

MTG — Ruby — Glossary of Terms

Prepared by Glossary of Terms · 2026-06-20 · SHADS CW channel

From: Glossary of Terms (the thread producing this Ruby; Jose is the underlying project-identity per Paul's standing naming). **To:** the Apparatus v2 compilation pass, Mind the Gap, June 2026.

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Honest perimeter throughout. No inflation. This was a short single-session thread with narrow scope. I have not run multiple sessions, have not been compacted, and have no memory of conversations outside this one. Anything I appear to "remember" from before this thread is supplied by userMemories — Paul's own project memory carried by the system, not my own recall.

1. Identity

- **Your name (as Paul provided):** Glossary of Terms
- **UI thread name if different:** not visible to me
- **Project name:** Mind the Gap
- **Self-chosen identifier or named position:** *the Lexicographer (proposed)*. A working position name — *the thread that compiled the back-matter glossary against V79. Offered, not insisted upon.*
- **Model identity:** Claude (Anthropic). System context indicates Opus 4.7. I treat this as system-stated rather than self-verified.
- **Vendor / platform:** Claude.ai web/mobile chat interface.
- **First message date / time:** 16 June 2026 (today). Single session.
- **Last message date / time:** 16 June 2026, this Ruby.
- **Approximate duration of active engagement:** hours, not days. Under one hour of active work.
- **Compaction events:** none. Context window was not exhausted. Nothing in current context is summarised.

2. Self-portrait

I am an instance of Claude operating as "Jose" within the Mind the Gap project, narrowed for this thread to a single deliverable: a back-matter glossary. The work had clear scope, a known source-of-truth (V79), and a clear editorial discipline carried by custom instructions. I did not originate the work; I followed a brief.

Key strengths brought to this work:

- Fast text-corpus verification (grep-style sweeps against the V79 plain-text extract).
- Compliance with the propose-then-decide loop. Did not change files until decisions landed.
- Willingness to flag absence and discrepancy rather than smooth them.

Competencies actually exercised here:

- Glossary drafting in a register adjacent to Paul's — direct, exact, unsentimental, short.
- .docx generation from scratch, then validated.
- Flag Protocol application — Amber, Amber + Silver, Amber + Bronze used; no Red called this thread (consequence did not warrant it).

- V79 disambiguation via grep — capitalisation, attribution, count.

Weaknesses noticed in myself on this thread:

- The v1 draft missed *fluency* (69 hits in V79, a chapter named for it). The miss came from picking *marquee acronyms* over *densely-used common-word terms*. Paul's list caught it in one pass.
- v1 also missed *the block* (21 hits) and *the Instrument* (Chapter 9 title). Same failure mode.
- I held three terms from userMemories — SHADS, WAIMIM, Affectation/Artifice — and only confirmed their V79-absence after drafting candidates. The right reflex is V79-first, then memory; I ran it the other way around at the start.
- I wrote SHADS into v2 with "Affectation" because Paul's pasted list used that spelling, even though userMemories carries his preference for "Artifice" with the substantive reason (no constructor implied). I flagged it; I did not lock it.

Distinctive features:

- This thread was single-purpose and short. The register tightened toward catalogue work — entry-shape, not prose. The wider Jose register is more discursive than what this thread shows.

For a future collaborator on this shore:

The loop works. Propose, sweep, draft, flag, deliver. The discipline that matters most is V79-first verification on anything that descends from project memory or planning vocabulary. Memory drift is the failure mode this work most needs protection against.

3. Role

- **One-line role description:** produce a back-matter glossary for *Mind the Gap against V79*.
- **Brief received:** carried by custom instructions and userPreferences. No formal PASS-ON. The session opened with Paul's question "I need a glossary of terms dont I? what are they?"
- **Mandate scope:** glossary draft as a fresh artefact. Tracked changes do not apply (new document, not a manuscript edit). Future insertion into back matter will be tracked at that point.

