



Spec-Theater

When documentation stops being a tool and becomes a ritual.

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**38 pages of AI-
generated specs.
Nobody reads them.**

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THE PATTERN

This theater predates AI.

Teams have asked for more requirements, more edge cases, and more certainty for years. AI just made the ceremony cheaper.

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THE REFLEX

You never get **all** **requirements.**

You get enough constraints to start. Then reality teaches you the rest. That is what iteration is for.

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WHAT TO WRITE

Set **anchors**. Not exhaustive prose.

Write down the pillars that must stay true. The AI can inspect the repo and inventory the rest in seconds.

**If you trust the AI to
write the spec—why
don't you trust it to skip
the spec?**

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THE DAMAGE

Stale specs create legacy ghosts.

Once the docs drift away from the current state, the AI starts preserving old paths, workarounds, and compatibility sludge.

WHY WE DO IT ANYWAY

Absicherungs- Mentalität

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*The instinct to cover yourself with paperwork. Documents don't create quality—
they create the illusion of control.*

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THE ALTERNATIVE

Short plan. Clear anchors. Build. Then *verify.*

Keep docs small, high-level, and current. Tests and evals check behavior. The codebase provides the inventory.

**Specs describe. Tests
verify.**

Plan + Tests. Not Spec + Hope.

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38 Pages Nobody Reads—why spec-driven AI is theater