

ONE REMEMBERED FACT, TRACED ACROSS EVERY STORE AND PROVEN GONE

# Memory Map and Forgetting Receipt

Take one fact your agent remembers about a real customer, employee, patient, student or user. Map where it lives, then fill the forgetting receipt all the way across and look for the blank cell.

**BRING** One concrete fact your agent remembers about a real person

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## 1. Memory map - where the fact may live

For each memory surface, name the specific store, the forget operation to ask for, and the proof artifact it should produce. A row you cannot fill is a surface you do not govern.

Memory surface	Specific store / where it may live	Forget operation to apply	Proof artifact produced	Residual question
Working / context memory				
Schema-grounded record				
Vector / archive memory				
Graph memory				
Summaries and learned context				
Logs and backups				
Shared / vendor memory				

## 2. The forgetting receipt

Fill one line per item. The receipt is about one named thing, not a vague gesture at "her data". An honest failed probe is worth more than a clean delete log that was never tested.

Receipt line	Recorded value / evidence
Request id	
Fact id	
Surfaces searched	
Records deleted	
Embeddings removed	
Summaries regenerated from cleaned sources	
Graph edges invalidated	
Backups put beyond use	
Recipients notified	
Residuals declared (unprovable, bounded, beyond-use)	
Verification probe - passed or failed	

## 3. Notes - the blank cell

Find the empty cell. It is something the agent remembers and cannot prove it can forget. Write where the residue still lives and what you will do about it.

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