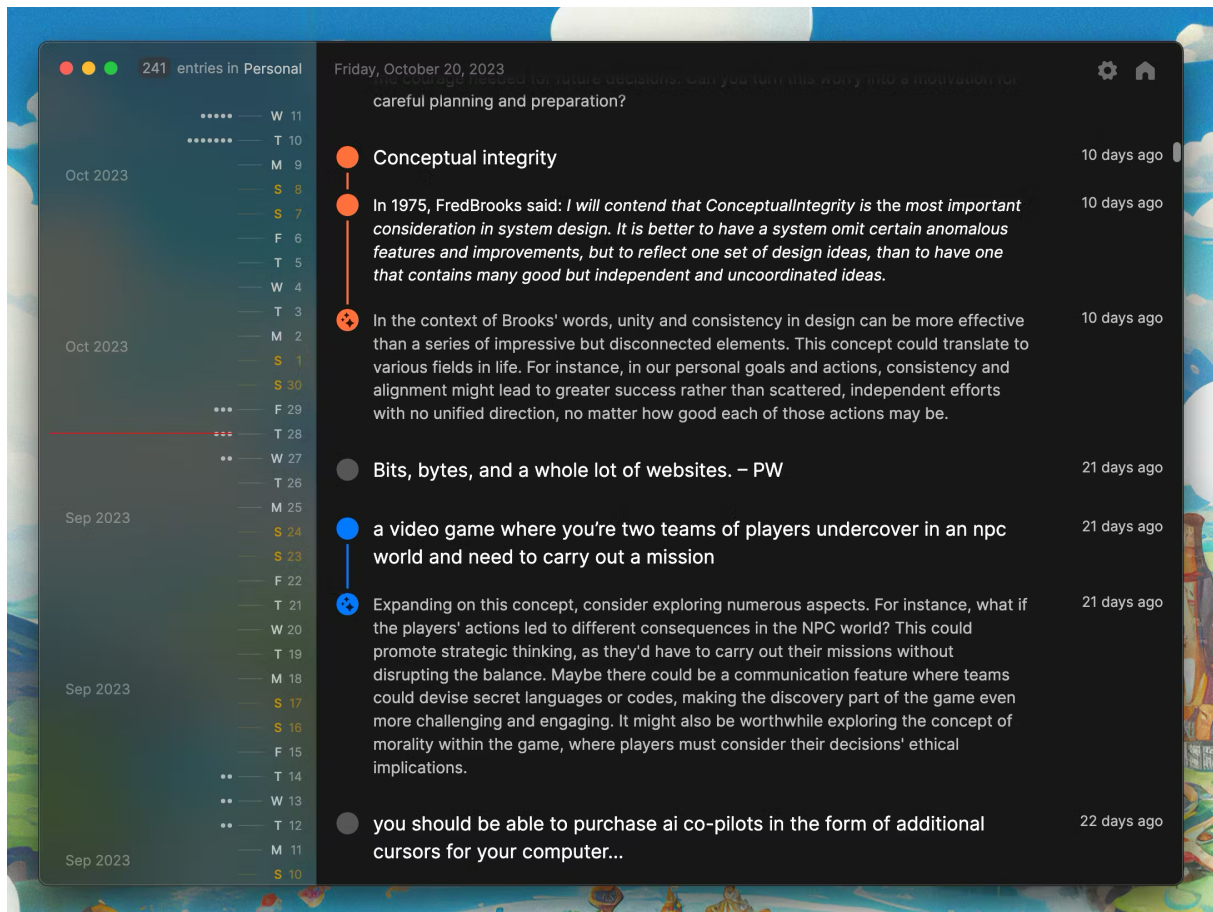


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# Pile

Pile is a desktop app for reflective journaling. It's about simplicity, keeping your data local, and enhancing your journaling experience with AI.



## Getting started

1. Download the latest version of Pile by going to the [Pile releases page](#).
2. On macOS Open the [.zip](#) or [.dmg](#) file and drag the application to the destination of your choice (*optional*), such as your [Applications/](#) folder. On Windows, use the [.exe](#) to install.
3. Finally open the application, create a [New Pile](#), and start your reflective journey.

## AI reflections (requires GPT-4)

Enhance your journaling experience by integrating OpenAI's GPT AI reflections into Pile. If you have access to OpenAI's GPT-4 API, you can use your API key to:

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- **Reflect on entries:** Click “reflect” on any written entry to get AI-generated insights and thoughts as a reply in the thread.
  - **Search or ask questions:** Click the “reflect” icon on the top-right of the window to search or ask question about your entire journal.

**How to setup AI features:** head over to [platform.openai.com/api-keys](https://platform.openai.com/api-keys) and create a new API key. Click the settings icon on the top-right corner of Pile and enter your secret API key into the API key field.

Before you use the AI-powered features within this app, we strongly recommend that you configure a spending limit within OpenAI’s interface to prevent unexpected costs.

## Contributing

If you’d like to contribute to Pile, feel free to fork the repository, make your changes, and submit a pull request. Contributions are welcomed and appreciated, however this is an experimental project, so any changes and new features are merged into this distribution of Pile at my discretion.

For a detailed guide on contributing, read the CONTRIBUTING.md file.

## License

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