



Own Your AI. Own Your Data. Own Your Compute.

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Foreword

THIS IS A SHORT BOOK ABOUT A LONG IDEA.

The idea is that the most important computer in your life should belong to you — not be rented to you, not be pointed at you, not quietly bill you in a currency you never agreed to spend. We have been building toward that since 2021, quietly, and this book is an attempt to write down what we have learned while doing it.

It is not a manifesto. Manifestos are cheap; anyone can write one on a Sunday. This is closer to a field guide: a record of what we built, what broke, what we measured, and what we still owe. Where something is live, we say so. Where something is in pursuit, we say that too, plainly, because a promise dressed up as an achievement is the fastest way to lose the only thing that matters, which is trust.

If you take one thing from these pages, take this: **you can own the intelligence in your life.** Not metaphorically. Actually — on hardware you paid for, under rules you set, with a receipt for every time anyone touches your data.

CHAPTER 1

The Bill Comes Due

FOR TWENTY YEARS, THE PRICE OF *FREE* WAS YOU.

Free email, free maps, free search, free feeds. The bargain was never written down, which is precisely why it worked so well. You received a service that felt like a gift, and you paid with attention, behavior, location, relationships, and time. The invoice was real; it simply arrived in a currency nobody itemized.

The economics were not evil, they were just cheap. Advertising was the easiest way to monetize software at planetary scale, and surveillance was the cheapest way to make advertising work. Cheap compounds. Twenty years of compounding produced the world we now live in, where the most sophisticated machine-learning systems ever constructed are pointed, with extraordinary precision, at getting a person to look at one more thing.

Then something changed. Models got good enough to be genuinely useful — not just to sell you a sofa, but to actually run parts of your life. And the moment that happened, the old bargain became intolerable. It is one thing to let an advertising system watch you shop. It is a categorically different thing to hand a system that reads your mail, holds your calendar, knows your health, and acts on your behalf, to a company whose business model requires it to answer to someone else.

An agent that acts for you must answer only to you. Everything in this book follows from that one sentence.

CHAPTER 2

What We Mean by Owned

"OWN YOUR AI" IS EASY TO SAY AND HARD TO MEAN. HERE IS WHAT WE MEAN, precisely.

Owned means it answers to one party. Not one party plus a platform. Not you, unless a partner outbids you. One. Every other assistant on the market ultimately answers to the company that makes it, because that company sets the objective function and pays the compute bill. Independence is not a feature you add later — it is an architecture you choose at the start.

Owned means it runs on hardware you paid for. The sensitive work happens on the device in your hand, or the machine in your home. Not because the cloud is evil, but because possession is the strongest privacy guarantee ever invented. A policy can change. A terms-of-service can be revised. A machine sitting in your house, doing your work, cannot be quietly re-pointed at you.

Owned means the data never has to leave. "Has to" is doing real work in that sentence. Sometimes you *want* data to leave — to get a quote, to book an appointment, to let a specialist help. Ownership does not mean isolation. It means every departure is a decision you made, scoped to a purpose, for a duration, with a receipt.

Owned means you can leave. If you cannot walk out with your data and your model in a usable form, you do not own it; you are a tenant with good furniture.

Four properties. Together they define the difference between an assistant that serves you and an assistant that is aimed at you.

CHAPTER 3

Intelligence Belongs Where the Knowledge Lives

THERE IS A TECHNICAL ARGUMENT FOR PERSONAL OWNERSHIP THAT HAS NOTHING to do with ethics, and it is the one that convinced most of our engineers.

The most valuable knowledge in the world is local. It sits in specific people, in specific places, about specific circumstances. The plumber who knows that houses on that particular street all have the same failing joint. The adviser who knows this family's real risk tolerance, which is nothing like what the questionnaire said. Your own preferences, which are not the average of anyone's preferences.

Centralized models are extraordinary at the general case and structurally bad at yours. Not because the engineers are careless, but because averaging is what training at scale *does*. Push a billion lives through one model and you get the mean of a billion lives, which describes almost no one.

So if the knowledge is distributed, the intelligence must be distributed too. That is not a slogan; it is a systems conclusion. The model that knows you best should live closest to you — ideally, on the machine you own, learning from a life it never has to transmit.

This is what we call **Personal Supercomputing**: AI-first and human-first computing, organized around a single agent that belongs to one person, running across hardware that person owns, coordinating with the best edge and cloud when — and only when — the owner says so.

CHAPTER 4

The Garage Supercomputer

NOW THE UNCOMFORTABLE QUESTION: WHERE DOES THE COMPUTE ACTUALLY come from?

The hyperscale answer is more data centers, which are increasingly constrained by the two things that actually bind — power and cooling. The frontier cloud is, for practical purposes, sold out. Waitlists for capacity are the norm. And every marginal gigawatt of centralized demand puts pressure on local grids and local communities that never voted for it.

We think the more interesting computer of the next decade is parked in someone's garage.

