



EMBERGLASS STUDIOS

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Public Closed-Beta Roadmap

The public route from the current serious beta to a controlled cohort, showing the original sequence, current position, and evidence required to advance.

Public roadmap boundary

This roadmap reports user-visible readiness milestones. It omits private budgets, vendor records, legal correspondence, security-sensitive procedures, internal scoring, and unpublished business operations.

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1. Where the Roadmap Stands

DraftAtlas has moved from feature construction into evidence-led hardening.

The plan begins with a coherent local-first authoring environment and ends with a controlled group using the same qualified build across real projects and representative Windows systems. Public status changes only when retained evidence supports the change.

Current position

The product foundation is demonstrated. Candidate integrity, Windows trust, cross-machine behavior, independent review, and support operations remain active readiness work. The small pilot and expanded cohort have not begun on a final candidate.

Status language

Status	Meaning
Demonstrated	The public capability has working evidence and remains under regression testing.
In progress	The capability exists, but candidate-specific or independent evidence is incomplete.
Planned	The gate depends on earlier evidence and has not begun on the final candidate.
Held	A blocking safety, privacy, recovery, compatibility, or support issue paused advancement.

The public roadmap is intentionally conservative. A feature being visible in the application does not by itself close a readiness gate.

2. Public Readiness Gates

The plan and the current state appear together so progress remains inspectable.

Gate	Planned proof	Current status	Next public change
1. Product foundation	Writing, connected knowledge, review, recovery, export	Demonstrated	Continue regression hardening
2. Candidate integrity	One reproducible build, version, package, and checksum set	In progress	Publish candidate identity
3. Windows trust	Recognizable publisher, guided install, clean update and uninstall	In progress	Complete signed candidate
4. Cross-machine quality	Representative hardware, displays, scaling, recovery, and output	In progress	Retain matrix evidence
5. Independent review	Accessibility, privacy, security, and professional output review	In progress	Resolve blocking findings
6. Support readiness	Receipts, redaction, triage, retention, and response drills	In progress	Complete operating drill
7. Small pilot	3-5 people complete the core author workflow	Planned	Open only after Gates 2-6
8. Controlled cohort	Staged expansion with recovery, support, and stop conditions	Planned	Advance from pilot evidence

What has changed since the plan began

DraftAtlas now has a coherent manuscript-centered workflow, medium-aware project knowledge, author-reviewed Story Details, project-grounded Consultation, evidence-based Editorial Intelligence, backups and restore points, professional handoff outputs, and a direct redacted support-report route. The remaining work is qualification and operational proof rather than another major creative system.

3. What Is Already Demonstrated

Public progress is based on workflows a prospective tester can recognize and exercise.

Write

- A professional Living Manuscript with document structure, formatting, autosave, revisions, focus mode, and recovery foundations.
- Story Details are proposed from prose and remain subject to author approval before becoming project knowledge.

Understand

- Medium-aware Story, Recipe, Series, and Lore Bibles share evidence, backlinks, relationships, search, maps, timelines, and editorial review.
- Optional Consultation can assemble project context without silently changing the manuscript or approved knowledge.

Protect and publish

- Backups, restore points, version history, diagnostics, and reviewed support packets protect the work during testing.
- DOCX, PDF, Markdown, project archives, and production handoff material can leave the application from the same author-controlled source.

Author-control rule

Detection, optional AI, editorial findings, and project-memory proposals remain reviewable. Nothing becomes canon merely because a system suggested it.

4. What Must Still Be Proven

The next gates focus on trust outside the development environment.

- The exact Windows candidate must be reproducible, identifiable, signed, packaged, installed, updated, removed, and verified without version ambiguity.
- Representative systems must prove usable scaling, window behavior, long-form writing, recovery, maps, AI guidance, and publishing output.
- Independent reviewers must examine accessibility, privacy, security, and whether exported files are suitable for professional continuation.
- The support route must prove receipt, redaction, triage, follow-up, retention, and failure recovery under ordinary beta conditions.
- A small pilot must complete the full author workflow before access expands to a broader controlled cohort.

Advance condition

No unresolved critical data-safety, privacy, project-isolation, recovery, or support failure may be carried into the next cohort merely to preserve a schedule.



5. How the Cohort Expands

DraftAtlas will widen access in deliberate stages rather than treating interest as readiness.

Stage	People	Purpose	Public evidence required
Candidate qualification	Internal and independent reviewers	Prove installation, recovery, privacy, output, and support	Readiness gates close
Small pilot	3-5	Find shared comprehension and trust failures	Core journey completes without a stop condition
Focused expansion	8-12	Test more media, hardware, and real-project variation	Pilot findings are resolved and retested
Controlled closed beta	20-30	Measure sustained use, support burden, recovery, and output	Go/no-go record supports expansion

Stop conditions

- Lost or corrupted writing, failed restore, or incompatible project data.
- Cross-project leakage, unintended content transmission, credential exposure, or support-report privacy failure.
- A blocking installation, scaling, accessibility, or support problem shared across the cohort.
- Silent AI or automated mutation of the manuscript or approved project knowledge.

A stopped gate returns to remediation and retesting. It is not relabeled as complete.

6. How This Roadmap Will Be Maintained

The current state will remain visible beside the original plan.

- Update the status table when a public gate is demonstrated, held, reopened, or materially re-scoped.
- Keep completed gates visible so readers can compare the original sequence with the current position.
- Link roadmap changes to the public changelog and progress report when tester expectations materially change.
- Preserve dated roadmap editions for provenance rather than overwriting the historical record.
- Avoid publishing internal budgets, legal correspondence, security procedures, private failure evidence, or individual tester information.

Current next milestone

Complete the qualified Windows candidate and independent evidence needed to determine whether the first 3-5 person pilot can begin.

Follow progress

The latest public progress report, changelog, and maintained roadmap are available at <https://draftatlas.app/release-documentation>.