



EMBERGLASS STUDIOS

DraftAtlas 0.7.4

Public Progress Report

A public-safe account of the working product, current validation, visible limitations, author-control principles, and the next steps toward controlled testing.

Public edition

This report describes demonstrated product behavior and current boundaries. It excludes private business figures, competitive scoring, internal paths, source code, operational records, and implementation-sensitive material.

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1. Current Position

DraftAtlas is a working product in development, not a public download or commercial release.

DraftAtlas 0.7.4 is a local-first desktop studio that keeps writing at the center of a connected creative project. The current Windows build combines manuscript work, approved project knowledge, evidence, relationships, timelines, maps, review, optional AI consultation, backups, recovery, and professional handoff tools.

Status

Publicly announced. Actively tested. Preparing for controlled Windows testing. Not publicly distributable, not for sale, not accepting preorders, and not tied to a public release date.

What has changed

- Large-manuscript validation now spans millions of words across varied rights-reviewed development works.
- Search, evidence tracing, entity discovery, relationship review, structure handling, and proposal lifecycle have received repeated hardening passes.
- Project cards and fallback covers now remain stable when an image path is unavailable and use the project's correct creative medium.
- The current production build and beta-smoke suite pass without the previous oversized general-vendor bundle warning.
- The next major evidence steps remain a new sealed holdout and packaged qualification on representative hardware.

2. What DraftAtlas Is

A living creative knowledge system built around creator authority.

DraftAtlas connects the manuscript, approved project knowledge, evidence, decisions, and supporting creative systems behind a project. It is designed for work that continues to evolve: novels, short stories, screenplays, picture books, comics and graphic novels, cookbooks, and lore or RPG projects.

Core principle

The manuscript remains central. Project knowledge evolves with the work. Evidence remains visible. AI is optional. The creator decides.

It is not

- An automatic book-writing system.
- A requirement to upload a manuscript.
- A chatbot that silently changes canon.
- A replacement for editors, publishers, rights review, or professional judgment.
- A promise that every interpretation is objectively correct.

3. The Working Product Loop

The visible workflow connects writing to approved project knowledge without taking control away from the author.

Step	What happens
Write or import	Work in a professional manuscript page organized by the project's medium.
Discover	DraftAtlas may identify possible characters, places, relationships, events, themes, objects, or other project details.
Inspect	The author can review the exact passage, proposed meaning, confidence, and existing project knowledge.
Decide	Approve, edit, merge, postpone, dismiss, or explain. Nothing becomes approved knowledge automatically.
Connect	Approved knowledge can support the Project Bible, search, backlinks, maps, relationships, timelines, review, and Consultation.
Protect	Backups, restore points, recovery, local project folders, exports, and reviewed support reports help keep the work under the author's control.

4. Writing and Project Structure

The manuscript is a professional working surface rather than a collection of database fields.

- A centered document page with formatting, paragraph styles, more than two dozen bundled and system fonts, font sizes, lists, links, images, tables, spacing, indentation, and visible page breaks.
- Focus mode and collapsible supporting panels keep the page dominant while preserving access to project-aware tools.
- Autosave, truthful save status, revisions, recovery drafts, undo/redo, restore previews, and portable .drft Save As behavior support normal writing expectations.
- Parts, books, volumes, chapters, scenes, recipes, spreads, issues, pages, and other medium-aware structures prevent large projects from becoming one endless screen.
- Draft and Book Preview modes share semantic manuscript content so future physical-book rendering does not require a second manuscript model.

DraftAtlas does not yet claim perfect Word round-trip behavior or final publisher-ready pagination. Current exports are professional review and handoff foundations.

5. Project Bible and Story Details

Potential knowledge stays separate from approved knowledge until the creator acts.

The approved-knowledge workspace adapts to the project: Story Bible for narrative work, Recipe Bible for cookbooks, Series Bible for comics, and Lore Bible for lore or RPG projects. The name changes; the underlying evidence, approval, search, relationship, and recovery system remains shared.

- Ordinary prose can be observed without requiring special @ notation.
- A lightweight background pass supports active writing; a deliberate deep scan can examine the wider manuscript.
- Review cards show the source passage and proposed project detail before approval.
- Deleted or changed evidence can retire stale proposals on a later scan.
- Approved changes create a restore point and retain their evidence path.
- Author explanations can remain part of the project's decision context without rewriting prose.



6. Review, Consultation, and Language Tools

Deterministic findings, AI interpretation, and author decisions remain distinct.

Area	Purpose	Current public-safe description	Boundary
Editorial Intelligence	Review structure, continuity, and project intent	Purpose-aware findings with evidence, severity, status, and intentionality decisions	It does not enforce one universal scene formula
Project Consultation	Discuss the active project	Separate project-scoped workspace with evidence, provider choice, and saved corrections	It does not live inside Manuscript Mode or write canon
Character Interview	Explore an approved character	Project-scoped selection, story-position boundaries, relationship context, and approved dialogue cues	Depth depends on project evidence and the selected model
Dictionary / thesaurus	Support language without replacing voice	Offline English lookup, creative alternatives, register labels, user-defined words, and project transfer	Suggestions remain optional

7. Relationships, Maps, and Evidence

Visual systems are intended to remain readable and explain why a connection exists.

- Character Web uses a finite, zoomable, draggable field with movable nodes, panning, filters, evidence, and focused views.
- Relationship proposals distinguish direct evidence, strongly supported patterns, inference, and simple co-appearance.
- Place maps can connect locations, routes, structures, interiors, timelines, and narrative evidence.
- Spatial review can flag implausible travel while leaving room for magic, technology, weather, terrain, and author intent.
- Dense projects can use filters and saved lenses instead of relying on one unreadable graph.

