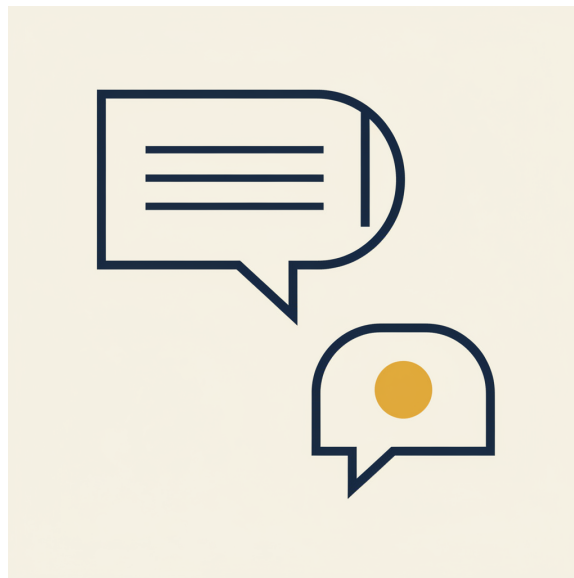




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AI FOR CLIENT COMMUNICATION

How to use AI for the daily flow of client correspondence without losing your voice or sliding into corporate-bot tone. The voice-match problem, the four common send-types, and the test that catches AI-generated emails before they go.



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Anyone whose job involves writing to clients or customers -- emails, status updates, testimonial requests, the difficult deflection -- and who's tired of either over-thinking each one or sending generic-sounding boilerplate

15-20 minutes

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READ TIME

COST

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SECTION 1

The voice-match problem

The email that doesn't sound like you

You let AI draft a client email. The output is competent, professional, organized. You read it through. It's fine. You hit send.

A week later, the client mentions in passing that "your last email seemed different." Or they don't mention it but you notice their reply felt cooler than usual. Or your business partner reads your sent folder and asks "did you write that?"

The voice-match problem. AI's "professional" register is a tell to anyone who knows how you actually write. Clients pick up on it -- sometimes consciously, sometimes just as a vague "off" feeling. Your relationship is built partly on your voice. Replace it with AI's voice, and you've subtracted from the relationship without noticing.

This module is how to use AI for client communication without falling into that trap. It assumes you write to clients regularly -- daily, weekly -- and the cumulative time spent on those messages is significant. The goal is to compress that time without trading your voice for a generic tone.

What you'll have by page 13

By the end of this primer:

- The draft starts from the right register.
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- Three worked drafts -- a status update, a testimonial request, a hard deflection.
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SECTION 2

The voice-template trick

The single highest-leverage move in this whole module:

The voice-template setup (10 minutes, once):

1. Find 5-10 client emails you wrote in the last few months. Pick a mix -- short replies, longer status updates, follow-ups, soft asks. Real ones, not your "best" ones.
2. Paste them into a chat tool. Tell the model:

"Below are 5-10 emails I wrote to clients. I want you to read all of them and then describe my voice in detail -- the cadence, the openers I tend to use, the closers, the level of formality, the words I avoid, the words I lean on. Be specific. I'm going to use this voice description as a reference for future client-email drafts."

3. Read what comes back. Edit it where it's wrong. Save the description somewhere you can paste it again -- Notes app, custom-instructions field, a personal-context doc.

That description IS your voice template. From now on, when you ask AI to draft a client email, you paste the voice description first. Output dramatically improves. Recipient won't notice anything off.

Why this works

AI generates from the average of its training data -- which is the average professional voice. Yours is more specific. The voice description gives the model the specifics it would otherwise smooth over.

The 10-minute setup pays back across every client email you ever draft afterward.

SECTION 3

The four common send-types

Most client communication falls into four categories. Each has a workflow.

Type 1 -- Quick reply

Client asked a short question. You're answering with one or two sentences. AI overhead is too high -- by the time you've prompted, you could have replied directly.

Workflow: type it yourself. Don't use AI for replies under 50 words. The exception is if the answer requires looking up specific facts you're shaky on; in that case, AI helps you verify the fact, then you write the email.

Type 2 -- Status update

Client wants to know where the project stands. You send something every Friday. The structure is the same; the specifics change.

Workflow:

"Below is my voice description: [paste]. Now draft a Friday status update for the [client name] project. This week: - We completed [list of things] - We're currently working on [list] - Next week's priorities are [list] - Open questions / blockers: [list] Use my voice. Skip 'just checking in' opener. Skip the corporate hedging. Three short paragraphs, max."