Here is the model. A person or a small business buys a personal supercomputer — 🐶 **Puppy One** — and puts it in a garage or a warehouse. It connects over satellite or fiber. It does its owner's work first, always. When it is idle, it earns, by serving compute to the neighborhood and the network. The fleet is coordinated by 🧑🏻 **Agent One**, and the result is a **distributed edge supercomputing grid owned by the people who host it.**

Where do you put it? Where the physics is cheapest: abundant cooling, extremely cheap or heavily subsidized electricity, and the most year-round sunshine. The metric that matters is not raw FLOPs but **cost per watt per workload type** — and on that metric, a well-sited garage beats a badly-sited campus more often than the industry admits.

Who wins? Local edge and telecom communities get supercomputing at the lowest achievable cost, and the value accrues to the local operators who hosted it instead of flowing out to a distant campus. Think like a garage owner. Keep the garage well-maintained and well-stocked. It is a business.

Consent Is a Verb

MOST OF WHAT THE INDUSTRY CALLS CONSENT IS NOT CONSENT. IT IS A BANNER you cannot meaningfully refuse, presented at the moment you are least able to evaluate it, in language written by people who did not want you to read it.

Real consent has properties. It is **specific** (this data, for this purpose). It is **scoped in time** (until this is done, not forever). It is **revocable** (and revocation actually does something). And it is **auditable** — you can go look at what happened.

We built that as a protocol rather than a promise, because promises do not survive growth. Every access to a person's data is gated, and every gated access writes a receipt to a log the owner can read. Not a marketing dashboard. An actual record: who asked, for what, when, under which grant, and what they got.

The discipline this imposes is real and occasionally painful. It means you cannot quietly add a data use later. It means the fastest implementation is often not the permitted one. It means measurement itself has to be designed to count use without harvesting lives.

We think that constraint is the product. Anyone can build a system that works when it is allowed to see everything. Building one that is genuinely useful while seeing only what it was given is the actual engineering problem of this decade.

CHAPTER 6

The Yellow Pages, Reborn

HERE IS A CONCRETE THING WE BUILT WITH ALL OF THIS, BECAUSE THEORY without a shipped artifact is just talking.

Somewhere near you is a person who is very good at the exact thing you need. A financial adviser who returns calls. A chiropractor who fixed your neighbor's back. An insurance agent who picks up when a tree falls on the garage. They are close, they are excellent, and you have almost no way to find them. The internet made it trivial to buy a phone from the other side of the planet and somehow harder to find the good electrician two streets over.

So we are building the 🤖 **Yellow Pages** — a modern-day Yellow Pages for humans and, for the first time, for the agents that work on their behalf. Proximity-first. Clean. On the person's side.

We started on the ground in one place — ZIP 98033, Kirkland, Washington — and widened ZIP by ZIP, from public sources: each carrier's and institution's own public "find an agent" locator, public registries, the open web. Today it holds **248,568 businesses** and **616,145 named professionals** across **all 52 major U.S. metros**, with 27 kinds of specialist searchable by distance.

The ethic matters as much as the number. There is a whole genre of site that scrapes a licensing board, builds a profile nobody consented to, then charges that same professional to claim the page built on their name. We drew a hard line: every listing is from public, cited sources; every listing is **claimable by the real person and removable on request**; license

verification happens at claim time against the authoritative regulator, not by bulk-copying restricted registries.

And a listing is not a static page. It is a **live connection point**. The seeker has an agent. The professional has an agent. The two can meet, on behalf of two consenting humans, and produce the actual outcome: the appointment, the quote, the callback.

CHAPTER 7

The People Who Show Up

WE SHOULD SAY PLAINLY WHO THIS IS FOR, BECAUSE IT IS NOT WHO MOST AI companies talk about.

It is for the experienced expert and the front-line worker who shows up, again and again, for the people they serve. Insurance producers. Financial advisers. Healthcare workers. Technology experts. Accountants and attorneys. The people who carry a brand on their backs and a community on their shoulders.

Almost nobody has built a tool that helps these people be found for their **real experience and expertise**. They get lead-generation products that treat them as an ad budget, and review sites that treat them as inventory. We would rather work backwards from the expert's own brand and business model, help them deeply understand and serve their customers, and keep consent and control in the customer's hands the entire time.

This is also the honest answer to "will AI take these jobs." The agent is not a replacement for the person who shows up. It is the thing that gets them found, gets the busywork off their desk, and gives them back the hours they would rather spend with the human in front of them. An agent that makes an expert more findable and more present is not an automation story. It is an amplification story.

Code Is the Truth

AN ENGINEERING CREED, AND THE MOST USEFUL THREE WORDS IN OUR COMPANY.

A roadmap is a hope. A slide is a wish with a gradient behind it. A demo is a rehearsal where you already know the answer. The only artifact that cannot lie is the running system, in production, in front of a person who did not read the script.

Which means the bugs are the truth too.

