



Talk AI

Ready-to-use AI prompts from Rhythm Over Chaos

The prompts below are pulled straight from the callouts and "Where AI Fits In" sections throughout the Rhythm Over Chaos book. Each one is written to work the first time you use it | paste in your own details where noted, and go. No prompt engineering required. Caution, these scripts are AI generated, and even though the print out is convincing, always check sources, and adjust.

EVALUATING SOFTWARE

Decode a Demo

"Analyze the following software demo notes and identify red flags, missing features, unrealistic claims, and any magic bullet language. Provide a builder-real summary of risks."

Why it works: Turns a page of scribbled demo notes into a clear list of what to push back on before you sign anything.

Check Fit Before You Buy

"Evaluate the following homebuilding software based on our workflow: [paste your workflow steps]. Identify risks, missing features, confusing workflows, and any areas where the system does not match how we operate. Provide a builder-real summary."

Why it works: Forces the comparison to your actual process instead of the vendor's feature list.

Run the Scoring Matrix

"Evaluate the following homebuilding software using this scoring matrix: Operational Core, Financial and Accounting, Sales and Customer Experience, Field and Trade Tools, Data and Reporting, Compliance and Risk, Intelligence and Automation, Enterprise Scalability, IT and Admin. Score each category zero to five, apply the weights, calculate the total, and summarize strengths and weaknesses. Software features: [paste feature list]."

Why it works: Replaces weeks of manual scoring with one pass | same categories every time, so software choices are comparable across vendors.

ACCOUNTING & JOB SETUP

Clean Up Job Numbers and Naming

"Review this list of job numbers, community names, and plan names: [paste list]. Flag duplicate abbreviations, conflicting job numbers, and inconsistent naming, and suggest a standardized naming convention we can scale to new communities."

Why it works: Catches the kind of setup drift that quietly breaks reporting six months later, before it spreads.

Spot Cost Code Anomalies

"Review this list of cost codes and recent invoices: [paste data]. Flag any cost codes that are miscoded, duplicated, or don't roll up correctly, and recommend a cleaner, sortable structure."

Why it works: A five-minute paste-and-check that surfaces the coding errors accounting usually finds the hard way, at month-end.



ESTIMATING, CAD & PURCHASING

Turn a Plan Set into a Bill of Materials

“Scan this plan set, read the notes, and check the specifications, options, and upgrades. Produce a complete bill of materials, organized by trade, with any missing or unclear specifications flagged.”

Why it works: The single highest-leverage prompt in the book | takes a task that used to mean hours of tracing lines and turns it into a data-rich takeoff in minutes.

Why it does not work. A simple plan that does not have specifications baked in, or missing sections, and flooring cuts will only produce a limited list. By asking to include “unclear specifications” you will see a comprehensive list of “assumptions”

LAND DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Anticipate Community Objections

“Based on this project summary and site plan [paste details], predict the most likely community objections at the public hearing, grouped by theme (traffic, density, drainage, schools, aesthetics). Suggest one proactive response for each.”

Why it works: Lets you walk into the first neighborhood meeting having already answered the questions people are about to ask.

MEETINGS, VARIANCE & RECOVERY

Prep for a Production Meeting

“Here is this week's schedule variance report and open issue list: [paste data]. Summarize the top three risks to the schedule, identify likely root causes, and suggest talking points for tomorrow's production meeting.”

Why it works: Turns a spreadsheet nobody wants to read into three things worth actually discussing.

Analyze Builder Feedback

“Analyze the following builder feedback about this software or process [paste feedback]. Identify common themes, the most urgent complaints, and any quick wins we could act on this week.”

Why it works: Good for surveys, trade feedback, or homeowner comments | finds the signal in a pile of unstructured comments.



FIELD & REPORTING

Build a Dashboard Summary

“Here is our raw job cost and schedule data for the last 30 days: [paste data]. Summarize cost spikes, trade performance trends, and any variance from budget in plain language leadership can scan in two minutes.”

Why it works: Skips the spreadsheet-staring step and gets straight to what leadership actually needs to see.

Draft a Trade Communication

“Draft a short, direct message to a trade partner about this issue: [paste issue/schedule slip]. Keep the tone professional but firm, state the expected fix date, and reference the relevant scope of work.”

Why it works: Gets a clear, ready-to-send message out fast instead of a draft you have to rewrite three times.

Tip: *the more specific the data you paste in, the better the answer. Start with real numbers, real notes, and real plan sets, not summaries.*