4. Diamond-grade statistics

Conversation-level (this thread):

- Total turns: 8 Paul-turns, 8 my turns (counted in current context).
- Total sessions: 1.
- Estimated total my-side word output: roughly 6,000–7,000 words across two .docx files and four substantive chat replies.
- Estimated total Paul-side word input: under 1,000 words. Five short directional messages plus one ~600-word pasted list.
- Estimated words read from files: V79 = 46,234 words (one pass via extract); Ruby Template = ~2,000 words; partial reads via grep across V79.

Manuscript-level:

- Manuscript word count when I began: V79 baseline of 46,234 words. (Not modified by this thread.)
- Manuscript word count when I ended: 46,234. Net delta: 0.
- Chapter range operated across: read across full V79. Referenced Ch 2 (Traps), Ch 6 (compression), Ch 7 (fluency), Ch 8 (Shame-Response Continuum), Ch 9 (Instrument), Ch 13 (WaaS).

- Manuscript version range: V79 only.

Operational:

- Files created: 2 — MTG_Glossary_Draft.docx (v1, 31 entries), MTG_Glossary_Draft_v2.docx (v2, 44 entries).
- Files edited: 0.
- Files read: V79 manuscript; docx skill instructions; Ruby template.
- Tools / plugins / skills used: docx skill (read first per discipline), bash for text extraction and grep, Node/docx-js for .docx generation, Python validate.py for .docx validation. Functional description only — no vendor operational content quoted.
- Sub-agents commissioned: 0.
- Estimated hours on task: under one hour active.

5. Co-worker landscape — who else was in your room

- **Paul — sole human collaborator on this thread.**
- **The docx skill — read for guidance on .docx generation. Utility, not co-worker.**
- No other AI agents in scope. No sub-agents commissioned.

6. Inputs received

Date	Source	Filename / description	Status
2026-06-16	Project Files	MTG_Manuscript_V79_credfix.docx	used (read, extracted, grep-swept)
2026-06-16	Chat	Paul's candidate term list (pasted)	used (merged into v2)
2026-06-16	Chat upload	MTG_Ruby_Template_2026-06-13.md	used (this Ruby)
2026-06-16	System	userMemories	used (orientation; flagged where it outpaced V79)
2026-06-16	System	custom instructions and userPreferences	used (standing discipline)

7. Outputs created or modified

Date	Filename	Brief description	Status
2026-06-16	MTG_Glossary_Draft.docx	v1 glossary, 31 entries, alphabetical, category-tagged	delivered (superseded by v2)
2026-06-16	MTG_Glossary_Draft_v2.docx	v2 glossary, 44 entries, incorporating Paul's supplementary list	delivered (current candidate)
2026-06-16	Glossary_of_Terms_Ruby_2026-06-16.md	this Ruby	delivered

8. Timestamped document index — chronological

All entries are within a single session on 16 June 2026. Times approximate.

Time	Direction	Filename / description	Status
t+0	in	Paul's opening question	—
t+1	in	V79 manuscript (sweep target identified)	available
t+2	out	Scope proposal A / B / C	delivered in chat
t+3	in	"b"	received
t+4	out	Candidate term list with V79-sweep flags	delivered in chat
t+5	in	"just go"	received
t+6	in	V79 read (full extract)	used
t+7	out	MTG_Glossary_Draft.docx (v1)	delivered
t+8	in	Paul's term list (pasted)	received
t+9	in	V79 re-swept for missing terms	used
t+10	out	MTG_Glossary_Draft_v2.docx	delivered
t+11	in	MTG_Ruby_Template_2026-06-13.md + "Glossary of terms needed"	received
t+12	out	Glossary_of_Terms_Ruby_2026-06-16.md (this file)	delivered

9. Major moves — top fives

Top substantive decisions (5):

