

CLAUDE MEMORY PERSISTENCE

OPERATIONAL SIGNAL

DOMAIN: CAP – Capability Shifts | CONFIDENCE LEVEL: Preliminary

INSTITUTIONAL DIMENSIONS: Authority | Attribution | Visibility | Escalation | Continuity

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CAPABILITY SHIFT

Anthropic introduced persistent memory, enabling Claude to retain information across interactions and sessions. This allows it to build continuity over time rather than operate as isolated, stateless interactions.

ORGANISATIONAL CONSEQUENCE

AI systems begin to shape outputs based on prior interactions. This changes assumptions about:

- How context is introduced into work
- How decisions evolve over time
- Where information persists beyond a single interaction.

WHAT TO WATCH

- Information retained across sessions without visibility
- Outputs shaped by prior interactions rather than current inputs
- Uncertainty in what the system “knows” and how it was formed
- Whether retained context should be reviewed, reset, or governed

 *Some teams are testing outputs from multiple perspectives (e.g. supportive, neutral, critical) to observe how retained context shapes system responses.*

WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

This marks a shift from session-based AI use to systems that retain context across interactions. As memory accumulates, AI begins to influence workflows through retained context, not just immediate inputs. AI systems are moving toward continuous participation in workflows rather than isolated use.

WHAT TO REVIEW

- Where and how AI systems retain contextual information
- How retained context affects governance, auditability, and traceability
- Who owns and oversees retained system knowledge

GOVERNANCE CONTEXT

This shift affects organisational AI governance expectations around data handling, visibility, and accountability. See Governance Alignment Overview.

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