Why I build my own tools

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I use Claude every day and I think it’s very good, especially at design and review. I still don’t want my work to depend on any one account, plan or vendor. If it does, someone else’s decision becomes my limit.

So I build the parts that matter myself.

- A way to run several Claude Code accounts at once on one setup, so a session isn’t tied to the account it started on.
- A job runner, Mullet, that builds and tests software overnight and lets nothing land without its checks.
- A large coding model on my own laptop’s graphics card, for routine work that doesn’t need to leave the machine.

None of that is new for me. I build the tools I need and publish the ones I can: a Markdown editor that exports PDF, Word and PowerPoint, a library for uploading large files in chunks and a tool for keeping a copy of a website. The AI setup is the latest of them, and the same habit.

Owning the tools has a price. I maintain every one of them, and when something breaks it is mine to fix. For now that's a trade I'm happy with, because it means I can change my setup the day something around it changes.