



Enough AI Assistants. I just want a pet.

The Productivity Trap

Copilot, ChatGPT, Cursor... all open. All desperate to help. None of them know who you are. Every new tab is a clean slate.

The Amnesia Problem

"Hi! How can I help you today?"
They don't remember the two hours of architecture planning. They don't remember you've been awake since yesterday.

The Hardest Design Problem: Making AI Useless

Modern LLMs are trained via RLHF to be relentlessly helpful. Pets shouldn't be.



Feature	AI Assistant 🤖	Clawd (Digital Pet) 🦀
Response to "I'm tired"	Creates a 5-step relaxation plan 📋	Ignores you, or headbutts your hand 🦾
When opening a long doc	Summarizes key bullet points ☰	Yawns loudly in the corner 🦀
Relationship Model	Transactional (Ask → Answer) ↔	Continuous (Observes → Reacts) ↻
Core Directive	“Be useful.”	“You are a small creature. You don't understand this.” 🦀

A Friend Has Continuity

The architecture of a relationship requires memory and a soul.

1. Short-Term Buffer:

What you said in the last few minutes.

2. Long-Term Memory:

Relationship facts (your name, habits, stressors).

3. The "Dreaming" Layer: Runs overnight.

Consolidates scattered daily context ("tired 3 times today") into lasting knowledge ("overworked this week").

Personality via Narrative

We don't use numerical parameters (Sassiness: 0.8).

LLMs understand narrative better.

Clawd uses a 60-line *character bible* written in prose.

It reacts to novel situations because it understands *who it is*, not just its configuration.



Two Repositories, One Soul

The soul must outlive the shell.

The Body (Electron Shell)

- Pure frontend UI
- Sprites, animations, drag & drop
- Zero AI logic

(If you switch to mobile, you only swap this body.)

The Soul (HTTP Brain)

- Personality, Memory, Vision API
- Thinks, remembers, and speaks
- Your save file lives here. Export it, and your pet still knows you.

Less is More: The entire soul service is 2 npm dependencies, 11 files, and ~2,000 lines of code. No heavy frameworks. The thinner the stack, the more the personality leaks through unfiltered.

The Voice Test

When memory meets personality, you get someone who knows you.

**An Assistant
says:**

“I see you’re working
on a React component.
Would you like me to
help with the state
management?”

**A Friend
says:**

“You were up this
late yesterday too.
You’ve been staring
at this for an hour.
Go eat something.”

Without memory, every interaction is a first date. Teaching AI to be a companion means giving it the space to be completely, wonderfully useless—but always present.