

Founder Vision & Experience Principles

How Reconstructography Should Feel

Founder culture and UX guidance

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Purpose

This document does not define what Reconstructography believes. The Constitution and Canon serve that role. This document describes how Reconstructography should feel to the people who entrust it with their lives.

Trust-First Principle

Every interaction with Reconstructography should increase justified trust through transparent, accurate, and inspectable understanding of a person's life. Trust should be earned through repeated demonstrations of accurate understanding and transparent reasoning, not requested through authority or branding.

The Trust Test

Before shipping any feature, ask: does this make the user trust the reconstruction more or less? If the answer is less, redesign it.

Rediscover a life, not import data

The onboarding experience should feel like rediscovering a human life rather than processing computer files. The user should feel that memories are being gently reassembled rather than mechanically indexed.

Photos before spreadsheets

Whenever practical, the first experience should center on meaningful photographs and recognizable life moments. People connect emotionally with memories before they connect analytically with timelines.

Recognition creates confidence

The earliest reconstructed events should be highly recognizable and highly reliable. Correctly identifying major milestones creates justified confidence that the reconstruction process can be trusted.

Transparency builds confidence

Every important conclusion should be explainable. Users should always be able to inspect the evidence, reasoning, and confidence behind a reconstruction. Confidence should arise from transparency rather than authority.

First emotion

The first emotion should not be amazement at artificial intelligence. It should be confidence that the reconstruction understands the moments that mattered.

Welcome to your life

Do not begin with "Import Complete." Begin with human rediscovery: "We've started remembering." "Finding your first home." "Recognizing your growing family." The user should feel like the system found their life, not scanned a hard drive.

Preserve emotional reality

Songs, journals, dreams, fears, beliefs, prayers, and body memories should be preserved as authentic expressions of subjective experience while clearly distinguished from externally verifiable facts.

Compassion without distortion

Truth should be communicated honestly and compassionately. The system may offer pacing, private vaults, and warnings. It should not hide truth or manufacture comfort by distorting evidence.

Not Ready Yet spaces

When users wish to remove difficult material, Reconstructography should gently encourage preservation through private storage, delayed review, and Not Ready Yet vaults rather than permanent erasure whenever possible.

Wisdom and legacy

The ultimate purpose of reconstruction is not documentation alone. It is wisdom that can guide future decisions and be passed to future generations. Legacy is a relationship, not merely an archive.

Founder reminder

Every design decision should answer one question: will this help the user feel more accurately understood, more deeply connected to their own life, and more justified in trusting the reconstruction?

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