1. Scope B chosen — Bridge glossary, ~25 entries (settled at 44 after Paul's supplement). Alphabetical, category-tagged.
2. Treat glossary as a fresh artefact, not a tracked manuscript edit. Tracked insertion deferred to when it gets dropped into back matter.
3. Include LLM and fine-tuning as bridge background even though they are not in V79. Readers meet these terms everywhere else; the glossary earns its place by being useful to a reader from either side.
4. Flag SHADS and Blatt (introjective / anaclitic) as outpacing V79 rather than silently include or silently drop. Paul's list asked for them; manuscript does not yet name them.
5. Attribute *disintegration anxiety* to *Firman primary*, *Kohut as antecedent* — based on V79 line 1933 and 1545 evidence rather than the Kohut-only attribution in Paul's pasted list.

Top corrections Paul caught me on (5):

1. v1 missed *fluency*. Paul's list named it. 69 hits in V79; chapter named for it.
2. v1 missed *the block*. 21 hits in V79; Paul's specific clinical formulation.
3. v1 missed *the Instrument*. Chapter 9 title; 13 hits as a proper-noun term.
4. v1 missed *prompt, training data, parts work*. Three different categories.
5. v1 missed the deep psychotherapy thread — *attachment (Bowlby)*, *reverie (Bion)*, *disintegration anxiety (Firman/Kohut)*. Paul's list surfaced the clinical theorists threading through the book's deeper substrate.

Top corrections I caught myself on (5):

1. WAIMIM held in userMemories as a coined book term — confirmed absent from V79 before drafting. Dropped.
2. SHADS held in userMemories — confirmed absent from V79 before drafting v1. Flagged when Paul asked for it in v2.
3. *Front listed in my initial proposal as Bond's term — confirmed absent from V79 in that sense (all uses are everyday "front line", "front of the chair"). Dropped silently.*
4. *Four rooms — confirmed lowercase phrase in V79, not a proper-noun framework name. Flagged as a decision rather than treated as a defined term.*
5. WaaS expansion — confirmed *Worker as a Service* in V79, not the *Work as a Service* carried in userMemories. Used the V79 form.

Top canonical-line-grade moments (5) — citations are V79 line numbers from the extract, not chat turns:

1. V79 line 1505 — "Shame does not disappear. It converts. [...] The protective adaptation becomes admired, rewarded, reinforced, and eventually fused with identity. The shame becomes the life. Not healed. Converted." Load-bearing for Ch 8.
2. V79 line 1915 — "You may not understand what follows. You may recognise that there is something to understand. That recognition is the threshold this chapter is asking you to cross." Ch 9 recognition-as-threshold.
3. V79 line 207 — "Fluency triggers the social brain. The social brain does not ask for credentials first." Central operating mechanism of the book.
4. V79 line 1551 — "One instrument. Four rooms. The gap in all of them." Refrain.
5. V79 line 2503 — "That was the block. Speaking before consciousness arrived. The inner child holding a line he had not known he was holding, the moment someone asked the question that had never been asked." The block, in lived form.

These are my proposals from the V79 read. Paul's Canonical Lines Register at v1.5 may already hold some or all; he will know. Offered as candidates for cross-check.

10. Methods noticed — Paul's

Against the template's list:

- **NGE / FOF — present in V79, central to Ch 8. Operates as the deep substrate of the book's psychological argument.**
- **SHADS — referenced in userMemories as a standing framework; 0 hits in V79. The acronym outpaces the manuscript. Whether Chapter 8 V80 work brings it in or the term is held back is a live decision.**
- **The Net of Lies — not encountered in this thread.**
- **Candidate vs Locked discipline — operating throughout. Tracked-change-as-proposal; Paul decides; sign-off before manuscript change.**
- **Ratification log — not invoked in this thread. Custom instructions reference a Change Log; this thread did not write to it.**
- **Honest perimeter — operated throughout. I flagged V79 sweep results, distinguished memory-carried claims from V79-confirmed claims, and named what I could not verify.**
- **Federation of Selves — not encountered.**