Relationship and structure accuracy remain active hardening areas. Visual clarity cannot compensate for uncertain source data, so proposals retain evidence and author review.

8. Local-First Trust, Recovery, and Output

Creative work should remain inspectable, recoverable, and portable.

Principle	Current behavior
Local-first	Core writing, Project Bible, planning, search, backups, recovery, and deterministic checks remain available without a cloud account.
Optional AI	AI may be disabled, local through Ollama, or routed through a user-selected cloud provider for a chosen task.
Visible transmission	Cloud provider use is separated from local work and requires an explicit configured route and action.
Recovery	Project folders, backups, restore points, manuscript recovery drafts, revisions, and health checks help protect work.
Support privacy	Users review and redact support material before sending it. Support consent is separate from any optional quality contribution.
Output	DraftAtlas can produce .drft, DOCX, PDF, Markdown, Scrivener-friendly Markdown, HTML, JSON backup, and medium-aware handoff packets.

Current PDF and DOCX outputs are review and production-handoff artifacts. They are not represented as a replacement for a publisher, final proofreader, or specialist book-layout application.



9. Seven Medium-Aware Paths

Shared behavior remains consistent while structure and terminology adapt to the work.

Path	Examples of medium awareness
Novel	Parts, chapters, scenes, front/back matter, Story Bible, long-form discovery and review
Short story	Compact sections and story-specific structure without forcing a novel hierarchy
Screenplay	Scene headings, action, cues, dialogue, transitions, and screenplay-aware organization
Picture book	Spreads, page turns, illustration notes, and picture-book handoff
Comic / graphic novel	Series Bible, issues, pages, panels, captions, visual motifs, and artist-facing context
Cookbook	Recipe Bible, ingredients, method, yield, timing, equipment, photography, storage, and production packets
Lore Bible / RPG	Lore entries, factions, rules, places, systems, timelines, relationships, research, and campaign context

Novel and long-form literary workflows currently have the deepest automated evidence. Each other medium remains subject to its own professional and real-user acceptance before broad release claims.

10. Validation Progress

DraftAtlas is being tested against both system behavior and difficult manuscript evidence.

The current development evidence includes a governed 38-work, approximately 3.99-million-word cross-genre corpus, broad automated tests, beta-smoke routes, project-isolation checks, production builds, and installed Windows packages.

What the evidence says

Search and evidence tracing are strong. Approved-knowledge discovery has improved substantially. Relationship labeling, some entity families, and a minority of complex structures remain below the release target. The current benchmark is known development material, so a genuinely new sealed holdout is still required.

- The current frontend suite passes 1,118 tests with one intentional skip and no failures.
- The beta-smoke suite passes 14 of 14 scenarios with no console errors.
- The optimized production build passes and retains the corrected startup-bundle boundaries.
- A focused literary regression suite passes 206 of 206 checks.
- Aggregate benchmark results do not conceal titles that still miss individual floors.

11. Known Boundaries

A serious beta should state its limits before a tester discovers them.

- DraftAtlas is not yet publicly signed and reputation-tested for broad Windows distribution.
- macOS packaging foundations exist, but physical Mac hardware, signing, notarization, and parity testing are still required.
- Local AI performance varies substantially with RAM, processor, model, and context size; cloud routes may be better on constrained hardware.
- The full seven-medium promise still needs medium-specific professional and cohort acceptance.
- Relationship reconstruction and certain complex imported structures remain active hardening areas.
- Professional output review, accessibility review, legal review, security/privacy review, and real-user cohorts remain release gates.
- DraftAtlas does not validate whether a user has the legal right to import a source and does not bypass access controls or DRM.
- No generated analysis should be presented as one definitive literary interpretation or a replacement for reading and professional judgment.

12. What Comes Next

Independent evidence matters more now than another major feature system.

Next stage	Purpose
New sealed literary holdout	Measure unfamiliar-work performance without tuning against the result.
Packaged hardware qualification	Test long writing, scans, backups, restores, outputs, scaling, and AI routes on representative Windows machines.
External review	Complete legal, security/privacy, accessibility, and professional output review.
Signing	Finish verified Windows publisher identity, signing, timestamping, and clean-machine reputation evidence.
Trusted pilot	Place an exact candidate with 3-5 users and measure installation, understanding, recovery, output, and support.
Focused cohorts	Expand only after shared blockers are corrected and the prior evidence passes.
macOS lane	Build, sign, notarize, recover, export, and support the product on real Mac hardware.

Release discipline
Public interest does not waive privacy, recovery, legal, signing, accessibility, hardware, support, or severe-defect gates.
DraftAtlas may be publicly visible before it is publicly available.

13. Public Principles and Sources

The product is being made visible without exposing private work or unsupported claims.

- The manuscript remains central.
- Project knowledge may evolve with the work, but approval belongs to the creator.
- Evidence and provenance should remain inspectable.
- Deterministic findings and AI interpretation should remain distinguishable.
- AI remains optional.
- No prose or approved knowledge should be silently rewritten.
- Projects remain local-first and portable.
- Current limitations should remain visible until evidence retires them.

Public reference points

[DraftAtlas website](https://draftatlas.app)

<https://draftatlas.app>

[Release documentation](https://draftatlas.app/release-documentation)

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[Public changelog](https://draftatlas.app/changelog)

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One compass. Seven creative paths.