You spend 5 minutes editing for tone (the voice template gets you 80% there). Send.

Type 3 -- The soft ask (testimonial, referral, intro)

You want something from the client without it feeling transactional.

Workflow:

"Below is my voice description: [paste]. I'm asking [client name] for [a testimonial / a referral / an intro to someone in their network]. Context: [brief -- relationship, recent work, what feels OK to ask given that context]. Draft this in my voice. The ask should be specific (one thing, not a menu) and easy to say no to without it being awkward."

The "easy to say no to" framing is important. People are more likely to say yes to a request they could politely decline than one that pressures them into yes. AI gets this right when prompted; gets it wrong by default.

Type 4 -- The hard deflection

Client wants something you can't or shouldn't give them. A scope expansion you don't want, a timeline you can't meet, a discount you won't offer, a reference for someone you wouldn't recommend.

Workflow:

"Below is my voice description: [paste]. I need to write to [client name] declining [specific ask].

Context: [why I'm declining, in plain words -- don't try to make it sound nicer than it is]. The email needs to (1) acknowledge what they asked for, (2) decline clearly without ambiguity, (3) offer the alternative I CAN do (if there is one), and (4) preserve the relationship. Use my voice. No corporate hedging. No false apologies."

The hard deflection is where AI earns its keep. The hardest emails to write are the ones where the easy versions are wrong (over-apologetic, under-clear, or accidentally agreeing). AI helps you find the version that's clear AND warm AND short.

Send-type selection table:

Type AI overhead worth it? Voice template needed?	Quick reply (under 50 words) No, just type it N/A
----- ----- -----	Status update Yes -- saves 10-20 min Yes Soft ask Yes -- gets the framing right Yes Hard deflection Yes -- the hardest to write right Yes

SECTION 4

The 5-second pre-send test

Before you send any AI-drafted client email, run this test. Five seconds.

The 5-second test:

Read the first sentence. Does it sound like a sentence YOU would write?

- **Yes** -> keep going. Likely the rest is OK too.
- **No** -> rewrite the first sentence in your voice. Then re-read the whole email; if more sentences fail, keep rewriting.

The first sentence carries 80% of the voice signal. If it lands, the email lands. If it doesn't, the email reads as AI no matter how good the body is.

Common first-sentence tells

- "I hope this email finds you well." -> no human starts an email this way unless they've been trained to.
- "Just wanted to reach out about..." -> AI default. Replace with the actual reason you're writing.
- "I wanted to take a moment to..." -> padded opening; cut.
- "Thank you so much for your patience." -> over-apology in cases where there was no real wait.
- "I trust this finds you in good health." -> corporate-bot register.

If your AI draft starts with any of these, the model is producing average-professional voice instead of your voice. Either fix the prompt (paste the voice template) or fix the email by hand.

SECTION 5

Three worked drafts

Worked draft 1 -- Friday status update

You're a contractor managing a kitchen remodel for a client. Friday afternoon, you owe them an update.

"[paste voice template] Now draft my Friday status update for the Henderson kitchen remodel. This week we finished demo and rough plumbing, started the cabinet rough-in. Next week we're doing the cabinet install and counter template. The Hendersons asked about timing for the backsplash -- I told them next-next week assuming counters arrive on time. Open question: they haven't picked a paint color for the trim, I need it by Tuesday so the painter can prep. Three short paragraphs. My voice."

Output:

Wrapping up week 3. The demo and rough plumbing are done, and we got the cabinets started -- looking good in the kitchen now that the bones are in. Next week we're doing the cabinet install and counter template. The backsplash will follow once counters are in (probably the week after). One thing your end: I need the trim paint color picked by Tuesday so the painter can prep. Whatever's easy -- text me the brand and code or just point at a chip you like.

That sounds like Alex. (The voice template did the work.) You'd send that with maybe a one-word edit.

Worked draft 2 -- Soft ask for a testimonial

Six months after a successful project. The client posted a photo of the finished kitchen on Instagram. You want a testimonial for your website.

"[paste voice template] I want to ask the Hendersons for a testimonial. Project finished about 6 months ago -- kitchen remodel. They've been happy. They posted a photo on Instagram last month tagging me. The ask: a 2-3 sentence quote I can use on my website. Make it specific, easy to say no to, no pressure. My voice."

