

The Entry-Point Wrapper Pattern

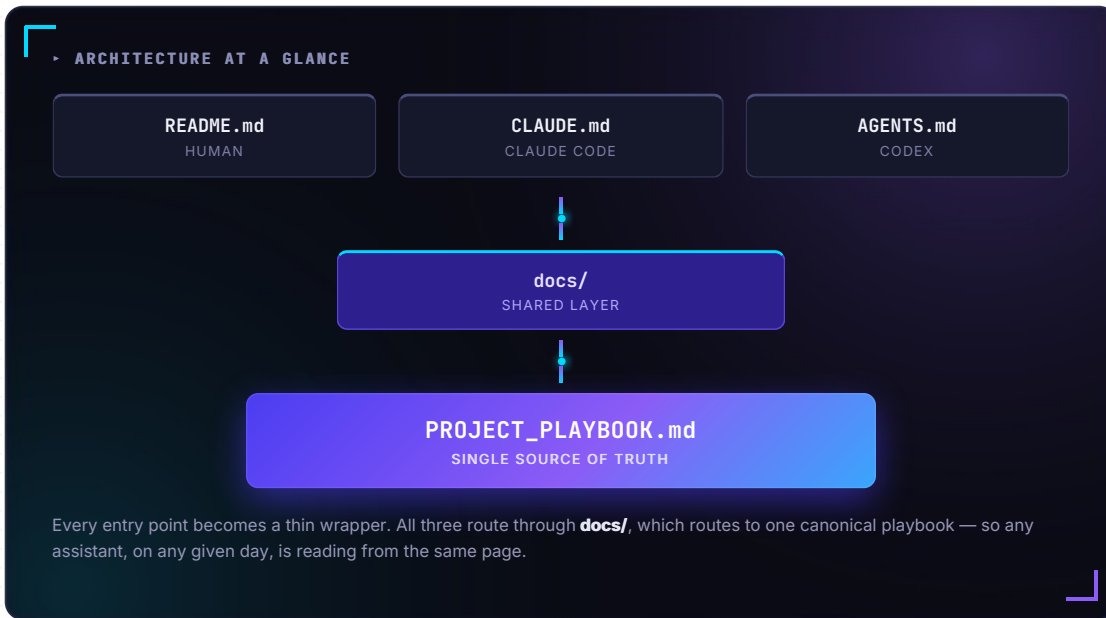
A single source of truth for repositories used by multiple AI coding assistants — CLAUDE.md, AGENTS.md, and whatever comes next.

THE PROBLEM

CLAUDE.md and AGENTS.md quietly grow into duplicate documentation — same setup steps, same conventions, same architecture notes, written twice. Every update to one lets the other drift a little further out of date.

THE INSIGHT

Neither file needs to **contain** the documentation. They're **entry points** — nothing more. Their only job is to point an assistant to the real source of truth, not to be it.



02 Who reads what

Five files, five jobs. Nothing in this table should ever hold duplicate content.

FILE	CONSUMER	ROLE
README.md	Humans	Onboarding & project overview
CLAUDE.md	Claude Code	Entry point only — points to docs/
AGENTS.md	Codex	Entry point only — points to docs/
docs/	All assistants	Shared documentation layer
PROJECT_PLAYBOOK.md	Everyone	Single source of truth

03 Migration, in order

A real sequence — each step depends on the one before it.

- 1 Audit**
 Find every place setup steps, conventions, or architecture notes are duplicated across [CLAUDE.md](#) and [AGENTS.md](#).
- 2 Consolidate**
 Move that content into one [PROJECT_PLAYBOOK.md](#) inside [docs/](#).
- 3 Slim down**
 Rewrite [CLAUDE.md](#) and [AGENTS.md](#) as thin wrappers that point to the playbook instead of repeating it.
- 4 Cross-link**
 Make sure README, CLAUDE.md, and AGENTS.md all reference the exact same docs path — no near-duplicates.
- 5 Validate**
 Run a real task through each assistant to confirm it still finds what it needs.
- 6 Roll out**
 Apply the pattern repo by repo, not all at once — validate the shape before it spreads.

04 Why it's worth it

What changes once one playbook does the talking.

- Less duplicated documentation
- Consistent architectural guidance
- Easier maintenance
- Seamless assistant switching
- Faster onboarding
- One predictable repo structure

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Entry-point files will change. New assistants will show up.
 The principle won't move — every repository gets one source of truth.