

Should we rewrite the sync feature?

Is sync worth what it costs to keep?

45 min · A4

Colour language: choose yours

This prints black and white; the colour is your own ink. Colour each box with the pen you will use, then keep this page beside you as your key. No pen for a role? Write its letter in a circle.

YOUR COLOUR	CODE	ROLE	MEANING	PEN
☐	Q	Ask	a numbered question for the AI	your pen, or write (Q)
☐	R	Stop	blocker, risk, broken, or not understood	your pen, or write (R)
☐	G	Keep	evidence, confident, something that worked	your pen, or write (G)
☐	X	Crux	the one thing that matters most	highlighter
☐	O	Maybe	an idea, a possibility, a what-if	your pen, or write (O)
☐	P	Sense	gut feeling, intuition, felt reaction	your pen, or write (P)
☐	D	Draft	provisional; do not trust yet	your pen, or write (D)
☐	B	Reason	what you think; the main content	black

How to use this

1. Phone in another room.
2. Work in ink, in the colours on this page.
3. When the time is up, stop mid-sentence.
4. Photograph every page and send them back.

Everything you currently think about sync, before you sort any of it.

Empty the tank. No structure, no judgement. 8 minutes. Then, beside each item, write its next step, or 'none'.

Score each path against what actually matters here, then a gut score in a second pen.

Score your gut first, before any criteria. Then score each criterion (0–3) and total them. The gap between gut and total is the point.

Option	Gut (first)	Reliability	Time to ship	Team morale	Total
Rewrite from scratch					
Patch the worst parts					
Leave it alone					

Imagine the rewrite shipped and made things worse. Write the post-mortem.

Why did it fail? What did we miss? Don't be kind.

The most plausible failure: the one worth preventing

Early warning sign I could watch for

Circle one: commit / hold / drop. Then plan the first move as if-then.

▢ Decision: One question: is sync worth what it costs to keep?

commit

hold

drop

Why, in one honest paragraph

The plan: when, then what

When _____, *I will* _____

When _____, *I will* _____

Still unclear: ask the AI

Write your questions for the AI with your Ask pen (or a circled Q), numbered. These come back with the photos.

Q 1.

Q 2.

Q 3.

Q 4.

Q 5.

Q 6.

Q 7.

Q 8.

Photograph each page flat and send them back together.

- ☐ Photograph W1-P1 flat, page ID visible
- ☐ Photograph W1-P2 flat, page ID visible
- ☐ Photograph W1-P3 flat, page ID visible
- ☐ Photograph W1-P4 flat, page ID visible
- ☐ Photograph W1-P5 flat, page ID visible
- ☐ Photograph W1-P6 flat, page ID visible
- ☐ Check the colour marks are readable in the photo
- ☐ Check no page is missing
- ☐ Write your Ask questions before you send

i Fill the frame, avoid your own shadow, and keep the corner marks visible so the page can be straightened.