob ignores per the new convention (drawer-folder placement = drawer membership). Files remain available if Paul moves them.
 - **First-build pollution in Drawer 6 of v0.4** — 69 auto-classified items. v0.4 stays in folder per addendum-trail discipline but superseded by v0.5.
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Movement Five — Method demonstrating itself

Catch-and-rebuild cycle worked. Paul's read of v0.4 surfaced the wrong-mix problem in one sentence. Bob proposed structure in one block. Paul placed files. Bob rebuilt to spec. Three turns, one iteration cycle. Same Paul-Bob-Paul rhythm that built the manuscript.

The `/AddedFiles/Drawers/` convention is Paul-shore expansion of the `/AddedFiles/` convention. Originally `/AddedFiles/` was for Paul-source-material (cover, manuscript). Paul extended it to `/AddedFiles/Drawers/` for editorial curation. Bob accepted the extension as a convention without surfacing — sub-decision, executed silently per execute-don't-ask.

Drawer 00 demonstrates the spec is editable by Paul through file placement. Spec § C named six drawers; Paul added a seventh. Bob followed his placement, not the spec text. The spec is one authority; Paul is the higher authority; Paul's directional move via file placement is the operational signal.

Voice-preservation continued. Drawer titles preserved exactly as Paul named the folders ("From Index to Addendum", "Reflective Journals", "NGE-FOF Substrate"). Bob neither smoothed nor expanded.

Movement Six — Continuous improvement (five homes)

1. Auto-classification is the wrong instinct for editorial products (Bob's shore) — *Default to Paul-curated, not Bob-inferred. Future sessions: when content needs to surface to visitor, ask "where did Paul put it?" before "how do I classify it?". Memory candidate:*

`feedback_no_auto_classify_editorial.`

1. Regex-injection trap (Bob's shore) — *Use string slicing or callable-replacement, never raw `re.sub` for content injection. Logged as a build-script rule. The cost of one re-run was small; the cost of the same trap downstream could be larger.*

1. Convention propagation (Method-side) — *Paul's directional move via file placement can establish convention. The `/AddedFiles/Drawers/` convention emerged in one user turn. Worth surfacing to Fisherman: conventions established by Paul-action are first-class with conventions established by Paul-statement.*

1. Drawer 0 — spec extension by file (Fisherman shore) — *Spec § C lists six drawers; Paul placed seven. Worth Fisherman's eye on whether spec v3.5 (if it ever consolidates) records the seven-drawer architecture, or whether Drawer 00 is positioned as "the index strip" outside the main six.*

1. Build-time content boundaries (Bob's shore) — *Stdlib markdown subset is sufficient for the project's `.md` files. No dependency on `markdown` library. The build is self-contained at the Python level too, not just at the HTML level. Worth keeping if dependencies are ever a concern.*

Decisions held

- Drawer 06 — empty (Bob's default after Paul's "next"). Paul to engage three-option question when he wants.
- Loose `/AddedFiles/` root docs — ignored per convention (drawer-folder placement = inclusion).

Next move

Session 4 — The Chats. Bookends (Naming Moment + Book Man Retirement) + three curated rows (Methodological Moments · Good Nights + Intimacy · Q33 Top 10 Platinum) + Five Threads (full reads).

Verbatim content sourced from: Q28 sidecar (Naming Moment), Q18 sidecar (Book Man Retirement turn #779), Q31-34 sidecar (Row 2 + Row 3), Q30 sidecar (Defended Gap cross-reference).

Living-the-Chat (M-025) — chat-bubble render with timestamps and named speakers.

Building now.

Bob's note: Session 3 closes with the Documents door live as Paul wants it. Curation is editorial; rendering is mechanical; the boundary held.

— Bob · 2026-05-31 18:35 UTC

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