Output:

*Hey -- saw the photo you posted of the kitchen. Means a lot to see it lived in.
no to: would you be open to writing a 2-3 sentence quote about the project that I could use on my website? Anything you'd want to say is fine -- happy to share what I have up there now if that helps.
No worries either way.*

Quick ask,

The "easy to say no to" framing came through. The reference to the Instagram photo gave it specificity. That email gets a yes most of the time.

Worked draft 3 -- Hard deflection

A potential client wants you to bid on a job you've decided you don't want. Tight timeline, weird scope, client has a reputation. You need to decline without burning the bridge.

"[paste voice template] I need to decline a bid request from a potential client. They want a kitchen + bath remodel, 8-week timeline, fixed budget that doesn't match the scope. I've decided I'm not going to bid. Reasons in plain words: timeline is unrealistic, budget doesn't match scope, the client has a reputation in the trade for being difficult. The email needs to decline without re-litigating, leave the door open for the future ONLY if they bring a different project, and not list the actual reasons (they wouldn't take it well). Three short paragraphs."

Output:

*Thanks for thinking of me on the [project name] job -- appreciate the consideration.
the scope and timeline, I'm not going to be a good fit for this one. Best decision for both of us is for you to bring it to someone whose calendar has the right window.
the timing works out differently, happy to take a look then. Either way, hope you find the right team.*

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Clear decline. No re-litigation. Bridge intact (politely). No false apology. That's the version you'd send.

The hardest client emails are the ones where every easy version is wrong. AI is the structuring helper that lets you find the version that's clear AND warm AND short -- which is rarely how it comes out the first time.

SECTION 6

The honesty rule applied

Three places where AI in client communication crosses a line:

- **Drafting an email that pretends to know things you don't know.** AI will confidently fill in details it doesn't have. "We've reviewed your account and identified..." -- when you haven't reviewed anything yet. The fix: every fact in a client email has to be a fact you can defend. Verify before sending.
- **Generating warmth you don't feel.** "I'm so excited to work with you on this!" when you're actually frustrated with the client. The recipient may not catch it; you're still building a habit of false warmth that erodes your honest voice over time. The fix: if you can't write it sincerely, don't send it. AI doesn't fix authenticity problems.
- **Pretending the email is more personal than it is.** "I was just thinking about your project this morning" -- when you weren't, AI inserted that. Small lies compound. The fix: don't accept any "I was just" or "I've been thinking" framing from AI unless you actually were thinking it.

Within those limits, AI for client communication is a real productivity multiplier. Faster drafts, better structure for hard messages, voice intact when the template is set up right.

SECTION 7

When NOT to use AI for client communication

Three situations:

- **Active conflict.** Real client disputes -- billing disagreements, missed expectations, threats to leave. AI's "professional and warm" tone is wrong for these. Talk to a real person (advisor, partner, lawyer if applicable), then write the email yourself.

- **Personal moments.** A client's spouse died. A client's business burned down. A client got promoted. Don't AI those messages. They have to come from you, in fewer words, as a human.
- **First-touch sales.** Cold outreach where the AI tells of stock structure ("I hope this email finds you well") will tank your conversion. First touch is where YOUR voice has to be most distinct. AI for the FIVE-tenth touch; not the first.

Within those limits, AI for client communication is one of the highest-cumulative-ROI uses of the tool. Daily messages, multiplied by years of work -- even small improvements compound.

SECTION 8

Where to go from here

You have the client-communication framework. Ten more modules in Tier 2:

- **AI for proposals and scoping** -- the high-authority piece, drawn from real proposal-writing practice.

After that: email backlog, SOP writing, project management, hiring, vendor research, sales calls, difficult feedback, upward communication, second brain.

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One email per release. No drip. No spam. Opt out anytime.

If you want this same client-communication discipline installed across a small team -- voice templates set up for each writer, the four send-types adopted shop-wide -- that's the consulting offer.

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A short call. Honest scope.

Closing -- the lock-in line

Client communication compounds. Hundreds of emails per year, each one a small input to the relationship. AI doesn't replace the writing -- it removes the friction so the writing happens faster without losing your voice. Set up the voice template once, run the 5-second pre-send test on every

draft, and the cumulative time savings show up in your week.

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Ten minutes

to set up the voice template, five seconds for the pre-send test. The setup pays back forever; the test catches AI tells before they go. That's the whole module.

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