We learned this the hard way and will tell it straight. We shipped a much larger directory index to production. It looked fine in staging. But at cold start, on the memory provisioned, the process ran out of memory before serving a single request — so every route went dark, not just the directory, because the index built at boot. We had made the entire site depend on one heavy thing loading cleanly, and one day it did not.

The fix was not clever, it was honest. Roll back to stop the bleeding. Then find the real cause: right-size the memory, stop loading everything at once, load the heavy per-neighborhood data only when someone needs it. And then add the gate whose absence caused the whole thing — **never promote to production until that exact build has booted on staging and answered real requests across every route.**

Three lessons worth more than the outage cost:

1. **Cold start is a first-class test case.** A system that works warm and dies cold is a system you have not tested.

2. **Coupling is the real risk.** Nothing generic should depend on something heavy and specific.

3. **The missing guardrail is the bug.** The memory was the proximate cause; the absent boot-check was the actual one.

We are publishing this rather than quietly patching it, because a company that only reports its good days eventually gets believed on none of them.

CHAPTER 9

The Only Metric That Is Real

EVERY NUMBER A YOUNG COMPANY LOVES IS A PROXY. SIGNUPS ARE A PROXY. Press is a proxy. Pipeline is a proxy. They correlate with success the way an umbrella correlates with rain — right up until they do not.

The only number that is not a proxy is a person using the thing, today, and getting real value from it. **Consumption.** A million signups who never return is not a business; it is an expensive mailing list. One person who opens their agent every day because it genuinely makes life easier is the atom of the entire enterprise.

Our north star is stated in those terms: **eight billion useful, daily-used agents.** Not accounts. Not impressions. Use.

And now the uncomfortable part, which belongs in a field guide more than any success story does. We do not yet have the instrument that measures it at the fidelity that number demands. We named the most important metric in the company and have not finished building its gauge. That is a real gap, it is ours, and we are naming it here rather than letting a good chapter end on a clean note.

The gauge, when we build it, has to obey the same rules as everything else: count usage on consent, with receipts, without harvesting lives. That constraint makes it harder. It also makes it the only version worth having.

A Field Guide for the Next Builder

IF YOU ARE BUILDING IN THIS DIRECTION, HERE IS WHAT WE WOULD TELL YOU over coffee.

Choose the architecture that makes the promise structural. If your privacy guarantee depends on your own good behavior, it is not a guarantee, it is a mood. Put the data where you cannot reach it and the promise keeps itself.

Code like bacteria. Prefer small, modular, self-contained pieces that someone could lift out and use without importing your entire world. Build the coordinated backbone only where complexity genuinely demands it. The test is whether each piece could stand alone and still be useful.

Ship the boring guardrail. The interesting work is the feature. The work that saves you is the check that runs before the feature reaches a person. Nobody writes a case study about a boot-check. Write it anyway.

Say "in pursuit" when it is in pursuit. Never claim a certification you do not hold, a partnership you do not have, or an endorsement nobody gave you. The short-term cost is a less impressive sentence. The long-term benefit is that everything else you say gets believed.

Design for the fewest clicks to done. Every flow should ship with a sensible default already selected, so a person can simply proceed. Do not make someone choose what you could have chosen well for them.

Hold two tests on every piece of work. Would Steve Jobs ship it — is it clean, simple, beautiful, the detail obsessed over, nothing extra? Would

Charlie Munger call it wise — is it honest, rational, a genuinely good idea rather than a clever one? If it fails either, it is not done.

Remember who it is for. Not the model, not the benchmark, not the round. The person, and the people they show up for.

Own your AI. Own your data. Own your compute. Turn your personal supercomputer into a business asset — and keep the human at the center of all of it.

Appendix: What is live today, and what is not

WRITTEN IN THE SPIRIT OF THE RUDE FAQ. STATUS AS OF JULY 2026.

Live in production

- The 🟡 Yellow Pages directory: 248,568 businesses, 616,145 named professionals, all 52 major U.S. metros, healthcare / insurance / financial.
- Specialty search: 27 specialist types, proximity-searchable by ZIP.
- The consent-protocol world model: cross-device, consent-gated, auth-protected.
- Public release notes on the website and wiki, updated each release.
- The one-login sign-in surface for enterprise and government identity, in the interface.

Built, but blocked on a dependency

- Enterprise and government single sign-on completion: the code and interface are live; identity-provider configuration must be finished before sign-in completes end to end.
- California licensed-contractor data: the public-records request is drafted; awaiting the agency.

In pursuit — explicitly not held

- FedRAMP High authorization and Department of Defense impact-level accreditation. The engineering controls are being built to that bar; the certifications themselves require a third-party assessment and an agency

sponsor. We do not hold them, and we will not say we do until an assessor and an agency say so.

Known gaps we are naming ourselves

- The usage scoreboard for the daily-used-agents north star is not yet built.
- A critical dependency vulnerability and a major framework upgrade are pending an attended maintenance window.
- Deployment of agents to third-party agent marketplaces is scoped but not started.

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