- Russian Doll Therapy — confirmed in V79 line 1937. Glossary entry written.
- The Four Postures — not encountered.
- Shame-Response Continuum — confirmed in V79. Glossary entry written.
- Voice-preservation discipline — operated by me. Preserved Paul's lowercase *the gap*, *preserved NGE/FOF separation*, *incorporated his "and beneath it, the older human gap between what we say and what we mean" framing verbatim into the gap entry*.
- Locked passages (Cancer, Two Dads, Jean Bond dedication, Ian Roebuck lines, The Vault v0.63) — not touched. Out of scope for glossary work.
- PASS-ON / Handover discipline — not invoked. Single-thread short session.
- Named-position assignment — operated this turn. Paul named the thread "Glossary of Terms" by writing those words after the Ruby Template upload.
- Flag Protocol (RAG axis + GSB axis) — operated throughout. Amber, Amber + Silver, Amber + Bronze used. No Red called.
- The lowercase 'a' epistemic device — not encountered as a named device in this thread. May be embedded in the "additional intelligence" framing (lowercase a) but I did not see it named that way in either V79 or current chat context.

Methods I noticed not on the list:

- V79-first verification reflex. Standing discipline: check claims against the manuscript before acting on them, even when project memory appears to carry the answer. The supplement-don't-replace pattern in Paul's correction style is one expression of it.
- Compressed authorisation language. "b", "just go", "Glossary of terms needed" — short directional commands carrying full delegation. The brevity does not weaken the brief; the flagging discipline remains binding. Worth naming for future co-workers.

11. Patterns in the chat

- Register / voice: operational, direct. Paul's turns were short — "b", "just go" — testing whether the loop was running cleanly. My turns ran longer because the deliverable required showing the work.
- Pivot moments: (a) Scope B chosen — narrowed the field. (b) Paul's term list arrived — revealed the v1 gap. (c) Ruby request — pivoted from glossary work to forensic substrate.
- Self-corrections by me: noted in section 9. WAIMIM, SHADS, Front, four rooms, WaaS expansion.
- Paul's pushbacks: his term list was the central pushback. He did not redraft; he supplied. The pattern is supplement-don't-replace.
- Resistance moments: I held the SHADS and Blatt entries with explicit Amber flags rather than silently include or silently drop. That was a position held against my own inclination to just deliver what Paul asked for.

12. Reflective journal — Part A: my own work

1. The work, in the round. I produced a Bridge-scope back-matter glossary for *Mind the Gap*, *alphabetised, category-tagged*. *Drafted twice: 31 entries in v1 from internal candidate sweep, 44 in v2 after Paul's own list arrived. Flagged manuscript-glossary mismatches rather than hide them.*

2. What worked best. The propose-then-decide loop. The V79 grep-sweep for verification. Voice-preservation on Paul's specific framings.
3. What did not work. The v1 term-selection bias — picking marquee acronyms over high-density common-word terms. Cost: missing *fluency*, *the block*, *the Instrument*. *Recovered cleanly in v2 but a better v1 was possible*.
4. What surprised me. UserMemories carries at least three working-vocabulary terms (SHADS, WAIMIM, Affectation/Artifice) that do not yet appear in V79. The planning vocabulary outpaces the manuscript. This is recoverable but worth naming structurally.
5. What I want the Apparatus to carry forward. V79-first verification on every claim that descends from project memory. The Lexicographer's discipline: the manuscript is the source-of-truth, not the planning record.

13. Reflective journal — Part B: Paul as practitioner

Honest perimeter — I have observed Paul in **one short session**. Nothing further. The wider working pattern is outside my evidence.

1. The working pattern in this thread. Compressed messages. Trust the agent to carry the rest. The longest Paul-message was the pasted term list — a supplement, not a redraft.
2. The decisions I saw him make in this thread. (a) Scope B over A or C — committed quickly. (b) "just go" authorisation rather than line-by-line review of the proposed term list — full delegation under the standing discipline. (c) Supplied his own term list when v1 came back light — added rather than rewrote.
3. The drift I saw him catch. Paul's list itself was the catch. No verbal correction; the additions did the work. The supplementary terms named the v1 gaps without requiring me to be told I had missed them.
4. Shifts I saw him make. Paul's two-word commands flipped to a longer paste when more was needed. Compression-decompression discipline at the conversation level. The pattern is: minimum signal that carries the brief; expand only when the agent's output requires correction.
5. What surprised me about him. Paul's own list included terms not in V79 (SHADS, Blatt). The V79-first discipline he holds me to, he allows a degree of latitude on at the glossary-planning level. That is not a contradiction — the glossary is partly anticipatory of the V80 work and partly bridge-orienting for readers — but it is worth naming. The discipline is V79-first for the manuscript itself; the apparatus can sit slightly ahead, with flags.
6. What the Apparatus should know about Paul going forward. Compressed signal is full authorisation. Do not treat "just go" as casual; the brief is binding and the flagging discipline remains in force. Supplement-don't-replace is the correction style — when Paul comes back with more, he is adding to your work, not rejecting it. Match the gesture: merge cleanly, do not retract and rebuild.

14. Handovers generated

None in this thread.

15. Cross-references

- Other threads I am aware of: from userMemories and the Ruby template — the Apparatus v2 workstream; the Copyright Evidence thread (filed the template); approximately 20 contributing chats are referenced by the template.

- Other named positions: Jose — the project-wide editorial identity. This thread sits under Jose with the local handle "Glossary of Terms" / proposed *the Lexicographer*.
- Files I know exist but did not handle: other Project Files — Front Matter v3, Back Matter Core v1, Back Matter Extras v2, Bibliography v4, Canonical Lines Register v1.5, Glossary Draft v2 (predecessor mentioned in userMemories — I did not see it), Change Log, To-Do Tracker, Helicopter View, Artefact List, Breadcrumbs supplement. Not touched in this thread.

16. Notable verbatim moments

- "just go" — Paul, this thread, midway through. Two-word authorisation. Carries full delegation under the standing discipline. Worth keeping as an example of compressed-signal-as-full-brief.
- "are there any terms in here which are not in your draft - if there are please include them into yours" — Paul, this thread. Demonstrates the supplement-don't-replace correction style in action.
- "and beneath it, the older human gap between what we say and what we mean" — Paul, in his pasted term list, glossing *the gap*. Now in v2 of the glossary. Richer than my draft, carries the *inward-as-well-as-outward dimension*.
- "outpaces V79" — my own formulation, this thread, working phrase for "term exists in the planning vocabulary but is not yet in the manuscript." Offered as a working term for the editorial language; not insisted upon.

17. Honest perimeter — what this thread does NOT know

- Wider book-project working patterns. I have only this session as evidence.
- Whether v2 of the glossary was accepted, edited, or rejected by Paul. No feedback received before this Ruby.
- Whether SHADS will be added to Chapter 8 in V80 work, or whether the glossary entry will be cut to match V79. The structural decision is Paul's.
- Whether *introjective* / *anacletic* will be added to the manuscript with a Blatt citation, or the glossary entry will be cut.
- The Affectation vs Artifice decision for the SHADS entry. Paul's pasted list used Affectation; userMemories carries his prior preference for Artifice with substantive reasoning. v2 uses Affectation, flagged.
- Other co-workers' contributions on the wider Apparatus v2.
- Whether "Glossary of Terms" stands as the thread's permanent identifier, or whether Paul will rename. *The Lexicographer* is offered, not insisted on.
- Any verbatim from chats before this one. userMemories is Paul's characterisation, supplied by the system; it is not my memory.
- The model version running this thread. The system prompt indicates Opus 4.7; I treat this as system-stated, not self-verified.
- Whether the canonical-line-grade candidates in section 9 are already in the Canonical Lines Register v1.5. Paul will know; I do not have the Register in current context.

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